

Older Adult Services Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 9, 2019 – 3:30 PM
311 E. Alcott Street, Kalamazoo, MI, 49001

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Don Ryan, Kim Phillips, Tim Charron, John Hilliard, Kimberly Middleton, Beulah Price, Kelly Quardokus, Ros Robbert, and Commissioner John Gisler

Members Absent: David Eyke

Staff Present: Samantha Carlson, AAALIA Director, Janice Bonita, Brien Brockway, Don Saldia, Beth Ridge, Deb Lenz, HCS Deputy Director

AASA Rep.: Cindy Albrecht

Guests: Tauhric Brown and Dan Pontius, Senior Services (SS); Danna Downing, South County Community Center (SCCC); Kathryn Hanfland, Aetna; Joyce Ryan, Amanda Willer, Vineyard Assisted Living

I. **Welcome & Introductions:** Chair Don Ryan opened the meeting with welcome and introductions at 3:30 PM. He introduced Samantha Carlson as the new Director of AAALIA. Samantha reviewed her background.

II. **Approval of December 2018 Minutes:**

Motion Carried To approve December 2018 Minutes

John Hilliard
Tim Charron

III. **Citizens Time:** Cindy Albrecht: Statement of Grant Awards (SGA)—second one went out end of December for rest of the year. Only one not come out yet is the USDA Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) award amount. Dan Pontius: SS, recently reopened Spring Valley Congregate Meal site. Home Delivered Meal (HDM) still has no wait list. 30 to 40 new HDM participants per month. Tauhric Brown suggests Samantha C. come to SS in the upcoming weeks. Danna Downing reported Diane Durian continues to recover. SCCC just did partnership with Vicksburg Rotary, similar to what “Tuesday Toolmen” do. Amanda Willer: Vineyard held grand opening, and she welcomed attendees come check them out. Kathryn Hanfland has hired new social workers. Joyce Ryan updated on the Centenarian Luncheon: meeting next week to finalize date and venue; indicated she would gladly accept donations for the

event. Make checks payable to KCASI, the fiduciary, and give to Kim Phillips today. Don explained advantages of sponsoring.

IV. Member Time: Ros Robbert: question on the Minutes, refers to needs assessment discussion “We need to do a new assessment” on page 4, Brien encouraged those to take the survey when it comes out... Brien Brockway explained everyone can complete the senior needs assessment survey. Ros: Are you going to get a professional to develop the assessment? Brien said we will. Beth Ridge added that that’s our goal. A contract will have to go out because the last time it cost a lot. Beulah Price: Channel 8 news featured the Area Agencies on Aging of Michigan, and nice segments on their house visits. Beulah asked that the election of OASAC officers be moved up on the agenda. It was agreed to change the agenda.

Kim P.: They are doing a new Portage Senior Center, started a capitol campaign, construction costs are going up, plan to build 32,000sf facility on Centre St., across from Comerica Bank. City of Portage agreed to match everything PSC raised. Have hired a consultant, Keith Hopkins, to run capitol campaign. Goal to go public with campaign by summer. Woefully undersized for what they run. They are really excited. If everything goes to plan, will break ground in 2020. Kimberly M., Is it appropriate for OASAC to write a letter of support? Chair Ryan does not see a problem. Don will send her a letter. Kim P.: they are going to collect names of support; want anything to help support. They serve more than City of Portage.

John Gisler: Board of Commissioners elected officers for two-year terms; Julie Rogers Chair; Tracy Hall, Vice-Chair.

Moved agenda item **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.**

Chairman:

Nomination **Carried** **for Don Ryan to serve another two-year term**

Beulah Price
Kelly Quardokus

Vice-Chair:

Nomination **Carried** **for John Hilliard to serve another two-year term**

Beulah Price
Kelly Quardokus

Don thanked members for the honor of serving.

