

**Older Adult Services Advisory Council  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 12, 2015 – 4:00 PM  
HCS Dept. – Conference Room F**

**Members Present:** Ros Robbert, Vice-Chair; Kathy Grueter, Al Heilman, Deb Josephson, Kimberly Middleton, Beulah Price, Kelly Quardokus, (Don Ryan via Skype)

**Members Absent:** Tom Danielson, Clinton Lewis, Beverly Solik

**Staff Present:** Judy Sivak, Anne Zemlick, Liz Brass, Beth Ridge, Kristin Wasche, Janice Bonita

**AASA Rep.:** Steve Betterly

**Guests:** Commissioner Larry Provancher, joe schmitt, Sara Wick, MSAC Delegates; Vicki Martin, Senior Services

- I. **Welcome & Introductions:** Vice-Chair Ros Robbert opened the meeting with welcome and introductions. And welcomed Don R. via Skype. Kristin W. retiring August 20th. Anne Z. mentioned Kristin's 5 years with Choices for Independence, AAAIIIA.

**Approval of July Minutes:** Anne – should be changingaging.org not changeaging.org

**Motion Carried To Approve July Minutes with change  
Al H.  
Kimberly M.**

- II. **Citizen Time: None**

- III. **Member Time:** Larry P. announced free Picnic event at Milham Park, today after work for the National Alliance for Mentally III.

- IV. **Financial Report Review:** Beth R. reviewed. We are at target; also, mentioned that at the County, we don't re-budget for line items if there is anything left; we carry over if possible. Ros asked about employee training—there doesn't seem like much money for training under Admin. Judy S. responded that it's because that is only for her, Liz B. and/or Janice B. Beth said, for example, to go to the Ombudsman page,

to see that there's employee training for her, as there is for others on other budget pages.

Al asked about the County General Fund—30% over so far. Beth explained that proceeds for Senior Expo go into this line item and that is at 18% now, will go down as that program income comes in.

**Motion**                      **Carried**                      **To approve financial report**  
**Al**  
**Kathy**

- V. **Advocacy Report:** Judy S. distributed KCASI meeting flyer and explained the meeting. Sara W.: Today's Gazette has a good article on Social Security. Judy added we're not going to spend a lot of time on the "future" of Social Security as it would take up too much time.

We're happy the Transit Millage passed. Homeless Millage coming up in November. Judy hasn't heard any talk about the Senior Millage as of late. Larry added that Homeless Millage on the ballot November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be 1% on \$100,000 house about \$5.00/year which is mainly for kids— every school district has homeless kids.

Judy resumed that KCASI sent a letter to Gov. Snyder and legislators with concerns about the road/transportation funding, and earned income credit repeal. Sara added that it's important that when we write legislators we always copy the Governor. Sara mentioned Sen. O'Brien's Kalamazoo office will have to move because that building is being turned into apartments.

- VI. **Staff Report:** Judy reported that she works on a lot of initiatives in the elder abuse arena. Elder Abuse all-day training with Ron Tatro is September 2, and all 40 slots are already full and there's a waiting list. We know how much this is needed. Elder abuse task force talked about shorter training later on; the group wants to put it together; not sure when. A RFP was issued from the State for elder abuse funding, and we are looking at that. The grant proposal is due September 1.

Judy met with Portage Senior Center Advisory Board and talked about trends and demographics.

Judy's on the advisory board of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). Catalog distributed. Sara added that the fall meeting is August 20<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 PM at Miller Auditorium – speaker will be from national OLLI. Judy's working with committee member on the issue of diversity of people who take the classes.

Judy attended Americans with Disabilities Act celebration at Disability Network Southwest Michigan luncheon; great crowd.

Our Health Living Programs are going extremely well. Maybe in October we'll ask Norma and Marilyn, the master trainers, to come and present.

Senior & Caregiver Expo: Janice provided an update. 88 exhibitors to date. Posters distributed to members for putting up on bulletin boards, etc.

Kelly Q. is getting a "Joe Sutton" Champion of Justice award at Meijer Gardens.

Liz reported that she has now been here a year! Gave a review of what she has been working on: Annual Implementation Plan, member of Elder Abuse Coalition and been updating protocol booklet which will be done end of August. She updates AAA Web site and manages Facebook page. She's a member of Friends of Transit—a good group of city planners, social workers, and others, trying to get Kalamazoo more accessible for everyone. Group will meet quarterly to keep the ball rolling. Will pitch to Communities for a Lifetime. She's on the Public Relations and Marketing Committee for Health & Community Services Department. And, the Accreditation Readiness Team. She's been coordinating funding applications, and performing purchase-of-service and annual providers' assessments along with Anne. Also oversaw Kalamazoo College intern over the summer. Judy says Liz is a great addition to our staff.

Anne told a recent story of a client who was an Adult Protective Services referral. Worked together with June Scarberry, Care Consultant, APS, a surgeon who performed the surgery for this client for free (Medicare Part A paid hospital), and Metro County Connect for Transportation. It was a complicated case and a learning process—for us and the community.

Good news! We are addressing our wait list. Happy to say that as of today, there are 157 on the wait list.

Judy added that we are interviewing RNs to replace Kristin W, and should be done next week.

## VII. **Other:**

### **Approval of FY 16 Funding Applications**

Liz distributed memo regarding recommendations for FY '16 provider funding. We asked for the basic clarifications. Judy reviewed. Hoping to get it before the Board of Commissioners before the end of the fiscal year. This is a starting point, of course, with possible budget cuts.

Ros: How do these figures vary from last year, in particular, Ecumenical Senior Center? Judy said they aren't asking for funding from us for Transportation next fiscal year. They're using the community van. Kelly Q.: Is WMU Senior Day taking

over clients from (closed) Covenant? Judy replied that they have not. Oakland Centre has absorbed most of those clients.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Carried</b>	<b>To Approve the Funding Recommendations as written</b>
		<b>AI</b>
		<b>Kimberly</b>

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Carried</b>	<b>To Adjourn at 5:30 PM</b>
		<b>AI</b>
		<b>Kathy</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Bonita