

Older Adult Services Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2019 — 3:30 PM
HCS Dept., 311 E. Alcott St., Kalamazoo, MI

Members Present: Chairman Don Ryan, Vice-Chair John Hilliard, Tim Charron, David Eyke, Kimberly Middleton, Kim Phillips, Beulah Price, Kelly Quardokus, Ros Robbert, and Commissioner Mike Quinn

Members Absent: Dawn Shilts

Staff Present: Samantha Carlson, Brien Brockway, Janice Bonita, Jim Rutherford, Denise Ulrich

AASA Rep.: Cindy Albrecht

Guests: Teresa Anderson, Senior Services; Dan Doezema, AASA; Katie Dillon; Danna Downing, South County Community Center; Deb Everett; Kathleen Haye; Dan Pontius, Senior Services; Dawn Robarge, WMU Aging; Joyce Ryan; Venessa Collins-Smith; Jill Svinicki, WMU Aging; Jessica Torrey, WMU Aging; Jerry VanderRoest, Charleston Twp.; Gail VanderWheele, Dr. Allan Wilke, MSAC Delegate

Welcome & Introductions: Chairman Don Ryan called to order at 3:34 PM with welcome and introductions.

Approval of July Minutes:

Chairman Ryan: Quality initiative projects, 3rd sentence, change AAAA to AAA.

Motion **Carried** **To Approve July 2019 Meeting Minutes with change.**

Kimberly Middleton
John Hilliard

One abstention.

Presentation: “Communities For A Lifetime” Chairman introduced Dan Doezema who presented with a PowerPoint presentation. Slide handouts distributed. One-page flyer distributed.

A questions and answer period followed.

Staff Reports:



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Samantha Carlson, Director. Referred to last meeting’s discussion of OASAC Bylaws. There was a recommendation in the fall, and re-visited in February. Apparently, there

was some miscommunication. Edits have now gone to Corporate Counsel, and they will come back to Don Ryan, and go forward from there. Our Web site revision is crawling to the final stages. We submitted final revisions to Web designer. Once those are finished, we will submit to this group for review. Samantha attended and presented at a Comstock Twp. meeting. She thanks Dan Doezema for coming to present CFL. Answers to today's questions will be disseminated to this group. We have two staff members on the Attorney General's Elder Abuse Task Force: Anji Phillips and Kelly Jonker. We will have a new social worker starting on Monday. A new RN started this Monday.

Senior Millage update: Bid technical meeting for providers for Phase II was held today. Those bids are open. We are unable to answer any questions as it is an open bid process; we're complying with the Kalamazoo County process. Phase I is done.

Samantha distributed Community Outreach and Continuing Education quarterly report of our staff activities.

Member Time: John Hilliard: His Neighborhood Association is doing a survey, ingredients of which will fit into CFL.

Kim Phillips: Portage Senior Center received a grant for a pilot program on financial exploitation, and the first workshop is in September; additional will be in October; sponsored by Walmart. Senior Center holds a purse sale in September, you can donate, or attend sale.

Kimberly Middleton: Professionals Focused on Aging update – meets 4th Friday of every month, about 55 people attend, she thanked Dan Pontius for speaking on food security.

Beulah Price: Thanked this group for the card of comfort and support.

Mike Quinn: Thanked Dan Doezema for the presentation. He would be happy to present CFL to the Board of Commissioners for a resolution.

David Eyke: Also thanked Dan Doezema for the presentation. He has had to come to the decision to submit his resignation to OASAC because of his work schedule. He expressed his regard for the group and its work.

Kelly Quardokus: State Bar holding a conference in October, and ombudsman can apply for scholarship. Kelly Jonker and Amber Price-Johnson have applied.

Ros Robbert: has noticed in the community in the last two years, an increase in for ads for home care, and made a list and came to 20. [Has anyone heard] of reports on this? Samantha: Independent living, ADC, private duty, wonderful because some are regulated by the state but some are not. Our Long-Term Care advocates all throughout the state. There is a direct care worker shortage; and hope this will be addressed by legislators. We hope people will call our I&A number to receive resources on multiple organizations that can help them and can help with resources they may not be aware of. We hope they will call to help them make decisions.

Kelly Q.: Also, the term “Assisted Living” is not licensed. You can look up ADC or home for the aged through LARA and you can receive assistance of Ombudsman program. That Web site can tell you different things. Complaints are important to look at. She, too, encourages people to call I&A or Senior Services. You can look at Medicare.gov for listings, rate two or three at a time and compare. <https://www.michigan.gov/lara/> Adult Foster Care search. Dan Doezema added regarding unlicensed facilities, (referred to Act 424, Housing with Services Contract Act [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(o4dbv245bvvh055pdbl245\)\)/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-Act-424-of-2002.pdf](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(o4dbv245bvvh055pdbl245))/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-Act-424-of-2002.pdf).) They’re still required to have a contract.

Chairman Ryan: He is a member of the State Commission on Aging. He talked about with they are working on; and home delivered meals waiting list and the impact, as with a person who may die before getting this service. Kelly Q.: Do we track the reason why, if they come off the wait list? Samantha: Don Saldia and our team track that.

Don Saldia: The wait list has gone down since we got our new staff. We can give a report on the wait list at our next meeting. We have been working with a new resource database, (the State has a free database we will probably be converting to). We can discuss more at the next meeting. Kelly Q: Individuals are calling too late to get on the wait list. Is that something that we need to get out to them earlier? Samantha: We check status, and if they qualify for one of our community partners, we can connect them.

Don Ryan: Distributed the flyer for Senior Expo. Appreciate many sponsors listed on the flyer who have helped make this event possible. Don thanked Janice, and Janice gave an update on Senior Expo. Samantha added: This year we have two free workshops, Medicare/Medicaid Updates, and Advance Care Planning. Brien Brockway worked with VCAT to get on-site enrollment for VA healthcare benefits. Kimberly Middleton asked if we have more Bronze Sponsors this year. Samantha said we can give a report next time. Brien related what documents Veterans need to bring with them to the expo to enroll in healthcare benefits. If they don’t have their discharge papers, VA representatives will be able to look up and print out discharge papers.

Citizens Time: None

Financial Report: Denise Ulrich reported. Summaries of program activity and Senior Millage activity were distributed. Regarding Senior Millage, Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are being processed and being approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Advocacy Report: Allan Wilke, MD, MSAC Delegate: submitted his report to AAA. MSAC hasn’t met since May. Legislators are on recess. Leaders of House, Senate Governor sometimes call sessions to vote on legislation.



Citizen Time: Danna Downing thanked the County in general for supporting South County Veterans, and the work it does with volunteer Navigator Program at the farmers market. Our traffic is increasing.

Dan Pontius: Senior Project Fresh wrapped up. Once a year Senior Services distributed coupons recipients can use in exchange for fresh fruits and vegetables at farmer's markets. Distributed about 400 coupons at Senior Services, Portage, and South County. Have some leftover. Have interested people contact them at Senior Services to get those coupons.

Other Business: None

Motion

Carried

To Adjourn at 4:45 PM

Kim Phillips

Kimberly Middleton

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Bonita