

**Older Adult Services Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 8, 2019 — 3:30 PM**  
**HCS Dept., 311 E. Alcott St., Kalamazoo, MI**

**Members Present:** Chair Don Ryan, Tim Charron, Kimberly Middleton, Kim Phillips, Beulah Price, Ros Robbert, Dawn Shilts

**Staff Present:** Samantha Carlson, Janice Bonita, Jim Rutherford, Denise Ulrich, Beth Ridge

**AASA Rep.:** Cindy Albrecht

**Guests:** Amanda Willer, Vineyard Assisted Living; Joyce Ryan, Dr. Allan Wilke, MSAC Delegate, Tauhric Brown, Senior Services

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Chair Don Ryan opened the meeting at 3:34 PM with welcome and introductions.

- **Approval of April Minutes –**

**Motion**

**Carried**

**To Approve April 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Tim Charron**

**Ros Robbert**

- **Staff Reports –**

- **Director's Report:**



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Samantha reported. Millage updated presented to Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Rutherford talked about how OASAC is incorporated into the process. He reported they purposely did not do a 3-year contract for Millage; we want to build into the process—needs assessment, strategic process.

Samantha discussed the triennial contracts. Described the Multi-Year Plan (MYP) for FY2022-22. Next Wednesday, we will post the draft of the MYP. Two Public hearings will be held, Portage Senior Center May 30<sup>th</sup> and OASAC meeting June 12<sup>th</sup>. Cindy Albrecht suggested doing Focus Group. Jim said it would be good, but everything has to go to the Board, so from a time standpoint that could be a problem. Cindy added that you wouldn't be bringing the AIP into the focus group, but something like a "dashboard." Samantha resumed. We're looking at how we can add in something like Options Counseling to our services; will bring you more on this next month. Counseling at Home provider retired, and nobody came forward to accept our funding to do counseling. We have staff who are

qualified to offer this. We will look at our staff workflow to see if we can provide that service. Beth is helping us with maximizing dollars we receive. Next month you will have a copy of the MYP and hope we can have a dialog.

Regarding the Acronyms and the Community Outreach/Continuing Education lists distributed last meeting, Don Ryan mentioned if they wanted to add to the abbreviation list, they can give to Janice. Ros Robbert: The Custom Care program self-funded? Sam: Yes – fee for service. Ros: Can we get a report? Sam: yes.

Web site updates mentioned.

Local nursing home closed, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Center for Medicare/Medicare announced closing and the reason. State Ombudsman manager, Sally Pung, praised the work by our LTC Ombudsman staff, Kelly Jonker and Amber Price-Johnson.

- Denise Ulrich, with a follow up to question from last month's meeting. The Vern Robberts Unmet Needs Fund has a \$3,200 balance.

- **Financial Report Review** – Beth Ridge reviewed. No concerns.

**Motion**

**Carried**

**To Approve the Financial Report**

**Kim Phillips**

**Kimberly Middleton**

- **Member Time** – Don Ryan, on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, the Michigan State Commission on Aging will be meeting here at HCS. You're invited to come and observe. Tim Charron asked if they usually travel for their meetings? Don answered, they go to Lansing, and a couple of times a year they do go elsewhere.

Beulah Price reported she went to a breakfast at Senior Services, and thought it was pretty with their new décor. Tauhric Brown added that they remodeling the whole front. Ros Robbert asked if it be ready for the Centenarian Luncheon. Tauhric: Yes, Senior Services' annual meeting is the day before.

Kim Phillips: Portage Senior Center capitol campaign is closing in on a million dollars. Hope they can make an announcement this fall, and break ground in the spring.

Kimberly Middleton: May Professionals Focused on Aging meeting, Samantha is presenting on the Senior Millage. The week of May 19 is National EMS Week, so if you see those workers, then give them a pat on the back.

Ros R. said the Community Outreach and Continuing Education hand-outs received last month were useful because of the division of the two. She'd like to see in the future everyone belonging to an association has the chance to go to a national conference. Samantha: Added that in her previous career, she did a lot of speaking [at conferences], and when you meet people from all over, it enhances what you bring back.

- **Advocacy Report** –

- MSAC Delegate – Dr. Wilke highlighted what took place at April meeting. Next Wednesday is Older Michigianians Day. Kim Phillips added that if you haven't signed up for the KCASI motor coach, you still can; please let her know.
- OASAC Members – If you are coming the KCASI meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in May, Anji Phillips is speaking on Elder Abuse.  
Don Ryan looked up “advocacy.” Doesn't necessarily mean sitting and talking to legislators. Don talked about some examples of what advocacy he has done. He'd like you to get in the habit of reporting on advocacy you do. Kim Phillips: Isn't that what we do? Jim Rutherford said that good, accurate, timely data—that's their role to provide you with.  
Don Ryan: Pat Rancher, Urban Aging Newsletter publishers, has three new leaders. He mentioned the 3 AAA positions/names.  
Samantha reported that Attorney General Nessel appointed Kelly Jonker to the State Elder Abuse Prevention group. Kelly will be bringing us some updates. We'll keep you posted.
- **Citizen Time** – Joyce Ryan reported. 111 people attending thus far—centenarians, companions, and others. Jim Rutherford: How does that compare with previous years? Joyce answered that we had about 120 last year at Beacon Club. This year is at Senior Services. This week, they found out that one of the centenarians attending will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday that day!  
Amanda Willer: Vineyard Assisted Living celebrated its 1 year anniversary. They have one and two-room bedroom suites—they don't split up couples if they want to be together. Yoga will be offered. Doing some Friday meal deliveries; no pressure, just offering to bring a warm meal. Meeting with Kelly Milliman next week about having a Matter of Balance class at Vineyard.  
Tauhric Brown: Senior Services remodeling front of building. Doing strategic planning process; several of you will be invited as stakeholders. Was in New Orleans at Aging in America conference. Takeaway: Collaboration – not you against me. Bottom line is keeping older adults in their homes. Other piece, listening to a lot of non-profits who have been in this for years, saying we can't give away the store...interesting. He is a business guy, that's what he thinks. Next year it will be in Atlanta. Ros Robbert thinks that this is the best argument she's heard for going to conferences. Cindy Albrecht: Were any State representatives there? Tauhric said he noticed a “silver key,” advocate, Carla Fales, and Stacie.  
Cindy Albrecht: In June, AASA will be doing on-site programmatic assessment of AAIIIIA. MYPs will be going to the commission; you're probably scheduled for September.  
**Other Business** – Dawn Shilts asked if the Director's PowerPoint is something you can email to them? Samantha replied: absolutely.

**Motion**

**Carried**

**To Adjourn at 4:40 PM**

**Kimberly Middleton  
Kim Phillips**

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Bonita