

**Older Adult Services Advisory Council
MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
HCS – Conference Rm. B
May 10, 2017 – 3:30 PM**

Members Present: Beulah Price, Tim Charron, Don Ryan, Ros Robbert,
Deb Josephson, Samantha Carlson,
Kimberly Middleton, Kelly Quardokus, John Hilliard, Commissioner
Mike Quinn, Commissioner John Gisler

Staff Present: Judy Sivak, Anne Zemlick, Brien Brockway, Beth Ridge,
Janice Bonita

AASA Rep.: Cindy Albrecht

Guests: Larry Provancher, Mary Ellen Gondeck, Joyce Ryan, Sara Wick,
MSAC Delegate; Kristie Tekiele, Deputy Director for Finance &
Administration–KCHCS

Chairman Don Ryan opened the Public Hearing on the FY 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) at 3:31 PM. Judy Sivak thoroughly reviewed the draft Plan. Most of what is in this Plan was in the Multi-Year Plan, with a couple of changes, 1) Program Development Goals indicate progress; 2) Budget numbers are different and includes staff reductions that include the elimination of Norma's position, Brien and Marilyn reduced by 8 hours per week and Anne by 5 hours per week in order to balance the budget. We hope that by October some of the reductions might change.

No public testimony was given.

Public hearing closed at 3:45 PM.

I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Don welcomed and introduced new Council member, Tim Charron. Mr. Charron shared his background. He works part time with H&R Block. He is recently retired from DHHS. He is a volunteer with the MMAP program. His interest is in advocating for seniors. Those present introduced themselves.

II. **Approval of April minutes**

Motion	Carried	To Approve April 2017 Minutes
		Kimberly Middleton Deb Josephson

VI. Staff Report:

Brien B. distributed and reviewed the dashboard for 2nd quarter. Also, the 2nd quarter provider narrative report, and the units-clients-demographics report. There was one discrepancy with Ecumenical Senior Center's clients and that will be corrected next time.

VII. Advocacy Report: Judy distributed flyer for the Monday, May15th KCASI meeting. Older Michiganians Day (OMD) is Wednesday, May 17th. Reviewed the legislators lined up to meet with. Sara Wick reported on "coffees" she has attended. She talked about the status of MI State budget. David Eyke, other MSAC delegate, mentioned he developed a spreadsheet on all the bills being legislated. Sara said there's also a spreadsheet online. MSAC is in full support of the OMD platform. Judy disappointed that MMAP got a 10% cut in the *current* year, and don't know what will happen in next year, as it is slated for elimination.

Kelly Q. brought up a state bill related to financial exploitation and financial advisors who could hold money of a client for 25 days if they thought there was possible exploitation; thought there were good things about but it is a bit broad. The bill states the "adult" is *anyone over the age of 65*.

Judy reported that Senior Expo planning has begun. Theme: *Art of Aging*, featuring older artists. Have "people's choice" award. If anyone is willing to help, please let Janice or her know.

Judy attended OLLI Brain Health Conference. Sara also attended. Sara reported her takeaway: If you do one thing, start reading upside-down, makes those brain connections. Eat walnuts and drink tea. Presenter was wonderful.

Anji Phillips, Investigative Teams Coordinator, and Judy met with county police chiefs and other law enforcement officials to discuss the development of multi-disciplinary vulnerable adult abuse teams and that their staffs' involvement either as a member of the teams or when one of their cases is being discussed is necessary.

Judy reported that a press release went out today sent from HCS on Older Americans Month.

Anne Z. reported on Choices for Independence Program: We have 130 on the waiting list, we continue to open clients. Samantha C. interjected that she refers people to our Information & Assistance line and, she heard from someone from another county that she wanted to talk to the Kalamazoo County AAA, rather than her County's., which is a testament to your excellent staff.

John Gisler asked about Anne's trip to Ireland, which the county board approved, and thought that it was a wonderful opportunity and looked forward to hearing about it.

Chairman Ryan called for a Motion to approve the draft FY17 Annual Implementation Plan

Motion **Carried** **To approve the draft FY17 AIP**

Kimberly Middleton
Kelly Quardokus

VIII. Other:

- Celebrate Elderhood - Don R. report that the Centenarian Luncheon was outstanding, and saluted the staff. 15 centenarians, 90-some people, in attendance. Other positive comments were made about the luncheon. May 18 Event – Judy showed a mock-up for the program, with some photos of the Centenarian Luncheon on the back. As of today we have 204 people signed up. There’s still time until tomorrow morning, May 11th, to sign up.

Judy distributed the newly revised list of Advisory Council members with contact information.

Motion **Carried** **To adjourn meeting at 5:17 PM**

Deb Josephson
Ros Robbert

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Bonita