

**Older Adult Services Advisory Council  
PUBLIC HEARING  
AND  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 13, 2015 – 3:30 PM  
HCS Dept. – Conference Room F**

**Members Present:** Chair Don Ryan, Al Heilman, Ros Robbert, Beulah Price, Kimberly Middleton, Beverly Solik, Deb Josephson

**Members Absent:** Tom Danielson, Kathy Grueter, Clinton Lewis

**Staff:** Judy Sivak, Anne Zemlick, Liz Brass, Beth Ridge, Janice Bonita, HCS Director Dr. Gillian Stoltman

**Guests:** Dave Carroll, Vicki Martin, Senior Services SW MI; Commissioner Larry Provancher, Joe Schmitt, MSAC Delegate

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Don Ryan opened the meeting with welcome and introductions. Judy S. said Steve Betterly, State Field Representative, couldn't be in attendance.

**Public Hearing—FY2016 Annual Implementation Plan:**

Chair Ryan called the public hearing to order. Judy S. gave a briefing on the draft Plan. Explained it's the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of 3-year plan. Correction p.1, "...Board of Commissioners approves the plan at their June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting..." at which Judy is on the agenda. We no longer have to make copies of the entire Plan and mail to municipalities; we will send a letter, return receipt requested, that the Plan is on our Web site. We are still making ourselves available if they want us to come make a presentation.

On p. 15, we were directed by the State that we had to make part of public hearing that Creating Confident Caregivers (CCC) would be directly provided by AAAIII, however, we've already been providing this under Disease Prevention Health Promotion and it was previously approved in our FY15 Plan.

For Evidence Based programs—we have a combined budget for Matter of Balance, Personal Action Toward Health (PATH) and CCC, and it's very difficult to determine how to split it out. Appendix D Cash in lieu of Commodity, Adult Day Care providers can access these funds when they provide meals they can get reimbursement of about \$.70 each. Request to transfer funds—takes money from one and moves to the other for transportation, \$14,000.

There being no comments, the public hearing was adjourned at 4:11 PM.

II. **Approval of March 2015 Minutes**

**Motion**                      **Carried**                      **To approve March 2015 Minutes**

**Al Heilman**  
**Kimberly Middleton**

III. **Citizen Time**: None

- IV. **Member Time**: Al H. thanks everyone for patience in waiting for him to come back from Florida. Don R: State Vets Advisory Committee update. At the last meeting, focus was on direct care workers. Don distributed hand-out.  
Kelly Q: On this project, are they looking for agencies that hire and provide care so there are standards, like background checks? Don: This is what we're hoping.

Comment from Don that Kelly Q. is joining the board of Lending Hands.

Al H. thanks the AAA staff, saying, "this is an enormous amount of work you do for the community."

- V. **Financial Report Review**: Beth R. reviewed. Healthy Living Program is left out of this report. Advocacy Services for Children are no longer providing Caregiver Education, Support, and Training (CEST) service, that's why that budget amount is what it is. Counseling at Home is at zero because they're just getting started providing CEST.

Ros R. asked about Custom Care and how it's going. We will have a report at the next meeting.

Kelly Q. Are you continuing with the Veterans' program? Anne responded that we don't expect the program to go away—currently serving 3 clients. It's just that the VA needs to find money in their own budget to expand the program.

**Advocacy Report**: Judy asked members to be sure to sign up to go to Older Michiganians Day (OMD), June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Capitol. The Platform of issues to follow was distributed.

Kelly Q said in regard to advocating the passage of the (Caregiver Advise, Record, Enable) CARE Act that MI might not want to have this mandated in writing—maybe we shouldn't have a legally-binding instrument—it has issues. Anne thinks it's to prevent discharged patients from being re-hospitalized. [CARE Act requires hospitals to allow patients to designate a family caregiver and provide him or her with adequate care instructions at hospital discharge.]

Judy resumed mentioning the defeat of Proposition 1 [Sales Tax Increase for Transportation Amendment]. Some legislators think there is money in the budget to

pay for this (\$billions), but, whenever they take funds out of the budget means other services get reduced. Also, No Fault Insurance is stalled.

Judy distributed KCASI flyers for meeting Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> on Kalamazoo Transportation Millage at which County Commissioners are invited.

Kelly mentioned that Anne did an excellent job moderating the last KCASI panel discussion on Hospitalization: Inpatient vs. Observation.

Safe, Sound & Secure Conference, June 16<sup>th</sup>, flyer was distributed.

Joe S. added that the last time they were at Lansing for Michigan Senior Advocates Coalition, it was “open carry” day...people brought firearms to the Capitol.

VI. **Staff Report:** Judy distributed Spark magazine and reviewed AAA dashboard reports.

Liz B., Marilyn Reed, Kelly Jonker and Judy attended the American Society on Aging Conference in Chicago.

Anne is on the Hoarding Task Force— they just had their 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Kathy Smyser from Housing Resources pulled together people from different fields for this task force. Kimberly will join group next time. Represented is, among other, HCS—Environmental Health, and Jan Livesay, from Unfinished Business, an organizing service.

Anne reports that we’re hosting, along with Veterans Community Partnership and ADRC, a free LGBT training event on July 16<sup>th</sup>; 8:30 AM to 12 Noon at KVCC-Groves, I-94 and 8<sup>th</sup> St. Also, we’re Scyping into C-box clinics outside of VA Medical Center. Dr. Matthew Johnson and Jay Maddock are speaking.

Kelly Q. asked if we have had anyone automatically enrolled on MiHealthLink? Anne responded that it is not as bad as we feared it would be, however, there were several clients auto enrolled which creates problems. Anne had a conversation with a rep. from Aetna in which she explained we don’t know if our clients have been enrolled or not. The rep. shared that she’s just as frustrated.

Judy thanked Kelly Q. for speaking to our staff on the need for caregiver plans.

Judy pointed out the CFI Wait List graphs on the April dashboard and the downward trend lately in the number of individuals waiting for services.

Anne shared that nationally they’re looking at various veterans community partnerships, ours included, and that on Monday she sat in on the live focus group, and it was interesting to hear what’s happening in other parts of the country. Anne thinks we are offering a great opportunity with our VCP presentations.

As mentioned on the March dashboard, staff attended the ASA Conference in Chicago. Judy attended a lot of workshops, and has been sharing the information gained. She feels it's her responsibility to take good notes and get information out to the community. She reviewed the workshops attended and showed some pictures.

VII. **Other Business:**

**Motion**            **Carried**            **To approve the draft FY 2016 Annual  
Implementation Plan with corrections, as noted**

**Al H.  
Beverly S.**

Judy did a survey of members on changing the OASAC meeting time, and everyone but one said starting at 4:00 PM would be better than 3:30 PM.

**Motion**            **Carried**            **To change the start time of future Advisory  
Council Meetings to begin at 4:00 PM**

**Al H.  
Beverly S.**

**Motion**            **Carried**            **To adjourn at 5:18 PM**

**Al H.  
Deb J.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Bonita