

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**  
**July 28, 2025**  
**Garvey Senior Activity Center, 23630 Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Barbara O'Neal called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

- Aurora Hidalgo
- Barbara O'Neal
- Christine Morgan
- Dawnn Hahn
- Kei Jenkins
- Kimberly Hansing
- Rowena Bossio
- Triverr Gray
- Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director; Mercedes Jones, Coordinator

**ABSENT:**

- Omonigho Olumese
- Sara Oliver
- Shalonda Nelson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 28 APRIL 2025:**

- Aurora Hidalgo moved to approve the minutes of April 28, 2025. Seconded by Dawnn Hahn, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 23, JUNE 2025:**

- Aurora Hidalgo moved to approve the minutes of June 23, 2025. Seconded by Dawnn Hahn, motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- Barbara O'Neal presented a roll up and raw data from the 2025 Point in Time Count of Southern Maryland as of Jan 22, 2025. This data is available at Maryland Balance of State Continuum of Care <https://www.mdboscoc.org/pit-count> Barbara stated that St Mary's numbers reported are not accurate. The people in the Wrapping Arms 'Round Many (WARM) program were not counted because they were temporarily sheltered in the winter. Others temporarily housed in HUD funded programs, like Lifestyles, also not counted. This was realized after the fact and was accidental. We have no Emergency Shelters in St Mary's county. This is important because there are a number of people 55 and over who go to the WARM shelter every winter. Also this is to show there is a real problem of homelessness in St Mary's County.

**BUDGET:**

- No discussion.

**SENIOR FOCUS AREAS:**

- Senior Transportation - Rowena Bossio reported usage is up ~30% since STS bus service began "fare free" rides on 1 July.
- Senior Housing - St. Mary's Nursing Center expansion at Point Lookout Rd. & St. Andrews Rd. is a future presentation topic if we can get someone to let us know what the plan is and/or why it's on hold.
- Senior Legislation - no update
- Veterans Issues - no update
- Department of Aging & Human Services - Lori Jennings-Harris reported at the suggestion of Rowena Bossio, Suggestion boxes are planned to be installed at each of the Senior Centers as well as Kudos boxes for recognizing helpful people.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Approval of Commission on Aging process document. Kimberly Hansing moved to approve the Commission on Aging Process document with typo error and minor corrections. Seconded by Dawnn Hahn, motion carried
- Approval of the process document working group minutes of 21 June 2025. Dawnn Hahn moved to approve the Process document working group minutes. Motion by Dawnn Hahn, Seconded by Aurora Hidalgo, motion carried.
- Raine Ames from the Thriving in Place - Saving Claire Project called in to the meeting for a Q&A with board members. Following the Q&A, the board discussed collaborating with other resources, starting with Healthy St. Mary's Partnership (HSMP). Barbara O'Neal will contact HSMP leader(s) to see if they will join us on this initiative.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Future Presentation Topics
  - St. Mary's Nursing Center Expansion
  - Housing
  - Home-Delivered Meals

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Healthy St. Mary's Partnership (HSMP) Annual Meeting is 25 Sep. <https://healthystmarys.com> St Mary's County Homelessness Prevention Board Community resource Day is 25 Sep. Farmer Feeding St Mary's is 14 Aug with ~1000 people expected.

**ADJOURN:**

Aurora Hidalgo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 p.m., seconded by Dawn Hahn, motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Monday, August 25, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.  
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**Commission on Aging (Monday, July 28, 2025)**

*Minutes taken by Kimberly Hansing*

*Generated by Mercedes Jones on Friday, August 22, 2025*