

**Older Adult Services Advisory Council
MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2016 – 4:00 PM
HCS – Conf. Rm. F**

Members Present: Don Ryan, Tom Danielson, Kathy Grueter, John Hilliard, Deb Josephson, Kimberly Middleton, Ros Robbert, Beulah Price, Kelly Quardokus and Commissioner Larry Provancher

Members Absent: Clinton Lewis, Beverly Solik

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

AASA Rep.: Cindy Albrecht

Guests: Rep. Jon Hoadley, William O'Brien, Joyce Ryan, Andrew Sivak, Rose Greenberg, Jill Svinicki, Sara Wick, MSAC Delegate

I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Don Ryan opened meeting with welcome and introductions.

II. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion	Carried	To approved the June 2016 Minutes
		Tom D.
		Deb J.

III. **Citizen Time:** William O'Brien read his letter regarding the Creating Confident Caregivers class, essentially saying that it's a "lifesaver" for anyone caring for someone with Alzheimer's and should be more widely available. Judy reminded everyone that Patti Stratton, Master Trainer, teaches the class, and explained about the funding and the number of classes will go down from 3 to 2 next year. Discussion ensued about the cost to run a course, which was provided as approximately \$600. Kimberly M. suggested looking for an underwriter. Mr. O'Brien challenged those present to come up with the \$600 and made the first donation. Judy thanked Mr. O'Brien for coming.

Representative Jon Hoadley recognized AAALIA for the award they received for its LGBT work. Award presented by Rep. Hoadley, and signed by Governor Snyder, Sen. O'Brien, Rep. Iden, and Rep. Maturen, Rep. Nesbitt.

IV. **Member Time:** Beulah P. is still trying to find vets over 100 years old for Celebrate Elderhood. Any help you can give her, please do. Judy said she's going to be on the Lori Moore show, and will ask.

- V. **FY 2018 Funding Recommendations**: Judy reviewed memo she distributed to Advisory Council members. Providers must comply with the recommendations as of August 29th. OASAC approves these recommendations, then they go to the board for approval. There were a few questions by Advisory Council which were answered to the members' satisfaction

Motion **Carried** **To approve the recommendations as written in the memo.**

Kelly Q.
Kimberly M.

- VI. **Financial Report Review**: Beth reported. Everything on track.

Motion **Carried** **To approve the Financial Report for June**

John H.
Tom D.

- VII. **Advocacy Report**: Judy reported on advocacy efforts. For the KCASI meeting in August, Rep. Hoadley presented on the hospital nurse patient safety bill and government transparency. Judy distributed Spark—both July and August issues. Metro Transit free rides buttons and information was distributed for Sundays and late nights. Brochure about Metro County Connect was circulated. KCASI is hosting two forums, Contested County Commissioners races, Sept. 19th and Oct. 17th for Clerk, Prosecutor, Sherriff, Treasurer. KCASI partnering with the League of Women Voters on a forum for State House races at Portage Senior Center, September 26, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Sara W. added that Rep. Hoadley talked about the FOIA bill at KCASI on Monday and he's doing coffees and setting up a series of senior meetings. Rep. Iden will have a coffee on Friday.

- VIII. **Staff Report**: Judy reported that OLLI course booklets for Fall 2016 are out; pointed out two classes: Care Talk, presented by Kelly Q.; and Reinventing Caregiving with Anne Z. and Patti Stratton. Anne and Kelly Jonker presented a class not long ago, and they've been asked to do it again in the Spring, but, three days instead of two. Judy presents at OLLI on Friday on Celebrate Elderhood. Judy attended ISAAC annual meeting in June, Rev. Felton spoke. Judy discussed the Multi-Year Plan at the City of Galesburg Council meeting. Cindy A. did the State's Assessment of AAAllIA--did not have any recommendations or problems. Judy working on Elder Abuse Coalition Grant due Sept 6th to fund a coordinator to have an overall multidisciplinary team, with three specialty teams—elder death review, financial exploitation, & hoarding. Great, detailed article about our Healthy Living Programs was printed in the South County paper; and helps with our recruitment for those programs. Senior & Caregiver Expo brochure handed out. Judy briefly reviewed this is to hand out to folks that aren't exhibitors. Kelly Q: what about a teaser about [Healthy Living Programs] classes. Judy: That's part of what we do at the Expo. Expo Celebrity Greeters sheet was passed around for members to sign

up to contact potential greeters. Janice to forward to members electronically, with updates. Janice circulated the volunteer sign-up sheet for the Expo Information Desk. Judy will be on the Lori Moore show talking about the Expo. We will have a Scavenger Hunt and need door prizes—gift card? Shredder? Tom volunteered to buy a couple shredders. (\$50 denomination gift cards if anyone wants to donate.) Spark will have Expo section in the September issue.

Anne reported that CFI is doing ok. Hired a new nurse and she is acclimating very well. Word has gotten out about Anne's role with the Hoarding Task Force; and, we are being approached by other organizations to help with this issue. We need someone else to dedicate time to this initiative. We will be presenting at the Michigan Public Health Conference. Anne said the "How to access VA medical center benefits" Lunch N Learn presented here on August 2nd was well attended. Have completed assessments for Purchase of Service providers for this year. Contracts have gone out for next cycle to get to board, to commence October 1. Judy added that WMed wants us to do a session on "Elder Abuse" for all of the students. Also, they want us to present for all of the 3rd year students for up to 4 hours, on the topic of "Aging."

- IX. **Other Business:** Don expressed his disappointment in the reply he received from the letter he and Kelly Q. collaborated on regarding AAAlIA's funds.

Judy handed out flyer for Celebrate Elderhood (CE) Generation Celebration event September 11th that starts at the Portage Senior Center. Kimberly Middleton and Kimberly Phillips are spearheading this event. Kimberly distributed more information. There are CE Articles in Spark; and in Senior Times. We got our first donation in the amount of \$500. Kelly, any way to get the museum involved in CE? Judy replied that it's on our list. Anne reiterated Beulah's appeal that we're looking for centenarians. Joyce R. and Patti S. will be meeting with the school superintendents regarding the essay contest. Don's been doing a lot of work with the grant writing. We'll be calling on you more. Brien Brockway is working on adding a CE tab to our kalcounty.com/AAA Web site soon. Look for that soon.

Motion

Carried

To adjourn at 5:45 PM

**Tom
Ros**

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Bonita