

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

August 22, 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 1:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT:

- Ms. Beverly Ballard

Approval of Minutes of July 28, 2022.

I move to approve the minutes of July 28, 2022.

Motion by Marie Bennett, seconded by Thomas Ridley, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

- Ms. Rebecca Kessler, Home & Community-Based Services Division Manager, Department of Aging & Human Services gave an overview of programs to include the Aging & Disability Resource Center/Maryland Access Point (MAP), Caregiver Support and Respite Opportunities, Senior Care Program, Senior Rights and Advocacy/Ombudsman, Public Guardianship and the Community Options Waiver and Community First Choice Program.

WORKING GROUPS

- Outreach Committee - COA is interested in having a table at the Health Fair scheduled for October 14th. The committee is looking for volunteers to assist with covering the table. The Outreach committee has published an article regarding Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home in the New Beginning, part 2 of that article will be published in the next edition of the New Beginning.
- Senior Housing - No Report.
- Senior Transportation - The Transportation Advisory Committee is composing a ridership survey. The committee next meets in September.
- Veterans Issues - Charlotte Hall Veterans Home has a need for volunteers. Mr. Ridley is working on finding volunteers.
- Homeless Coalition - The Housing Authority is still waiting for the funds from the state for ERAP2. The Mission is providing assistance to 19 individuals. The Housing Authority advised that there is a 7-12 year waiting list for those needing assistance. The WARM program will operate this year. Current stats: 41 total homeless families and most are in shelters, 23 families housed since July, 5 families have been housed in August of this year. There is a Community Resource Day on September 30th at The Church of Ascension.
- Community for Life - Tri-County is looking into how feasible it is to bring Community for Life to the County. Received budget templates from another county will look at those this week.

OLD BUSINESS:

- COA Briefing Submission to the County Commissioners
 - The briefing was submitted to the County Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion of Working Groups
 - The Committee will discuss which working groups to focus on.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

September 26, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Garvey Senior Activity Center

23630 Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Commission on Aging (Monday, August 22, 2022)

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