

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting
Garvey Center – Leonardtown, Maryland
Monday, April 26, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

COA Members: Bettie Broadhurst, Claudia Knowlton, Florence Lanham, Elfreda Mathis, Kathie Reich, Sandra Wheeler

Department of Aging Staff: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director; Dana DiGregorio, Sr. Administrative Coordinator.

ABSENT

COA Members: Sam Brown, Vicki Brown, Peggy Reardon, Sheral St. Clair

Guest

Sithy McGraw

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda with addition was made by Sandra Wheeler and was seconded by Kathie Reich; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Addition: Under New Business add Update on Commission Member Peggy Reardon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the April 2010 meeting minutes with corrections was made by Claudia Knowlton and was seconded by Florence Lanham; all were in favor and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Privatization of Ripple Center Update:

- The lease agreement between St. Mary's County and El Shaddai for the privatization of the Ripple Medical Adult Day Program is on the agenda of the Board of County Commissioners meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2010. The lease should be signed by the Board of County Commissioners at that time.
- The lease will be effective July 1, 2010 thru August 30, 2011.
- The current county staff at the Ripple Center have questions for El Shaddai regarding Human Resource matters, but El Shaddai has agreed to come and answer any questions the staff may have to make the transition as easy as possible.
- El Shaddai is planning on upgrading the kitchen to bring it up to commercial code as well as possibly adding an outdoor deck to the side of the building for staff and participants.

Friends of Ripple Projects:

- The Medical Adult Day Program "Senior Prom" was a huge success. Approximately 130 people attended.
- Next Year's prom is already scheduled.
- El Shaddai is planning to continue this tradition in the future.

2009 Tri-County Commission On Aging Meeting:

- The Tri-County Commission On Aging meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 29, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- The Commission On Aging Members reviewed plans and the agenda.
- Elfreda Mathis will introduce Jaclyn Shaw and Gerald Gardiner from the Department of Public Safety; Claudia Knowlton will introduce Pat Simone from the Health Department, Liat Mackey from the University of Maryland, and Brandy Tulley and Gail Wathen from the Department of Aging; Bettie Broadhurst will introduce Barbara Hak from Health Connections.

Site Information Visits /Presentations:

- One of the goals for 2010 is to visit all the Department of Aging Senior Activity Centers and some of the local Long Term Care and Senior Housing facilities. The Commission will be at the Northern Senior Activity Center on April 29th, and has planned a Department of Aging site tour – they will be visiting the Garvey Senior Activity Center, the Ripple Medical Adult Day Service Center, the Ridge Nutrition Site, and the Loffler Senior Activity Center on May 12th, 2010. The Commission will hold the May meeting after returning from the tour at the Potomac building in the Governmental Center.
- The Department of Aging Sr. Administrative Coordinator will make arrangements for the Commission to visit Cedar Lane Apartments and Chesapeake Shores later this year.
- The Department of Aging Sr. Administrative Coordinator will make arrangements for a representative from Taylor Farms, New Towne Village, and Charlotte Hall Veterans Home to attend a Commission On Aging meeting in 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

Update On Commission Member Peggy Reardon

- Commission Member Peggy Reardon missed the April meeting and will miss the May and June meetings due to medical problems. She would like to remain on the Commission despite her absences and send her apologies to the Commission for her absence.

ACTION ITEMS

- No action items to report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Loffler Senior Activity Center:

- The Department of Public Works and Transportation is working to get the Loffler Building reconstructed as quickly as possible. They are ready to start construction and renovation, but are waiting on approval to start.
- The proposed reopening of the building is January 1, 2011.
- The Department of Aging is working on an alternate site to provide daily services for the displaced Loffler Senior Activity Center. A lease agreement between St. Mary's County and the Seek And Ye Shall Find (SAYSF) Church in Lexington Park, Maryland are currently being formed. At this time some of the services are being provided at the Hall of Fame Building located in the Chancellor's Run Regional Park near the Loffler Senior Activity Center or at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.

Public Budget Meeting:

- There is a Board of County Commissioner's Public Budget Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

- No personnel changes this month

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 14 of the Potomac Building in the Governmental Campus.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Sandra Wheeler and was seconded by Kathie Reich; all were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Prepared by:
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Sr. Administrative Coordinator