

**Older Adult Services Advisory Council**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 8, 2017 – 4:00 PM**  
**HCS Conference Room B**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Don Ryan, Mike Quinn, Kimberly Middleton, Ros Robbert, Beulah Price, John Gisler, Tim Charron, John Hilliard, Samantha Carlson, David Eyke

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Kelly Quardokus

**AASA REP.:** Cindy Albrecht

**STAFF PRESENT:** Anne Zemlick, Brien Brockway, Beth Ridge, Janice Bonita; Jim Rutherford and Charlotte Smith, HCS; Lisa Henthorn, Kalamazoo County Administration

**GUESTS:** Tauhric Brown, Senior Services; Sara Wick, MSAC; Joyce Ryan

- I. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Chair Don Ryan opened the meeting at 4:03 PM with welcome and introductions. Anne Z. thanked the veterans in attendance for their service. Don said the President declared the month of November in honor of veterans.

II. **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES**

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Carried</b>	<b>To Approve September Minutes</b>
	<b>Ros Robbert</b> <b>Tim Charron</b>	

- III. **CITIZEN TIME:** Tauhric Brown announced Senior Services received 2-year accreditation from the National Committee for Quality Assurance, for quality service and MiChoice Waiver. The Meals on Wheels wait list is small—about 30 people; managing it by functional need. People staying on 6–8 days, making sure they’re assessed to make sure they’re qualified. Senior Services embarking on lean systems thinking, therefore, accounting is losing three people. He and Sherri Johns will keep things moving during the change.
- IV. **MEMBER TIME:** Charlotte Smith, HCS Deputy Director, will be leaving November 20<sup>th</sup>. Don expressed our appreciation for all she has done. She is going to work at LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation). Deb Josephson has decided to resign from OASAC. Kimberly Middleton and Beulah Price will be reapplying for another term. Don said on he received an email that MDHHS/AASA received a grant for AAIIIA. Anne confirmed that with this Prevent Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Exploitation, Neglect Today (PREVNT) grant we will continue our multidisciplinary teams—including the Hoarding Task Force. Don said it is Family Caregiver Month. The

State Advisory Council on Aging, on which Don serves, chose its assignment this year: "Volunteerism." Don distributed hand-out.

- V. **FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW**: Beth Ridge reviewed. Close to the money. Regarding PREVNT, we knew that would be an issue since the grant started on January 9<sup>th</sup>, and we could not hire anyone until everything was signed. She said we did well with 76.5%. Regarding the Summary report for CFI, expenses are correct on that page, not on the budget page.

**Motion**                      **Carried**                      **To Approve Financial Report**

**John Hilliard**  
**Tim Charron**

- VI. **ADVOCACY REPORT**: Sara Wick gave her report on MSAC meetings. Next meeting December 6<sup>th</sup>. Legislators will take a couple weeks' break for Deer Hunting in November; coming back for a couple of weeks in December, Jon Hoadley having coffee at Brite Eyes this Friday afternoon. Anne distributed AAAAMi advocacy report on elder abuse legislation. And, health policy meeting, changes to Medicaid AAAAMi report. SHIP, known as MMAP here, Lisa Fuller, MMAP Coordinator, and volunteer counselors at MMAP, are busy counseling at this Open Enrollment time. Nod to Tim C., who is a MMAP volunteer. Tim said he was at MMAP yesterday, and it was busy; they do what they can. Anne distributed the KCASI flyer. Don Ryan and she will be presenting November 20<sup>th</sup> on the Kalamazoo Senior Millage.
- VII. **STAFF REPORT**: Brien Brockway reported. Distributed 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report, and "dashboard." WMU, which runs the Adult Day Care program, recently bought a building that will be remodeled that they are excited to move into. Brien pointed out that even though there is a discrepancy in the waiting list for HDM, this is from the end of September. Brien attended AAAM conference in Lansing. Our assessment by state was approved; no major findings. Senior Expo was earlier last month (not technically in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter but in this report). Forty out of 118 exhibitors responded to our survey, which Brien reviewed. Anne said it was a great event. Richard Jordan won best senior artist. Don Ryan entered a piece and someone bought it a week after the expo show. Public Media Network has an interview of Don and Anne on the Web. We had our post-Expo meeting with Borgess, Bronson, Spark magazine, and the Expo Center, and Steve Ellis from Spark had good ideas for next year's Expo theme. John H. asked what kind of feedback we get from Steve; and, maybe he could put some kind of questionnaire in Spark. Anne: He did say it's the best expo he goes to, consistently. Don R. added Janice is a gem; look at the [job she does] on The Advisor newsletter.

