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**OLDER AMERICAN ADVISORY BOARD TO
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**To: The Older American Advisory Board members
April 5th, 2012 OAAB Agenda:**

**Attached are the Minutes of the March 1st, 2012 Meeting.
The upcoming meeting is scheduled for April 5th @ the Marathon Library at 10:00am
& the May meeting will be Thursday, May 3rd at 10am.**

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Establish a Quorum
4. Acceptance of minutes of last meeting
5. Introduction of New Members & Guests
6. Monroe County Commissioner Sylvia Murphy
7. Program Guest: - Jerry Smith, Monroe County Growth Management will talk about permits & the permitting process.
8. Sheryl Graham - Director: Social Services report
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Other
12. Next Meeting: May 3rd, 2012 at 10am
13. Adjourn



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Monroe County OAAB Meeting March 1st, 2012 Minutes

Chairperson Fran Carlisle was absent & Vice President Hank Bikofsky called the meeting to order @ 10:05am. He welcomed members & guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Jim Olsen moved & John Grech 2nd the motion to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

George Brentnall from the VA office discussing VA benefits and had handouts for the Members. George stated his office can assist vets to get needed documents & help veterans with non service related benefits. He also reminded us about widows benefits. There are 2 clinics in the Keys: one in Key West & the other in Key Largo. The transportation program to Miami is free for veterans. They can help with veterans burial benefits, headstone, flags, honor guards & certificates as well as lost metals & ribbons. There are also discounts available to veterans at state parks. George also said never give up your DDT-14. He also advised vets to sign up for Medicare part A & B than the VA picks up cost after that. Drugs cost \$8.00. If you are low income there may be no co-pay for drugs. The Key Largo clinic is getting some hearing services. The VA is getting into more tele-health services where the doctor may be on a screen & you would have an appointment at the local clinic to save cost for transportation to Miami. He also talked about Gulf War registry for symptoms & brain injuries from explosions.

There was no County Commission report as they were in Tallahassee for Florida Keys Day. Sheryl was unavailable as was S.T.E.P.S. & VNA. Pam Martin gave a report with handouts. Marvin asked if a better recycling program could happen at the Senior Centers as things were put in the dumpsters. Problems at the Key West Senior Center with the homeless & mentally ill were discussed & what was the proper procedure to handle this. Also was there a way for lockers to be there as the homeless things were being stolen.

No additional old business or new business was discussed. Diver made the motion & Julia seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 5th at 10am at the Marathon Library meeting room and County Commissioner Sylvia Murphy will be our guest speaker.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted
By Pam Martin,
OAAB Secretary