

Older Adult Services Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
4:00 PM – Conference Room B
Kalamazoo County Health & Community Service Dept.
3299 Gull Road, Kalamazoo

Members Present: Chair Don Ryan, Samantha Carlson, David Eyke, John Hilliard, Deb Josephson, Kimberly Middleton, Beulah Price, Kelly Quardokus, Ros Robbert, and Commissioners Mike Quinn and John Gisler

Members Absent: Clinton Lewis

Staff: Judy Sivak, Anne Zemlick, Brien Brockway, Anji Phillips, Beth Ridge, Judy Hayes

AASA Rep: Cindy Albrecht

Guests: Joyce Ryan, Sara Wick, MSAC Delegate, Kathryn Hanfland, Aetna

- I. Welcome & Introductions: Anji Phillips(New Investigative Teams Coordinator) brought the members up to date on what she has been doing for the last three weeks since joining the AAA3A.
- II. Approval of February 2017 Minutes

Motion	Carried	To Approve the January 2017 Minutes
		Ros Robbert
		John Hilliard
- III. Citizen Time: None
- IV. Member Time: Samantha C. thanked Anne Zemlick, she did a wonderful job in the presentation at West Michigan Cancer Center. David had his first visit as MSAC Delegate. Don states Civil Service Day was in January 16, received a thank you note from Senator Margaret O'Brien.
- V. Financial Report: Beth R. reviewed finances, states we are on track and most services are on target. Judy S. noted that due to revised budget projections there will be staff reductions in the Healthy Living programs, with Norma Bour reduced from 32 hrs. (considered full time) to 24 hrs./week (part-time, no benefits) starting April 1. The state AAA association is working to secure contracts with insurance companies to provide Medicare/Medicaid healthy

living programs, but in order to participate we need a Medicare number. We tried to get a number last year, but administration and county commission leadership refused to sign as their social security numbers were required. We are the only one in the state in this predicament and we are trying to work with another Area Agency on Aging to provide the services until such time that this issue can be re-visited with the current leadership. Deb. J. asked if the county commissioners present could do something about this.

Motion Carried To Approve the January Financial Report

Mike Quinn
Deb Josephson

- VI. Advocacy Report: Judy distributed the KCASI approved issues to follow for 2017 and an analysis by AARP regarding the repeal and replacement of Obamacare. At the March 20 meeting Kim Phillips, Portage Senior Center Manager, will talk about the new Aging Mastery program, which Joyce Ryan helps to coordinate. Rep. Brandt Iden is the invited legislator for the meeting. Sara Wick said that KCASI will be thanking Governor Snyder for proposed increased funding for in-home services and meals on wheels and invited council members to scheduled coffees with legislators. David: Stated he had a good experience as a new MSAC delegate. Sara is a fantastic advocate and everyone knows her. David reported that there was a bill introduced (SB208) to have older (>75yo) people exempted from having to pay parking meters.
- VII. Staff Report: Anne Z. states that the CLP program is actively opening up cases. Have been challenges with Pace program's communication when clients are discharged, but hopes these issues will be rectified. Eastside Neighborhood Association held an event at St Mary's; no participants showed, but Anne was able to network with vendors. CFI staff did reach out to clients today due to the storm and to make sure they had electricity and if not, enough tanks on hand to make it through the power outage. John H. wanted to know if the medical supply companies call the clients when issues like no power occurs, but Anne is not sure if they do that or not. Anne stated that the AAA could benefit with a meeting with the medical supply companies to see if they have an emergency plan in their procedures. Creating Confident Caregivers classes will start in April. If you have a referral please have them contact Patti Stratton at 373-5141. The CFI waiting list total is 130. Senior Services Meals on Wheels program, waiting list is in 200's.

