

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
August 24, 2015, 1:00 PM
Loffler Senior Activity Center

GUEST SPEAKER: – Ms. Lori Werrell, Director of Health Connections at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

Ms. Werrell discussed, in detail, the strides MedStar St. Mary's Hospital is making to recruit and train primary care physicians to the area in addition to staff training that is being conducted.

Also, Ms. Werrell discussed the Health Enterprise Zone (HEZ) transportation program.

CALL TO ORDER: The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

ROLL CALL: Members present were Cindy Williams, Chair, Linda Fry, Philip Holzbauer, Teresa Howard, Janet Kellam, Gail Murdock, Norma Pipkin and Nicky Pires. Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Beth Sandberg, Senior Administrative Coordinator.

ABSENT: Deborah Johnstone and Juanita Nether were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the July 27, 2015 minutes was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Mr. Holzbauer; the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Outreach Committee – Ms. Linda Fry
The next Outreach event is scheduled for September 29th from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Victory Woods Apartments. Ms. Monika Williams, Maryland Access Point Coordinator (MAP) will lead the presentation. The Commission on Aging members will arrive at 9:00 a.m.
- Garvey Group – Mr. Gail Murdock
The Articles of Incorporation have been submitted to Annapolis and the group is waiting for approval. The bylaws have been written and are under review. The necessary details are being established for the group. In the future, the group will recruit for new members.
- Legislation – Mr. Gail Murdock
At this time, there is nothing new to report.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

- Nominations for Correspondence Secretary for Commission on Aging
Ms. Teresa Howard was nominated for Correspondence Secretary. A motion to approve the nomination was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Mr. Holzbauer; the motion passed.
- Discussion of RSVP's new-forming committee – Ms. Janet Kellam on behalf of Deborah Johnstone
The agenda item is incorrect. A new committee is not forming. Montgomery County has adopted an aging in community/villages concept utilizing volunteer banks. Ms. Rowe had suggested the COA invite a representative from Montgomery County to share the villages' information at Cedar Lane or Victory Woods. The Commission would like to move forward and invite Ms. Rowe to the November COA meeting to share information received at the area RSVP Directors meetings.

- Health Fair (October 30th) RSVP volunteers needed - Training will take place on October 15th, 9 a.m. at the Loffler Senior Activity Center
Contact Ms. Norine Rowe @ 301-737-5670 x1653 or Kim Clarke @ x1650 to volunteer.
- Status on list of concerns? - Senior Housing
Information gained from Housing Authority, Mr. Dennis Nicholson's visit.
The Commission is waiting for information on how many seniors are on rental assistance.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- MedStar Advocates – Mr. Phil Holzbauer
Mr. Holzbauer interviewed Ms. Evelyn R. Compos Diaz, Director of St. Mary's Hospital Human Resources and provided the Commission on Aging a detailed synopsis of that interview.
- Senior Agenda – Mr. Murdock willing to present the Senior Agenda to the Commissioners on September 22, 2015.
- State Commission of Aging meeting will be held on September 24th in Cambridge. Ms. Williams and Ms. Linda Fry will attend the meeting. Mr. Holzbauer will be the alternate attendee.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Murdock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:52 p.m. and Mr. Holzbauer seconded; the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: September 28, 2015
Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home
1 p.m.

Note the new purpose:

The purpose of the Commission shall advise the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on matters related to the elderly population and assist in the content, administration and financing of county programs designed to serve the elderly residents of the County.