

**Older Adult Services Advisory Council  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 13, 2017 – 4:00 PM  
HCS Conference Room B**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Don Ryan, Tim Charron, David Eyke, John Hilliard, Beulah Price, Ros Robbert, Kelly Quardokus

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Samantha Carlson, Deb Josephson, Kimberly Middleton, Commissioner Gisler, Commissioner Quinn

**STAFF PRESENT:** Charlotte Smith, Anne Zemlick, Brien Brockway, Beth Ridge, Janice Bonita

**GUESTS:** Danna Downing, Kim Phillips, Dan Pontius, Joyce Ryan, Sara Wick

I. **Welcome And Introductions:** Chairman Ryan opened the meeting at 4:07 pm with welcome and introductions. Don announced that Anne Zemlick is now the Director of the AAAIIIA.

II. **Approval of August 2017 Minutes:** Taken out of order until quorum.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Carried</b>	<b>To Approve August Minutes</b>
	<b>John H. Tim C.</b>	

III. **Citizen Time:** Joyce Ryan distributed flyers for purse shopping fundraiser on September 23rd at Portage Senior Center, flyers distributed.

IV. **Member Time:** Don R. received and read letter from HHS–AASA on the Area Plan Grant Plan Budget that he said was approved. Beth R. added that it is mid-year, and there is still one to come. Don also announced that he’s been re-appointed to another 3 year term on the State Senior Advisory Council, and that the project for this year is on “volunteerism” from two perspectives.

V. **Financial Report Review:** Beth R. reported.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Carried</b>	<b>To Approve Financial Report</b>
	<b>Kelly Q. Ros R.</b>	

**VI. Advocacy Report:** Sara W. reported: MSAC first fall meeting is Sept. 27. KCASI meeting Monday is on federal budget. KCASI and League of Women Voters holding two candidate forums, Kalamazoo and Portage, Mayors and City Council seats. League of Women Voters voting guide should be available Oct. 1. David E. (MSAC delegate) added he and Sara attended at Beth Griffin's coffee. Anne Z. distributed flyer about SHIP (MMAP) which is slotted to be eliminated. Talk to your legislators. Suggested language on the back of the handout.

**VII. Staff Report:** Anne distributed and explained a summary of the provider funding applications that were discussed at last month's meeting. John H. asked if we could add a column, "cost per unit," to which Anne agreed.

Anne distributed the Michigan AAAA newsletter, CLASH group on affordable senior housing, Brien attended a meeting 3 weeks ago. CFI wait list is around 130; serviced 293 to date with all of CFI's programs. Anne is looking for an internal candidate to replace herself in the CFI Program Manager position. We are in the process of hiring a nurse and social worker. Marilyn Reed, Care Consultant and MOB Master Trainer, is retiring and last day is October 5<sup>th</sup>. We have intent to continue the Healthy Living Programs that she and Norma Bour led.

Janice gave an update on the Senior Expo and asked for volunteers for the information desk.

**VIII. Other Business:**

Don gave a Senior Millage update. OASAC will be the primary but he and members agree on not making this group the task force.

**Motion                      Carried                      That OASAC is primary but not task force**

**John H.  
David E.**

Discussion continued:

Don met with Tracy Moored. Tracy wants to make sure that Charlotte and Jim be informed and they inform her (Tracy). Tremendous amount of work to be done. Money to be raised. State law that if you raise and receive \$500, must establish a ballot committee. We've gotten pledges but problem may arise if when we go back to them asking them for a May ballot instead of this year, are they still able to go through with

the pledge money. February is when the Board says yea or nay to go on the May ballot. If it's on the May ballot, it would be the only thing on the ballot. Anne says there's been discussion about presenting to the BoC in December. Don was asked to come up with a list of every possible question that people may ask about the millage.

Kelly Q: Isn't there a way we can get this from other counties? Don: It has been done. Anne has some of that. Tim says Muskegon is about the same size as our County. Kelly says there are all different kinds of ways, so maybe not just the similar size County isn't necessarily the best. If you pick up and call a county, please let Don know, so we're not duplicating efforts. Danna, potential time frames, should we put a sheet together about time frame, etc. for potential donors in South County. Don going to meet with Tracy and should have that pretty soon.

Don says, minimums are: Commissions votes in meeting in Feb for May ballot. Have to vote on May meeting for August. Anne says they can vote at any time.

Danna asked when you want to collect the money? Don: Have to have a treasurer and establish a fiduciary. Kelly wants to know if we should have some kind of separate meeting. Don thinks a separate committee meeting would take some of the burden off this meeting.

Kelly: What about gathering stories? She gathers them, sometimes children live in a different place from their parents. Don: Yes, please. The more info the better.

John: Do you do anything with case managers in the hospitals? Anne: Yes. At Bronson, Becky Trella and Jill Beison. Not as good contacts with Borgess. Anne mentioned all the other places she goes to educate: OT, Parish Nurses, etc.

**Motion**                      **Carried**                      **To Adjourn at 5:55 PM**

**John H.**  
**David E.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Bonita