

Minutes of the Commission On Aging Meeting
Taylor Farm Assisted Living, Bushwood, Maryland
Monday, September 26, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Start Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Taylor Farm Assisted Living, Bushwood, Maryland
Chaired By: Elfreda Mathis - Chair

PRESENT

COA Members: Bettie Broadhurst, Sam Brown, Agnes Buttler, Elfreda Mathis, Gail Murdock, Norma Pipkin, Peggy Reardon, Veda Willis.

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

Guests: Florence Lanham

ABSENT

Claudia Knowlton.

TOUR OF TAYLOR FARM

- Glenn Taylor, Owner/Operator of Taylor Farm Assisted Living, gave the Commission on Aging members a tour of the Taylor Farms Assisted Living facility.
- Glen and Kathy Taylor answered questions posed by the Commission members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda with addition was made by Sam Brown and seconded by Veda Willis; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Addition: E-mail addresses for the Advocacy training.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the August 2011 minutes was made by Sam Brown and seconded by Gail Murdock; all were in favor and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of Ripple Projects:

- Sam Brown mentioned the annual 5K Run/Walk, which is scheduled for October 15, 2011.
- Sam Brown noted that the Adult Medical Day Center is continuing with upgrading and updating the facility.
- The facility is maintaining 35 clients per day and has new staff members.

NEW BUSINESS

Advocacy Training

- Elfreda Mathis, Sam Brown, Gail Murdock, Veda Willis and Peggy Reardon attended the Effective Advocacy Training hosted by the Calvert County Office On Aging at the Northern Senior Activity Center.
- Maurice DiPoli, Charles County Commission On Aging, has requested correct e-mail addresses for a few of the attendees. This will allow Mr. Dipoli to send e-mail updates to Commission members. Dana DiGregorio provided correct e-mail addresses for St. Mary's County Commission On Aging members.

ACTION ITEMS and UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Loffler Center "Grand Re-Opening" Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, September 29, 2011.
- The Department of Aging Community Health Fair is scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2011.
- The Dementia Care Conference is scheduled for November 2, 2011 at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Center.

- The Annual Caregivers Breakfast is scheduled for November 18, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The addition of the Division of Human Services to the Department of Aging is going along smoothly. Lori Jennings-Harris will be meeting with each staff member, providers and organizations.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

- No personnel changes.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Elfreda Mathis will be attending the State of the County Luncheon sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, September 17, 2011.
- Bettie Broadhurst asked about re-allocation of county funds for those who need it after Hurricane Irene.
- Commission members would like to invite the Board of County Commissioners to a future meeting.
- The 4-year Area Plan has been submitted to the state, it includes all services and programs for the Department of Aging and outlines what the department does and what is planned for the next four years. Elfreda Mathis asked Lori Jennings-Harris to give a more detailed explanation and description of the Area Plan at a future meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2011 at St. Mary's Nursing Center in Leonardtown, Maryland.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Peggy Reardon and was seconded by Gail Murdock; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Prepared by:
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