

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
February 28, 2022

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 1:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

- Ms. Carolyn Guy
- Mr. Gail Murdock
- Ms. Janet Perryman
- Mr. Walter Boswell
- Ms. Virginia Morris
- Ms. Catherine Buckler
- Ms. Omonigho Olumese
- Mr. Thomas Ridley
- Ms. Rowena Bossio
- Ms. Janet Newman
- Ms. Marie Bennett
- Ms. Christine Morgan
- Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Mercedes Jones, Coordinator

Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2022.

I move to approve the minutes of January 24, 2022, with changes.

Motion by Gail Murdock, seconded by Marie Bennett, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Sarah Miller, Community Programs & Outreach Manager, Department of Aging & Human Services, provided an overview of the programs and services offered an overview of the programs and services offered by the Department. The Community Programs and Outreach Division is responsible for communicating information to the senior community through the bi-weekly newsletter, website updates, Facebook, and local media. The Division is also responsible for the planning and implementation of the Department of Aging & Human Services signature events, including Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, the Community Health and Wellness Fair, Veterans Resource Day, and Keys to Senior Independence, to name a few.
- Brandy Tulley, Senior Center Operations Manager, Department of Aging & Human Services, provided information about the Senior Centers and the special programs offered by the centers. Home-Delivered Meals, Fitness classes, Congregate Meals, and senior center goals, were discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Homeless Coalition - Carolyn Guy
 - The Homeless Prevention Board met on February 16th. The Point in Time Survey ran on January 26th. The number of homeless families increased to 54. Forty-nine families are sheltered, most at Three Oaks, 11 families have children, with a total of 37 homeless children. All children are sheltered. Since July, 36 families have received long-term housing. The WARM program will not operate this year. Their funding has been given to Three Oaks to help provide housing to homeless families. ERAP round 2 is \$1.4 million - provides financial assistance to families for overdue rent and utility or home energy costs. The libraries are now open on Sundays. The Leonardtown Library is offering a vaccine clinic on March 1st from 12p -5p. No registration is required.
- Senior Housing - Walter Boswell, Christine Morgan, Omonigho Olumese
 - Discussed proposed objectives for the committee.
- Senior Transportation - Virginia Morris, Janet Perryman
 - Information was sent to members about a new bill regarding transportation. Members will try to attend the Transportation Advisory Committee's next meeting and are also planning to meet with staff from the Department of Transportation to get more information about transportation.
- Senior Legislation - Gail Murdock, Rowena Bossio
 - Established a goal of providing information regarding current senior legislation. Also provided information on current bills and information about how to send letters of support.
- Veteran's Issues - Thomas Ridley
 - Mr. Ridley attended the 2022 Military & Veteran Cultural Diversity Symposium and provided a brief synopsis to the members.
- Technology - Catherine Buckler, Janet Newman

- A partnership has been established with St. Mary's County Library to offer technology education to seniors at St. Mary's County Libraries.
- Outreach - Marie Bennett, Carolyn Guy
 - Outreach notes were distributed via the Department of Aging & Human Services eNews. The committee plans to distribute notes monthly.

NEW BUSINESS:

- COA Tri-County Chair Meeting
 - The Commission on Aging Chairs meet quarterly. Calvert County will be hosting the next Tri-County Commission on Aging meeting in June.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Janet Perryman to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Christine Morgan.

NEXT MEETING:

March 28, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
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Commission on Aging (Monday, February 28, 2022)

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