

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
April 27, 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:

- Janet Perryman called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

- Mr. Gail Murdock
- Ms. Janet Perryman
- Mr. Walter Boswell
- Mr. Thomas Ridley
- Ms. Rowena Bossio
- Ms. Omonigho Olumese
- Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Mercedes Jones, Coordinator

ABSENT:

- Ms. Janet Newman
- Ms. Carolyn Guy
- Ms. Catherine Buckler
- Ms. Marie Bennett

Approval of Minutes of March 28, 2022.

I move to approve the minutes of March 28, 2022 with changes.

Motion by Gail Murdock, seconded by Rowena Bossio, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Debbie Barker, Senior Information & Assistance Manager, Department of Aging & Human Services provided an overview of the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP), Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP), the types of programs and services available through Senior Information & Assistance, and the Senior Rides Program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Senior Housing - Walter Boswell, Christine Morgan, Omonigho Olumese
 - The Housing Committee focused on reaching out to as many Senior Living Housing Facilities in St. Mary's County to find availability, cost, etc. They were also in touch with the Department of Social Services and the Department of Aging & Human Services. Holiday Inn in Solomons is converting to a Senior Living Facility. Three Oaks is in need of shelters for homeless, elder seniors and veterans. The members have established a goal to investigate other options to help seniors find affordable housing in St. Mary's County.
- Senior Transportation - Janet Perryman, Rowena Bossio
 - Comments and recommendations concerning the improvement for the STS website were sent to the Department of Public Works and Transportation on April 27th. The committee members attended the Commission on Transportation meeting. Discussions included creating a survey concerning ridership for STS and increased collaboration between the two commissions to increase awareness of plans concerning transportation as they affect our senior community.
- Senior Legislation - Gail Murdock, Rowena Bossio
 - The committee members have been tracking legislation pertaining to seniors/elderly. The members provided a final status report of various bills associated with elderly/seniors which were considered by the 444th Maryland legislature session convening from 12 January - 11 April 2022.
- Veteran's Issues - Thomas Ridley
 - Mr. Ridley coordinated with the Navy Chief's Representative to attend the May COA meeting to hear a brief from the Director of the Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home.
- Technology Committee - Catherine Buckler, Janet Newman
 - The Technology Committee announced the St. Mary's County Library will be offering summer computer classes at the Leonardtown Library. There will be an Introduction to Word class on June 15th from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and an Introduction to Excel class on July 15th from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. To reserve a seat for either class, call 301.475.2846.
- Outreach Committee - Marie Bennett, Carolyn Guy
 - The committee members met with the Director of the Department of Aging & Human Services, and the Outreach Manager of the Department of Aging & Human Services regarding the department's outreach activities. An outreach report was sent to the Commission on Aging members.

OLD BUSINESS:

- How to Answer the Survey
 - Conversation tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Tri-County Meeting - In-Person Event Hosted by the Calvert County COA on June 2, 2022.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Law Day
 - Make an appointment with an attorney to fill out an Advanced Directive, completely free. Appointments available at Loffler, Northern, and Garvey Senior Activity Centers.
- Volunteer Board Training
 - Volunteer Board Training will be held on May 2, 2022 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Gail Murdock to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Christine Morgan.

NEXT MEETING:

May 23, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
Department of Aging & Human Services Building
41780 Baldrige Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Commission on Aging (Wednesday, April 27, 2022)

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