

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**  
**Monday, April 28, 2014**  
**Northern Senior Activity Center, Charlotte Hall, MD**

**CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

**ROLL CALL** – Members present were Norma Pipkin, Chair, Bettie Broadhurst, Juanita Nether, Gail Murdock, Cindy Williams, Diane Harding, and Janet Kellam. Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Beth Sandberg, Senior Administrative Coordinator.

**ABSENT** – Linda Fry, Samantha Lane, and Deborah Johnstone were excused.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Motion to approve the March 24, 2014 minutes with amendments was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Ms. Williams, the motion passed by a 7-0 vote.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Outreach Committee - Bettie Broadhurst

Jennifer Stone has received the information needed to develop a Commission on Aging flyer for outreach to underserved areas in the 7<sup>th</sup> District. The Commission wants to find out from the consumers, what their needs are and how the Commission can we help. Ms. Broadhurst indicated the flyer is also a marketing piece for the Department of Aging & Human Services highlighting the activities and programs the Department has to offer. Ms. Kellam stated the Commission on Aging is an advocacy group for seniors and not an oversight committee. On the day of the event, everyone must arrive by 8:30 a.m. The American Legion Post is donating the coffee and cups.

- Legislative Update - Gail Murdock

There has been an increase in the cap on estate taxes. There was a cap on how much you could claim on inheritance and the figure has been raised above 1 million dollars.

#### **DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS**

- Victory Woods – We have not received updated information on how the new bus stop is going. This topic will be tabled for the next meeting.

## **DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS**

- Maurielle Stewart from Congressman Hoyer's office came to the Garvey Senior Activity Center on April 15<sup>th</sup> to hear senior concerns. Ms. Kellam and Ms. Williams were in attendance on behalf of the Commission on Aging. The Commission was interested in receiving input from the County citizens. Ms. Kellam felt the meeting was interesting, not very well attended, though it had been advertised. There were approximately 12 people in attendance. The Department of Aging & Human Services was able to help immediately with some participants' concerns. Ms. Stewart indicated there are a few issues that Congressman Hoyer will address on the Federal level and other issues Delegate Bohanan will help with since they are on the State level. Ms. Stewart provided a timetable as to when the participants will receive a response to their issue. Mr. Sala Quzi, a retired professor, offered individual computer help and ride transportation. The questions prepared by the Commission on Aging were submitted to Ms. Stewart. Many of those questions had been addressed during the meeting. Ms. Williams will contact one of the participants at end of May for follow-up.
- Proposed meeting date for May Commission on Aging meeting - May 19<sup>th</sup> at Garvey Senior Activity Center. Ms. Broadhurst will be excused from that meeting. The discussion will include a debrief of the Tri-County Commission on Aging meeting. Jennifer Stone, Community Program & Outreach Manager, will give a presentation.

## **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

- Ms. Pipkin would like to start generating more interest in advancing the timeline for a new Garvey Senior Activity Center. The Commission will put more energy behind this project.
- Ms. Kellam will attend the mental health committee meeting.
- It was noted the Autumn Assisted Living at the Villages of Wildewood anticipates opening in May waiting for final approval.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS –**

- Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Caregivers' Conference 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center
- Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30 a.m. – Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Ceremony at the Higher Education Center.
- Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center from 1:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – Tri-County Committee meeting – Northern Senior Activity Center
- Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Holiday – Commission on Aging meeting rescheduled to May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Barbeque Bash at Cecil Park in Valley Lee

**RSVP Time Sheets** – Please make sure they are signed before you leave.

**NEXT MEETING** – May 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. – Garvey Senior Activity Center

**ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and Mr. Murdock seconded; the motion passed by a 7-0 vote.