

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**

May 18, 2015, 1:00 PM  
Northern Senior Activity Center  
29655 Charlotte Hall Road  
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

**ROLL CALL:** Members present were Cindy Williams, Chair, Bettie Broadhurst, Linda Fry, Teresa Howard, Janet Kellam, Gail Murdock and Juanita Nether. Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Beth Sandberg, Senior Administrative Coordinator.

**ABSENT:** Deborah Johnstone and Norma Pipkin were excused. Nicky Pires was absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the April 27, 2015 minutes was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Ms. Kellam; the motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- Outreach Committee - Bettie Broadhurst & Juanita Nether  
The Roadshow presentation at St. Joseph's Community Center on April 28<sup>th</sup> went very well. The Commission felt the attendance for the presentation was excellent. The consumers showed a great deal of enthusiasm. St. Joseph's Community Center is interested in having another Roadshow presentation at a later date. Debbie Barker, Senior I & A Manager, provided information to the group concerning medical insurance. The Commission on Aging has decided the next outreach event will be held in the fall.

**DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:**

- Commissioners' Open Forum  
Mr. Murdock attended the Open Forum on May 5<sup>th</sup> and spoke on behalf of the Commission on Aging's wishes.

The Garvey Group is applying for the 501C designation, which takes 8-12 months for approval.

Ms. Jennings-Harris thanked the Commission on Aging for their efforts in moving the Garvey build up on the Capital Improvement Budget.

- United Seniors of Maryland, 2015 priorities sheet  
Ms. Williams indicated the priorities sheet is very important. She would like the Commission to look at the priorities sheet and work on local issues. Mr. Murdock suggested a letter writing campaign to help get the bills passed. Ms. Kellam would also like the Commission to present the Community for a Lifetime Resolution to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County in September.
- Caregivers' Conference  
Ms. Jennings-Harris attended the May 15<sup>th</sup> Caregivers' Conference at the College of Southern Maryland in Prince Frederick and she indicated the conference went well. St. Mary's County will be the host county for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017.

- Status on list of concerns written in Annual Report to the Commissioners

The Commission on Aging members feels secondary health insurance, more geriatric doctors, and affordable housing is important topics for seniors.

The Department of Aging & Human Services has staff members who can help explain the information to consumers regarding secondary health insurance and behavioral health.

Other important topics for seniors include more geriatric doctors and affordable housing. The Commission would like to invite Lori Worrell from the Health Enterprise Zone, and Dennis Nicholson, Director of Housing Authority, to upcoming Commission on Aging meetings.

**DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:**

- Ms. Jennings-Harris informed the Commission the Department of Aging & Human Services has 2 new staff members; database specialist and caseworker.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Tri-County Commission on Aging meeting – June 11, 2015

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 22, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.  
Victory Woods  
22611 FDR Boulevard  
Lexington Park, MD 20653  
301-866-9191

The purpose of the Commission is to provide the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County with advice and assistance concerning the administration and financing of county programs designed for the elderly residents of St. Mary's, the operations and general performance of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services, the achievement of goals set for the elderly population and how best to work with the community in developing awareness and understanding of problems and concerns of the elderly population.