

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting
Garvey Center – Leonardtown, Maryland
Monday, May 18, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Start Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Garvey Senior Activity Center, Leonardtown, MD
Chaired By: Elfreda Mathis, Vice-Chair

PRESENT

COA Members: Sam Brown, Claudia Knowlton, Florence Lanham, Elfreda Mathis, Peggy Reardon, Sheral St. Clair, Sandra Wheeler, Patricia Woodburn

Department of Aging Staff: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director; Jennie Page, Deputy Director; Alice Allen, Manager – Senior Center Operations; Dana DiGregorio, Sr. Administrative Coordinator

Guests: Kelly Friedman, Administrator – Chesapeake Shores Nursing Home

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Sandra Wheeler and was seconded by Patricia Woodburn; all were in favor and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the March 2009 minutes as written was made by Sandra Wheeler and was seconded by Sheral St. Clair; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Guest Speakers:

Kelly Friedman – Administrator, Chesapeake Shores

- Ms. Kelly Friedman, Administrator for Chesapeake Shores, attended this meeting of the Commission On Aging to provide the Commission members with an overview of the Chesapeake Shores and discuss some of the issues that the Nursing Facility has experienced recently.
- Ms. Friedman answered questions and provided information to Commission Members, Department of Aging staff, and guests in attendance.

Alice Allen – Manager - Senior Activity Center Operations, Department of Aging

- Alice Allen, Manager – Senior Center Operations Division, attended this Commission on Aging meeting to provide the Commission members with information about the Senior Center Operations Division, Senior Activity Center Activities, and the Nutrition Program.
- Alice Allen answered questions and provided written information, calendars, menus, and activity schedules to the Commission members, Department of Aging staff, and guests in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Review/Self Evaluation/Mission of Commission On Aging (COA):

- This item will be tabled until next month.

Memorandum of Understanding for Transportation:

- Lori Jennings-Harris is planning to have the Memorandum of Understanding for Transportation presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval by the end of May 2009.

Letter to Board of County Commissioners Regarding Ripple Center Funding:

- Sandra Wheeler read a draft of a letter she and Kathie Reich composed to go to Jack Russell, President, St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners, regarding funding for the Vivian Ripple Medical Adult Days Service Center, and regarded as another necessary service provided by St. Mary's County Department of Aging.

Friends Of Ripple Projects:

- Working on getting the word out about a fund-raising 5K Run/Walk event scheduled for October 17, 2009.

Food Service Committee Meeting:

- Peggy Reardon gave a brief report on the Food Service Committee meeting for the month of May. Chuck Vetter, the FitzVogt representative, attended the meeting.

Chesapeake Shores:

- Information already presented by Kelly Friedman.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **St. Mary's County Comprehensive Plan:** Will be presented at a public hearing on June 22, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. to be held at the Bay District Fire Department Social Hall in Lexington Park.
- **Request for Letter of Interest for the Medical Adult Day Services Program:** Will go out this week.
- **Lunch With Your County Commissioners:** Scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at the Northern Senior Activity Center.
- **Law Enforcement Appreciation Day:** The LEA Day celebration was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, to memorialize those officers who have perished in the line of duty as well as to honor recipients of the Officer of The Year award. It was a wonderful event, well attended.
- **Matrix of Services:** Dana DiGregorio is working on compiling information for a matrix of services provided by the Department of Aging.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

- No personnel changes this month.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Lori Jennings-Harris, along with five members of the Commission On Aging, attended the Annual Tri-County Commission On Aging Meeting, hosted by Calvert County. Also in attendance was Mr. Mike LaChance, Legislative Liaison for the Maryland Department of Aging.
- Next Year's Tri-County Commission On Aging Meeting will be hosted by St. Mary's County.
- Commission members would like to have Ms. Beverly Stickles from Cedar Lane Senior Apartments attend a future meeting. Lori will follow up with Ms. Stickles.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Sandra Wheeler and was seconded by Sheral St. Clair; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Prepared by:
Dana DiGregorio
Sr. Administrative Coordinator