



II. **Approval of Minutes:** (taken out of order of agenda)

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Carried</b>	<b>To Approve December 2015 Minutes Kimberly M. Ros R.</b>
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VI. **Advocacy Report:** Judy S. reported on the Governor's budget. Care Act passed; Kelly Q. added that there was a language change in the instructions. Judy referred to the letter from Anne Z. sent to Council members about clients subsisting on Social Security with a spend down and the challenges with regard to the backlog at DHHS. Kelly suggested she talk to Legal Aid of W. MI, or the Center for Civil Justice, Michigan Poverty Law—and to go to “the top.” Kelly offered her help if needed. Judy distributed KCASI March meeting flyer.

VII. **Staff Report:** Judy distributed OASAC 2016 meeting dates. She discussed the staff report of all of our programs and how they are doing. We can make color copies of it for members if you let us know. She talked about Healthy Living Programs; how the programs are offered community-wide and physicians are starting to directly refer; but funding to continue is in jeopardy, as United Way has changed its focus and the MHEF grant ends, both in November. Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition is holding two conferences: Safe, Sound & Secure April 9<sup>th</sup>, and Conference on Elder Abuse, April 25<sup>th</sup> (flyers were distributed). Judy offered complimentary registration to the April 25 Conference. Also, a breakfast is being held before this conference for police chiefs, probate court, prosecutors, ME office, APS, and others, with speaker Paul Greenwood, Sheriff Fuller and Prosecutor Getting. Staff met with Andy Garza, United Senior Resources, and related uneasiness regarding how they vet organizations going into client homes. It was mentioned by Mr. Garza that Senior Services has been recruited for the Social Services category and that they required exclusivity in terms of referrals for Information & Assistance. Judy, Deb Josephson, Jennifer Johnson, Loaves & Fishes Executive Director, Dr. Homnick and Scott Jensen, Health Equity Coordinator, met with staff at Christian Neighbors in Plainwell to determine any unmet needs, especially in the area of food security. Information was exchanged and potential for healthy living programming discussed.

Liz reported on what she has been working on, including Web site updates, and the LGBT Resource Guide. Anne distributed waitlist graph years 2008 to present.

