

**Older Adult Services Advisory Council
MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2015 – 4:00 PM
HCS Dept. – Conference Room F**

Members Present: Chair Don Ryan, Tom Danielson, Al Heilman, Kathy Grueter, Clinton Lewis, Deb Josephson, Kimberly Middleton, Beulah Price, Kelly Quardokus, Ros Robbert, Beverly Solik; and Commissioner Larry Provancher

Staff Present: Judy Sivak, Anne Zemlick, Liz Brass, Beth Ridge, Janice Bonita

AASA Rep: Steve Betterly

Guests: Dave Artley; Dave Carroll, Senior Services; Sara Wick, MSAC Delegate

I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Don Ryan opened the meeting with Welcome and Introductions.

II. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion Carried To Approve September Minutes

**Kimberly M.
Ros R.**

III. **Citizen Time:** None

IV. **Member Time:** Beulah P. thanked Anne Z. for the donuts she brought to the Expo. Don R. thanked Judy and entire staff on an exceptional Senior and Caregiver Expo.

Kimberly: At last Kalamazoo Township meeting, Life EMS Ambulance was voted as new 911 provider effective October 1—probably effective for next 10 years. They serve about 95% of Kalamazoo County.

Dave Artley spoke on the proposed “homeless millage.” Flyer and card were distributed by Commissioner Provancher. Question and answer period followed.

**Motion Carried (2 abstentions) For this council to endorse the
“homeless millage”**

**Al H.
Tom D.**

- V. **Financial Report Review**: Beth R. reviewed report for August. Most line items will end below the budget by end of year. Expo expenses goes on September, because all of Janice's time goes in for FY15, even though the Expo is in October.

Motion Carried To Approve August Financial Report

**Tom D.
Deb J.**

- VI. **Advocacy Report**: Judy S. reported on road bill; State budget reductions. Aging Network News—Judy suggest to members to call legislators regarding Older Americans Act reauthorization. KCASI meeting flyer distributed. Sara W. added information about: KCASI meeting; distributed sheet from MSAC on road funding bill; CARE Act; KCASI's letter to Stabenow, Stevens and Upton regarding proposed cut to MMAP funding. Rep. Iden's regular "coffees."
- VII. **Staff Report**: Judy S. asked Dave Carroll to address group regarding home delivered meals (hdm) and AASA's required added nutrients. Judy distributed hdm and congregate meals menus that clients receive. Complaints were received about the new menu items, especially regarding the vegetable blends and are being addressed –changes are expected starting in January, bringing back items such as mashed potatoes and single vegetables. Judy reported on success of Senior & Caregiver Expo. Ask the Experts seminar was packed; had 5 wonderful panel experts. We didn't receive the grant we applied from AASA, and Judy met with deputy director, who pointed out where we scored. There may be some money left over — we were 2nd in line and may get it. We are taking 5 first year WMed students for 17 months; they'll do a project on researching elder death review teams and propose an implementation plan in addition to assisting staff with a variety of work. Judy distributed and reviewed initiative—"Kalamazoo Celebrates Elderhood". Looking for participation from anyone in our community who would like to volunteer. Chairman Ryan suggests we get names now, and all members volunteered. Steve B. added we could coordinate with AASA office for the Governor to recognize those over 100 years old. Dashboard distributed. Judy said we're switching to a quarterly report instead of monthly. All thanked Liz for the new and improved look of the dashboard. Liz B. reported on committees she's on and her efforts to reorganize the Dashboard. Kelly Q. suggests that we add to the Dashboard Kelly Jonker going on an "emergency advocacy action"; which will be added. Al H. asked about the Kalamazoo Hoarding Task Force. Anne Z. gave a review. Liz distributed the FY 14 AAIIIA Annual Report.

Anne Z. reported she participated in the Veteran Community Action Team conference in Kalamazoo yesterday. About 50 people participated and we are hopeful that there will not be duplication with the good work the Veteran Community Partnership is already doing in our area.

Kelly Q.: There was an elder law meeting on health care where an attendee from Saginaw was very interested in the success of Kalamazoo's Veteran Community Partnership.

Anne: 85 people signed up for the Veterans Community Partnership event related to dementia training for caregivers and professionals tomorrow.

VIII. Other Business: Provider assessments were completed and will be reviewed next month.

Motion Carried To Adjourn at 5:53 PM

**Clinton L.
Ros R.**

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Bonita