

MEETING AGENDA
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
MONDAY - JUNE 24, 2013
Garvey Senior Activity Center

Call to Order – Time of day – 1:09. This meeting is a recorded meeting

Roll Call – David Ryan, Gail Murdock, Elfreda Mathis, Bettie Broadhurst, Norma Pipkin, Janet Kellam, Cindy Williams

Department of Aging & Human services Staff – Lori Jennings-Harris, Director; Stephanie Tench, Sr. Administrative Coordinator

Presentation of Minutes From Previous Meeting –

- Motion to approve the minutes with changes was made by Elfreda Mathis and seconded by Janet Kellam and the motion carried.

Presentation of Officers -

Vice Chair –no report

Chairman - Mr. Ryan discussed the Senior Olympics held at Chesapeake Shores, June 4. Mr. Ryan stated the event was well attended and everyone enjoyed participating, judging or hosting the event. Mr. Ryan noted this event was very well covered by the media.

Committee Reports -

Annual Report Committee -

No report

Nomination Committee -

The Secretary position remains vacant without volunteers stepping forward to assume the responsibilities.

State Liaison Committee -

No report

Garvey Renovation Committee -

Mr. Ryan submitted a report on the Garvey Build to the Commission for review.

County Commissioner Committee - No report

Outreach Committee -

Ms. Broadhurst stated she has contacted local churches and is working with the Department of Aging & Human Services to do presentations to discuss services and activities offered. Waiting on return calls to arrange set up dates. Ms. Williams asked if the Department has any flyers which could be handed out to further advertise services the Department offers. Ms. Jennings-Harris stated we have a matrix we could send her which shows all of the services and at what level each service is offered.

Senior Forum Committee -

Mr. Murdock confirmed the Senior Forum for September 27, at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center. Jennifer Hunt, Community Programs Manager has created

a flyer to advertise this event in the local paper. Mr. Murdock requested during the August meeting, please be prepared to draft a list of questions for the Commissioners. A list of questions must be submitted in advance to the Commissioners for review. In addition to the list of questions submitted by the Commission, the audience will have the opportunity to ask the Commissioners their own questions. The Commission plans to invite all members of the County Commissioners. It was recommended for each Commission member send any and all questions to Mr. Murdock by August 9. A list of the most pertinent questions would be selected. Ms. Kellam made the suggestion of advertising the Senior Forum in the next issue of the New Beginning newsletter.

Senior Agenda Committee -

Mr. Ryan presented a draft of the St. Mary's County Senior Agenda to be presented to the County Commissioners. Mr. Ryan stated that Senior Agenda was based off of the Montgomery County Senior Agenda with some changes. The Commission members offered changes to the document presented by Mr. Ryan. Ms. Jennings-Harris suggested placing wording in the Senior Agenda which acknowledges what the County Commissioners is already supporting. Ms. Mathis stated that the Senior Agenda should be viewed as a visionary statement of the Commission. The next step is to plan out how the Commission would like to present the Senior Agenda to the Board of County Commissioners.

Discussion of Old Business -

- Advocacy – as recommended at Tri-County meeting

The Commission will hold discussion on this item at a future date.

- Updated statistics on senior participation in Centers

- The statistics distributed by Ms. Jennings-Harris during the last meeting are accurate as far as the number of participants for the Senior Activity Centers participating in activities, but does not include seniors who are inquiring or applying for services the Department offers. The percentage of seniors utilizing the activity centers is thirteen percent. Ms. Mathis suggested taking a look at the numbers for not only activities but for services being sought. Ms. Williams suggested handing out flyers at churches and other points of contact. Ms. Broadhurst suggested bringing the Community Programs Manager, Jennifer Hunt, at least one contact at the next meeting so she could make contact and set up a date for a presentation.

- Senior Agenda if not discussed in committee reports

- See committee report above

Discussion of New Business –

- Ms. Williams mentioned the new resource guide produced by the Department. Ms. Williams stated she would like to see contact information for the Commission on Aging in the next resource guide. Ms. Jennings-Harris further explained the new Department logo. The roots symbolize how well established the Department is in the community and the branches symbolize how far reaching the Department is.
- Due to term expiration, Elfreda Mathis's last day on the Commission was today. The members on the Commission thanked Ms. Mathis for her time of service.
- David Ryan, current Chairperson resigned from the Commission effective June 30, 2013. The members on the Commission thanked Mr. Ryan for his service.

Director's Report -

- No report

Upcoming Events -

Senior Forum – Sept. 27, 2013 at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center
Long-Term Care Awareness Conference Oct.11, 2013 at the James Forrest Technology Center
Tri-County Commission on Aging Meeting – 2014 (St. Mary's)

RSVP Time Sheets -

Please make sure they are signed before leaving.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, July 22, at Hospice House

Adjournment -

2:39