Brien reported on the regular meeting with Friends of Transit. The group has revised their mission statement to include a wider range of goals as they shift focus to a more regional transportation system. Nine new bus stop shelters with solar panels have been ordered by Metro. Metro also is going to place

signs showing the transportation system routes in the shelters. Brien also reported on the Hunger Free Coalition meeting. The Double Up Food Bucks Program was discussed, as the coalition works to expand this program to the People's Co-op and Park Street Market. The Double Up Food Bucks program is for individuals on food assistance. If they purchase up to \$20 or Michigan grown produce, at a participating location, they are eligible to receive up to \$20 of additional produce free of charge. (the second \$20 of produce does not have to be Michigan grown.) The Coalition also discussed partnering with local healthcare providers to increase their knowledge of nutrition in the hope that they can then pass this on to their patients. This idea is in the development stages.

Brien attended a conference on Life-Long & Livable Intergenerational Communities. There was a lot of information on intergenerational living, however it was focused on Grand Rapids. In Kalamazoo County, staff has discussed the potential for Portage and Vicksburg to work toward a Communities for a Lifetime designation, but no plans to do that yet. The City of Kalamazoo has a master plan initiative, "Imagine Kalamazoo 2025," in which we are working to bring awareness to senior needs. The 2016 Annual Report will be coming out shortly. There was a follow-up with South County after their 1st quarter report which showed no units of service. They have submitted a plan of action and a meeting is scheduled with them so they can continue with their grant. At the end of the month Brien will start assessing the annual contract providers and will give updates as they are completed. We have asked to be on the June 6th Committee of the Whole agenda to present the FY 2018 Annual Implementation Plan.

Judy reported that Michael Evans is coming in April to give a presentation on the Kalamazoo Literacy Council at the OASAC meeting. Anne and Judy attended a lecture at WMU having to do with ageism and diversity and Anne also attended the full day conference. An excellent video that was shown about millennials views of older people is linked to our Facebook page.

Anne has been invited by Western Michigan University to travel to Ireland with Maureen Mickus and students, all expenses paid to see some of the innovative activities and facilities they are known for. This is a wonderful opportunity for Anne which will give her the ability to bring back new ideas for our community. She will be meeting with their community nurses as well.

We shared a table at the Women's Expo with HCS programs and it was a well-attended event. June 15th is the date for the next Safe, Sound and Secure Conference, to be held at the First Assembly Church on Oakland Drive, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Sheriff Fuller will start the morning off followed by two presentations on scams and financial exploitation. There will also be a panel

of experts. We do not have the information out for this event as of yet.

VIII. Other Business:

- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair: Don states it is time for the election of Chair and Vice Chair. Keep the same or elect new? Beulah nominates Don Ryan and John Hilliard, the current chair and vice-chair. Kelly thinks we should keep the same.

Approved

Chair and Vice Chair

Deb Josephson

Kelly Quardokus

- Celebrate Elderhood Update: About a dozen Centenarian's have been interviewed. We are discussing ideas about the decorations and the quotes from the Centenarians and how we will incorporate them in at the Centenarian luncheon. Rep. Hoadley has developed a tribute that each centenarian will receive, signed by our legislators and the Governor. Confirmed legislators include Sen. Margaret O'Brien, Rep. Jon Hoadley and Rep. Beth Griffin. OASAC members should get in their reservation.

Joyce Ryan said that we have received several essays from the 5th graders and expect more. We are hoping for more nominations from agencies, senior housing, and faith communities. Forms are on the website. Donations are still needed. Two Scholarship applications have been received. There is a book discussion tomorrow (March 9) here at 4:00 pm at HCS on the aging chapter of Writings on the Wall, facilitated by Judy S. and Joyce Stout from KCASI. Dr. Denise Washington was unable to attend.

- Article Reviews from *Generations* on Aging Policy

David E. reviewed the article on "The American Long Term Care Insurance Program: A Solution to Reduce Cost and Provide Stability" and Ros R.

reviewed the article on "Bringing the Pieces Together: Person-Centeredness Is Key to Transforming Public Policy and Services."

Motion

Carried

To Adjourn at 5:40 PM

Deb Josephson

Samantha Carlson

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Hayes