V. Financial Report Review: Beth Ridge: No issues at this time. Was pleased to receive full funding on December 26th. She explained that some providers report quarterly which is why some providers have a zero for this report. First quarter reports are due tomorrow. John Hilliard asked what affect the shut-down has had. Beth said we have not been affected; our budget was set in October, and as of December 26, we have all of the money assigned except for NSIP. John H., When are we getting millage funds? Beth: Everything under "Community Living Program" (\$300K from the Kalamazoo County to reduce the wait list) are under Millage now, which will be up to \$2.9million. Other things like the dementia class, started Jan 2. On Beth's end, talking about paying for some of the things with the Millage quarterly. John H.: When do the provider contracts go out? Brien: One year RFPs will go April/May. Contracted will go out end of this month or next month. Kelly Quardokus suggested it would be good if contracts could be 1.5 years for millage. Beth: They cannot be as annual providers are contracted on a mandated fiscal year (Oct. 1-Sept. 30), but the Millage is calendar year. Kimberly Middleton: Can providers apply for both? Beth: Beth pointed out that the quarters are the same. Brien added that the County is developing the RFP for both Contracted and Millage. Tim Charron asked how the decision process will be made. Brien answered that the way it works for Contracted is the RFP is advertised through County Administration, through the Web. Chair Ryan added that the Review Committee consists of people with no conflict of interest with our Agency. Committee reviews and scores. Recommendations are then presented to OASAC at the next meeting. Brien doesn't yet know how (or if) the process will change with the Millage. Beth added that on the document dated 12/5/17, there was a sheet prepared and presented to the Commissioners made up of people who were not expecting to receive millage funding. Samantha added that she and Deb Lenz will be meeting with Jim Rutherford, HCS Health Officer, to get that clarified. Kelly Q: Just concerned about provider's shortfall and timing to send in a proposal for the millage. She wouldn't want a funding source to go by, because they don't know the [the process]. Kim Phillips says community needs education, there may be agencies who don't currently get funds from AAA, but may be able to be eligible for millage: How are we communicating with those vendors? Town hall meetings? Chair Ryan said Jim Rutherford, who was unable to attend today's meeting, has a lot of these answers, and we will make sure to have a substantial amount of time on the agenda for the next meeting.

Motion Carried To Accept November 2018 Financial Report

**Kimberly Middleton
John Hilliard**

VI. Staff Reports: Brien B. reported he is meeting next week meet with Samantha on the Multi-Year Plan (MYP). February 1st is when the online tool is available from the State. MYP is for 3three years. OASAC will receive updates from Brien or Samantha. RFP process will start and you'll get updates on that as well. Don R. added that for RFP selection committees consisted of three OASAC members, and finance.

Don Saldia: Laurie Palanca is retiring next Friday. Know we're losing a great person. We have several positions open now. Hope by next meeting we can announce new employees. Staff Training: PATH master trainer, Kelly Milliman, will also be trained in Chronic Pain and Diabetes Path. Resiliency Training is offered by the County. Next week staff will present to WMU. Lastly, shared letter from individual receiving respite care for spouse.

Samantha: Spent day in Lansing yesterday at AAAAMi. She reviewed the memorandum and report of a conference call held with the new Governor. MSAC delegates: Sara resigned, and we have three slots open and want to recruit. Chair Ryan asked the senior centers to put this in their newsletters. Kim Phillips: Do you have verbiage? Kim will be happy to put on KCASI Web page, as well. Samantha resumed and talked about some other items discussed in Lansing: University of Michigan did an interesting poll "Health Insurance Decision-Making Near Retirement," at HealthyAgingPoll.org. She attended the afternoon AASA meeting. They're going to do a Statewide Needs-Assessment. Huge workgroup. They hope they'll be able to break it down to our region; more to come. Kelly Q. suggested we work together with the State instead of spending our Millage money on what they are already doing. Samantha said in Barry County, they just did their needs assessment, as well as at one of the lake shore AAAs.

VII. Advocacy Report: Don S. reminded us that Older Michiganians Day is May 15, 2019. The Regulatory Reform committee met December 18th but there has not been any movement on elder abuse or auto no-fault legislation. Kelly Q.: Does KCASI have anything in the works regarding Elder Abuse? Chair Ryan said Judy Sivak is their Legislative Chair and would know.

VIII. Other Business: Chair Ryan wanted to alleviate any worry for those of you whose OASAC membership expired December 2018. Don talked to Dina Sutton at the Board office, and they are expecting to do the interviews the end of January or beginning of February. Don said he received the AASA network update newsletter, with the announcement "Carlson tapped to lead AAAlIIA" (Don R. read article). Also, Commission on Aging (Don R. is a member) formed Waitlist Work Group that started

last Friday with a conference call. Cindy Albrecht is now Department____. Lastly, Don said we are tickled to have Samantha with us.

Motion Carried To Adjourn at 4:48 pm

**Kim Phillips
Kimberly Middleton**

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Bonita