

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

October 25, 2021

Department of Aging & Human Services Building, 41780 Baldrige Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Dial-In Number: 301-579-7236

Participant Pin: 985097

CALL TO ORDER:

- Carolyn Guy called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

- Ms. Carolyn Guy
- Mr. Gail Murdock
- Ms. Janet Perryman
- Mr. Walter Boswell
- Ms. Virginia Morris
- Ms. Omonigho Olumese
- Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Mercedes Jones, Coordinator

ABSENT:

- Ms. Catherine Buckler

Approval of Minutes of September 27, 2021.

I move to approve the minutes of September 27, 2021, with noted changes.

Motion by Gail Murdock, seconded by Janet Perryman, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Allison Swint and Elizabeth Walker, Department of Public Works & Transportation discussed the St. Mary's Transit System. Topics discussed included fares and tickets, schedules, route maps, Paratransit and Discount Fare Application, SSTAP (Statewide Specialized Transportation Assistance Program), connections with Calvert County and Charles County, and the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Paratransit Program for Persons with Disabilities, to name a few.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Homeless Coalition - Carolyn Guy
 - The last meeting was held on October 20th. The Department of Social Services reported that October benefits for food stamps were restored to pandemic levels, they are waiting to hear about the status of November's benefits. There are currently 36 homeless families, 28 of these families are in shelters, 6 are living in their car or on the street, and 2 families check in occasionally, but there is a hard time locating them permanently. Since July 1st, 40 families have been housed. October 29th there will be a Community Resource Day at United Methodist Church in Lexington Park. This will be an outdoor event from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Any vendor who provides assistance to those homeless in the area will be at the event.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Questionnaire
 - As of October 27th there have been 192 survey responses online. The questionnaire is on the Facebook site for Enterprise, Southern Maryland News, the Department of Aging & Human Services, The Baynet, Southern Maryland Breaking News, Southern Maryland News Net, and SOMD.com. Hard copies of questionnaire are available at each senior activity center. The survey will also be advertised in the senior activity center e-news letter and in the New Beginning Newsletter. The survey will be advertised through December 1st.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Christmas Luncheon
 - In lieu of a December meeting, the members discussed meeting for lunch in December. The location, date and time will be discussed at the next meeting.
- COA Tri-County Chair Meeting
 - The chairs of Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary's County Commissions on Aging will meet to discuss issues in each county.
- November COA Meeting Date Change
 - A motion was made to move the November Commission on Aging meeting from Monday, November 22, 2021, to Monday, November 15, 2021. Motion by Janet Perryman, seconded by Gail Murdock.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The Veterans Resource Day event at Loffler Senior Activity Center will be held on November 5th at 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- The Annual Veteran's Resource Day Parade will be held on November 11th at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN:

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Gail Murdock, seconded by Janet Perryman, motioned carried.

NEXT MEETING:

November 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

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Commission on Aging (Monday, October 25, 2021)

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