Brien added that one thing he'd like to do is more outreach, subsequent to talking to people at the Expo and many having misconception about what we do. We cannot advertise like a regular business, but would like to hear from you on what has worked and what hasn't in reaching seniors. His card and brochures are on the table. Email best to contact him. Anne: Last year we did the Women's Expo, so participating in those things too are going to be crucial in reaching the [Baby Boomer] population. John H: Janice has the Expo exceptionally well organized; and, he notices a lot of new retirees, and thinks what Brien is doing is really good.

Anne: We will be putting together holiday baskets for clients, and in the past you've been very generous. Anne distributed list of items for members to take if they'd like to donate.

Anne provided the CFI staff report. We are still down a couple of social workers and a nurse. Nurses are hard to come by, so if you know of anyone, send them our way. Kim Phillips, Director of Portage Senior Center, made the Today Show Web Site for their speed dating for seniors. Mark your calendars for Older Michigianians Day, May 16, 2018. We're looking to arrange another Celebrate Elderhood Centenarian Luncheon, and plan to bring the committee back together in January. Don: Dr. Chaffee let us use their membership at the Kalamazoo Country Club in 2017, and they are very willing to do that again.

#### **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- **MILLAGE DISCUSSION:** Anne and Don presented to the Portage Senior Center, Professionals Focused on Aging, and the Vicksburg Rotary. She and Don will give a presentation, "Aging with Dignity in Kalamazoo County—through a millage," at the KCASI meeting. Don distributed a hand-out, "Why Kalamazoo County Needs a Senior Millage," that he had also distributed about 500 copies of at the Senior Expo.

Senior Millage Planning Committee September 26<sup>th</sup> minutes distributed. Don wanted to make sure all the senior centers are at the table, except Comstock, that has their own millage. Put together \$2,967,101 draft budget (Millage draft budget distributed). The group recommended sliding fee scale for clients—people can cost-share [mitigates possibility of clients saying] "why should I shovel snow when the millage can pay for it." Tim C.: Does that mean [Kalamazoo County will] subtract their funding? Beth R. indicated that is the top line of the draft budget, Community Living Program. That is all that would be incorporated into the millage. John H. added that you (Don and the millage group) should be commended for what you have been doing—without your leadership we would not be where we are now. Jim R. said he

appreciates the draft budget, regarding unmet needs, he appreciates us being involved in your meetings.

Tim asked what the next step will be. Don: We're hoping to present at the December 5<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners Meeting. Tracie Moored, County Administrator, recommended we work toward May, but you never know, KRESA could come in with a millage and we'd have to move to August. If and when the commissioners agree to put the senior millage on the ballot, that's when Don will come back to this body about the money we will need. Also, we need more individuals than Anne and Don presenting in the community.

- Charlotte said that she has enjoyed coming to these meetings and will miss you.
- Lisa Henthorn said to keep up the good work.
- Anne announced that the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will start at 3:00 because it's the annual meeting when all of the AAA staff are invited to tell what they're doing.
- David Eyke wanted to add that he missed the last two MSAC meetings, and would be happy to remain a delegate, but can't go to the meetings as he would like. Sara (other MSAC delegate) is fantastic. So, if you want to replace him [with someone who can attend the meetings, he is willing to give up his position.]
- Cindy A. wants to recognize Beth for her thoroughness and attention to detail. Cindy also appreciates the AAA staff; she will send an email and will get a response right away. Also, Senior Services' Traci Wheeler (RSVP program) is great—she's her go-to person to test the software that the State requires them to use.

**Motion**

**Carried**

**To adjourn at 5:00 PM**

**Kimberly Middleton**

**Samantha Carlson**

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Bonita