

**Older Adult Services Advisory Council**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 9, 2015– 4:00 PM**  
**HCS Dept. – Conference Room F**

**Members Present:** Chair Don Ryan, Tom Danielson, Al Heilman, Kathy Grueter, Deb Josephson, Clinton Lewis, Beulah Price, Kelly Quardokus, Beverly Solik. Commissioner Larry Provancher

**Members Absent:** Ros Robbert, Kimberly Middleton

**Staff:** Judy Sivak, Anne Zemlick, Elizabeth Brass, Beth Ridge, Lynn Hotrum

**Guests:** Sylvia Denning, Habitat for Humanity; Vicki Martin, Senior Services; Joyce Ryan, Joe Schmitt and Sara Wick, MSAC Delegates

I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Don Ryan opened the meeting at 4:00 PM with welcome and introductions.

II. **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion                      Carried                      To Approve August Minutes**

**Deb J.  
Beulah P.**

III. **Citizens Time:** None

IV. **Member Time:** Al H. mentioned that if you visit anyone in a rehab facility, bring chocolate, the staff appreciates the treat.

V. **Special Presentation:** Sylvia Denning, Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity. Presented and distributed flyers about their new home repair loan program.

VI. **Financial Report Review:** Beth R., Sr. Financial Analyst, reviewed July report provided to members. We're approaching the end of the fiscal year '15, and all at or below target.

**Motion                      Carried                      To Approve July Financial Report**

**Al H.  
Tom D.**

VII. **Advocacy Report:** Judy S. reported that at the AAAA meeting yesterday there was a lobbyist who feels there is not going to be any movement on the no-fault

insurance bill until sometime next year. Road funding bill, still sticky, not sure what's happening. MI HHS department was told to cut a hundred million dollars from their budget. At the Federal level, the Senate budget wants to cut Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) by 42% nationwide. Judy distributed a sheet about this. Locally we subcontract to Senior Services for MMAP, and Lisa Fuller is the regional coordinator, but, the counselors are all volunteers. We need to do some advocacy. Contact your senators, Gary Peterson and Debbie Stabenow. KCASI will also advocate for MMAP. Judy handed out KCASI flyer for Sept. 21 meeting. Sara W. gave a reminder: Rep. Brandt Iden has monthly coffees open to the public. Commissioner Provancher brought up the Homeless Millage and OASAC's possible support of it, and Judy said if members would like to have a presentation on it, she will try to get someone for October 14th. Joe S. added that it's just \$5 a year if you own a \$100K home, for a 6-year millage. And, it will help house families with school-age children. Chair asked if members want to have a presentation next month: Agreed.

#### **VIII. Staff Report:**

Janice B. provided an update on the Senior & Caregiver Expo scheduled for Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the information desk. Liz B. distributed "Ask the Experts" flyers—a seminar for caregivers (1 PM at the Expo).

Liz B. reported on Friends of Transit meeting news. Mentioned that the Surgeon General endorses "walkable communities." The protocol booklet for abuse and neglect of older adults that Liz had been working on is finished; distributed copies. Walk to End Alzheimer's<sup>®</sup> is Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. We have a team. If you are interested in joining our team, we'd love it. It's a 2-mile walk. We can also take donations.

Anne Z. reported that most members met Lynn Hotrum, RN, filling the vacancy left when Kristin W. retired. She started yesterday. So far this year, Choices for Independence Program served 252 individuals. Community Living Program grant (special grant from the County) 57 people signed up, and we expect 80 or more by end of the year (December). Waiting list has 168 people as of today (this is better; fewer than before). Anne reported that Kelly Jonker, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, presented at the most recent Professionals Focused on Aging (PFA) meeting; 68 people attend. Anne stated that colleagues are hungry for the LGBT training. Veterans Community Partnership will hold programs September 15<sup>th</sup>, for care workers and caregivers, the flyers are in The Advisor Sept/Oct newsletter. The Kalamazoo Hoarding Task Force is bringing to Kalamazoo the man from the Hoarding Show to present Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>; and, at that time, the hoarding task force will be announced.

Judy mentioned that Kelly Jonker will come and talk to OASAC sometime soon. She had a case that will probably be written up nationally, of a resident in a local nursing home put out on the street without the required 30 day notice. It was a hot

day and resident was in a wheelchair and paralyzed on one side. Luckily Kelly had worked with this person before and she waited outside with the person, working with Adult Protective Services (APS), law enforcement, and a state monitor, they got person back inside many hours later and they're working to get him somewhere else. Kelly has been encountering this level of problem for a while now.

Judy reported that a grant was submitted for funding through Aging and Adult Services for elder abuse prevention training. Disability Network, a member of the Kal. Co. Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition (EAPC), agreed to be the applicant and fiduciary. If they get it, Disability Network will hire the part time coordinator on behalf of the EAPC. We hope to use some of the funds to invite Paul Greenwood, Prosecutor from San Diego, to come here and present. He will be presenting in Grand Rapids next week, and Judy and Kelly are attending.

Steve Betterly, Rep. from the State, was here today to do assessment on our programs and met with Judy, Liz and Anne. He apologized but couldn't stay for advisory council meeting.

Judy is on the marketing committee for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), they are looking for instructors for classes (unpaid) and asking you to call or email them if you or someone you know is interested. Judy passed around the fall course booklet. Sara added that they have interest groups at no cost, too; need to be a member for these.

Regarding our FY16 Annual Implementation Plan, Judy said that our plan is to go to the State Commission on Aging where she will present the plan. Steve B. will say we met all the requirements, and Judy will have a chance to say a little about what our agency is doing.

Don R. is on the MI Commission on Aging State Advisory Council; has been participating via conference calls lately; Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> will be his next time face-to-face meeting. Don's a little perplexed, because after working so hard with initiatives for veterans nothing [seems to] get done. What they talk about just gets put up on the AASA Web site.

IX. **Other Business:** None

**Motion                      Carried                      To Adjourn at 5:11 PM**

**AI H.  
Clinton L.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Bonita