

**Older Adult Services Advisory Council
MEETING MINUTES
HCS Conference Room B
June 14, 2017 – 4:00 PM**

Members Present: Chairman Don Ryan, Samantha Carlson, Tim Charron, David Eyke, John Hilliard, Deb Josephson, Kimberly Middleton, Beulah Price, Kelly Quardokus, Ros Robbert, and Commissioner John Gisler for Commissioner Quinn

Staff Present: Charlotte Smith, HCS Deputy Director, Anne Zemlick, Brien Brockway, Beth Ridge, Janice Bonita

ASSA Rep: Cindy Albrecht

Guests: Tauhric Brown, Kathryn Hanfland, Amanda Lemmer, Sara Wick, MSAC Delegate

- I. **Welcome & Introductions:** Chair Ryan opened the meeting at 4:01 with welcome and introductions.
- II. **Approval of May Minutes:** David Eyke was omitted from the “members present” line.

Motion Carried To Accept the May 2017 Minutes, with noted omission

**David Eyke
John Hilliard**

Charlotte Smith announced that Judy Sivak, AAIIIA Director, is retired as of today.

- III. **Citizens Time:** Amanda Lemmer, Community Liaison, Pinnacle Senior Care, skilled home health in Kalamazoo, under USMM. Ros: asked for description of their care provision. Amanda explained Pinnacle’s services.
- IV. **Member Time:** John H. announced that as of Monday, June 19th, Lucinda Stinson will take over as Executive Director for John at Lending Hands.
- V. **Financial Report Review:** Beth Ridge, referred members to report previously provided and asked if there were any questions?

Motion Carried To Accept the April 2017 Financial Report

**John Hilliard
David Eyke**

VI. Advocacy Report: Anne Z. announced that KCASI on Monday, June 19th, is on Redistricting and distributed flyers. Sara Wick, MSAC Delegate, read her report (attached).

Sara led discussion of Older Michiganians Day that was held May 17th. A few OASAC members attended and commented.

VII. Staff Reports: Don R. announced that Judy Sivak has been chosen to receive a Joe D. Sutton Call to Justice Award on Wednesday, August 9th at Founders Brewing Company in Grand Rapids. It is a ticketed event, and proceeds go to Elder Law of Michigan.

Anne Z. reported that Judy S. and she met with Mary Gustus, Director of Comstock Community Center, and they are in the process of building an adult day program, which is needed in that part of the County. Judy S. and Anji Phillips, met with ASSA on the PREVNT Grant, and they were encouraged to apply for more grant money.

Norma Bour, PATH Master Trainer, resigned her position as of June 2nd. Marilyn Reed will help coordinate the PATH classes. Hilary Kerr, of Bronson, in new position educating She will be coming Professionals Focused on Aging.

Anne distributed *Senior Times*, with Safe Sound and Secure Conference article.

Janice Bonita talked about the Senior Expo and Art of Aging theme.

Brien Brockway reported that on the Units, Clients, Demographics Report at our last meeting, one of our providers, Ecumenical Senior Center "clients" data was low. They corrected that error, and they now have 209 clients.

On June 21st at 10 AM, Aging & Adult Services Agency (AASA) will perform an on-site assessment of our agency.

A shortened, 8-minute Centenarian Luncheon video is now on Facebook.

Samantha C. and Kelly Q. asked if someone could bring [us] up to date on Judy Sivak's [status]. Charlotte: She retired, today.

Samantha asked if this is related to the staff hours decrease coming that was discussed at our last meeting; and, if [Judy's departure] is going to [adversely] affect our clients. Charlotte said that we don't have all the information yet; additional money could be available [to avoid those cuts]. Anne: You asked how this is going to affect the clients we serve; I don't expect they will feel this.

Kelly Q. asked about Anji Phillips' position and with the Safe, Sound & Secure Conference coming up. Anne replied that there's no effect on her position; and

Anne will be at the Conference tomorrow to field any questions about Judy's retirement.

Kelly Q. asked if anyone from OASAC going to the Board of Commissioners' meeting June 20th? Don said he would be there.

Anne continued. Our Agency's Annual Implementation Plan for FY18, will go before the board on the 20th for approval.

Choices for Independence Program served 244 clients; wait list is currently: 134.

Samantha mentioned she attended a national conference in Denver, during which she attended a "hoarding" session, and she announced that Kalamazoo has a Hoarding Task Force, and not areas many do.

VIII. Other Business:

- Celebrate Elderhood (CE) May 18th event:

Anne distributed the program for those who didn't attend and wanted it. She reported that it was a great success. There was a surprise for our Judy Sivak: Don Ryan made arrangements for Judy to receive a tribute from all of the legislators.

Anne added that the CE steering committee had a follow-up meeting, and our goal is to continue and advocate for this initiative. If OASAC meeting attendees have any ideas, we would like you to communicate them to us.

Don added that Richard Kline, Exec Dir of AASA was there as a presenter and shared with him that he thought every AAA in the state should do this for their area. Cindy A. added that he was very impressed.

Joyce Ryan added that she was impressed with the poise of all of the 5th grade writing contest winners who read their winning essays at the event.

Anne also reported that Senior Olympians and WWII veterans were recognized and that the Olympians said they had not received any other recognition in this County. Anne added that it was a real privilege to do this.

John H. added that he was seated next to a WWII vet who was overcome—he had never received any recognition before.

Don reported that June 15th is the next State Advisory Council on Aging meeting in Lansing when their 63-page report will be approved; he will bring it next time. Coincidentally, the next theme will be Creative Aging and the Arts [Senior Expo 2017 chose Art of Aging as its theme.]

Kelly A. urged everyone to go to the June Commissioners Meeting and express your support of the senior millage. Don passed out a copy of the letter from South County Community Center. Deb asked Don if he ever got a response back from the letter he sent; to which Don replied, "No." Don had a conversation with Commissioner Mike Quinn, and some of the Commissioners want to go for a millage. However, some want it to be all inclusive [ages]; and, we want to prevent that. Don encouraged everyone to attend the meeting, and advised them that they had 4 minutes each to speak. It's held at 7 PM at the Administration Building at Kalamazoo Ave. and Rose, 2nd floor. Kelly clarified that we get 4 minutes, as a citizen, and that we bring facts, such as Kalamazoo is only one of 10 counties who don't have a millage. Don understands that by the first of August, we need to have the "okay" to be placed on the November 2017 ballot.

- Don thanked Charlotte Smith for attending. Don hopes all of you [members] will stay on the Advisory Council.

Motion Carried To adjourn at 4:57 PM

**John H.
Kimberly M.**

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Bonita