

Older Adult Services Advisory Council
MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2016 – 4:00 PM
HCS Dept. – Conference Room B

Members Present: Chair Don Ryan, Tom Danielson, Kathy Grueter, Beulah Price, Kelly Quardokus, Beverly Solik, Commissioner Larry Provancher

Members Absent: Clinton Lewis, Kimberly Middleton, Ros Robbert

Staff: Judy Sivak, Beth Ridge, Janice Bonita

AASA Rep.: Cindy Albrecht

Guests: Dr. Gillian Stoltman, Tauhric Brown, Dave Carroll, Vicki Martin, Senior Services; joe schmitt, Sara Wick, MSAC Delegates; Joyce Ryan

- I. **Welcome & Introductions:** Chair Don Ryan opened with welcome and introductions.
Judy S. thanked OASAC members in recognition of volunteer month.
- II. **Approval of March Minutes:** (Taken out of order awaiting a quorum.) Judy S. made a correction to the March minutes: Page 2, Staff Report: “It was mentioned by Mr. Garza [United Senior Resources] that Senior Services has been recruited for [his company’s] Social Services category and that they required exclusivity in terms of referrals for Information & Assistance.” Judy has since met with Senior Services, and they indicated that the statement Mr. Garza made when presenting to the AAA Director and staff was not correct.

Motion Carried To accept March Minutes with correction

**Beverly S.
Tom D.**

- III. **Citizen Time:** Kari Sederberg has left her position as Director of AASA; Richard Kline is Acting Director, and Scott Wamsley is Acting Deputy Director.

Dave C.: Home Delivered Meals (MOW) is adding choice of “options menu” (frozen) meals for weekends; people can have what they want in a rotation or call and pick what they want. Packaging and delivery will be changing—will reduce materials that are disposables. Judy S. and Dave have met about this, change will save some money. Dave added it starts first weekend in May. They will be distributed throughout the week instead of all on Fridays. Don R. added if you want a heartrending experience, volunteer to be a MOW deliverer.

Joyce Ryan: September 3rd birthday party for Don, open house at the Beacon Club, invitations will be sent.

Cindy A.: She received communication about budget for AASA, House \$870,000 approximate increase for supportive services, Senate \$5 million increase for meals. Judy added, this is one of the results of our advocacy.

- IV. **Member Time**: Beulah P.: Her Celebrate Elderhood committee asked her to find the 100+ year olds in Kalamazoo County and asked members to help. Judy S. recalled that Steve Betterly mentioned he could be helpful in this regard. Cindy A.: AASA has certificates they send when they get a letter—she will check into it. Gillian S.: We have the census data from 2010, office of state demographer could help. Cindy said she would call them. Judy added we want to contact the 100+ individuals closer to the date of the event next year. Gillian: Contact Rosemary Parker from MLive to do an article asking if anyone knows anyone. Beverly: Send a letter to local churches. Sara W.: Sen. Margaret O'Brien's office director, Megan, may be able to help.

- V. **Financial Report Review**: Beth reviewed February Spending Balance Reports. No concerns.

Motion **Carried** **To accept the Financial Report**

Tom D.
Beverly S.

- VI. **Advocacy Report**: Judy discussed Older Michiganians Day (OMD), May 11th. Sign-up sheet was circulated. Individuals signed up will be contacted day before. We will still have OASAC meeting and Public Hearing on that day starting at 3:30 PM. Judy passed around the OMD Platform. We are meeting with most legislators in the State Capitol. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) bills were introduced in House; Rep. Tonya Schuitmaker and O'Brien have publicly supported these bills. We are one of the few states where the Governor's office is exempt from FOIA.

Judy distributed flyers for the KCASI meeting next Monday with Sean McBride and Sheriff Fuller discussing the transit and law enforcement millages. Older Americans Act was passed and will be signed into law by the President.

- VII. **Staff Report**: Judy distributed and reviewed a report on the status of FY 16 program development objectives. The Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition held Safe, Sound and Secure Conference April 9; and Judy thanked Kelly Q. and Tom D. for speaking. Went very well, in spite of the icy roads. Judy reported that the Conference on Elder Abuse April 25 had over 160 people signed up. The LGBTQ Guide was updated in December. PACE and a skilled nursing facility each want to have a training. There is interest in showing Gen Silent

documentary again. Judy said we do not have the capacity to complete the Community for a Lifetime objective due to the vacancy of the planning position. Judy distributed and briefly reviewed a report for the quarter. She pointed out that our wait list is down from last quarter. Judy provided information from Anne Z. on the Hoarding Task Force training November 10th, with Laura Loker; it's for social workers and others who come into contact with hoarders. Matt Paxton from the TV show, Hoarders, is doing another presentation here in Kalamazoo on June 7th. We hired a new social worker, Carol Decker.

Judy had pleasure of being a hopper for MOW and thought it was a wonderful experience; suggests anyone who hasn't done it to do it, and sent around sign-up sheet. Dan Pontius will call to set up.

Anne and Judy attended Med students' presentations of their research projects. Ours are looking at 1,200 death cases of people 60+ in the area covered by the Medical Examiner's office to determine the efficacy of the tool used to uncover potential elder abuse. Judy attended a very good lecture on "Slow Medicine" with speaker, Dr. Dennis McCullough. Judy distributed Kal Co Rx savings card. It is stand-alone—does not work in addition to Medicare Advantage.

VIII. Other Business:

CELEBRATE ELDERHOOD: Don said we had very successful kick-off on March 29th. If you didn't attend that day and you are willing to help out, contact Judy or Don. Judy added that she met with Lori Moore who agreed to be M.C. at the May 18, 2017 event and is excited to do it. She is also agreeable to do "woman on the street" interviews; there will be a cost for cameraman and putting it all together. Sara W. asked if there is information on the AAA Web site. Can you send her the committees? Judy said there's nothing on the Web yet, and she will send her the committees.

MULTI-YEAR PLAN INPUT SURVEY: One of the last things Liz Brass did was this survey, which Judy distributed and reviewed. Judy was not surprised about the highest need of seniors being knowledge of available resources. Beverly S. mentioned that as boomers move [into the elder demographic], more will have cell phones and their uses increase. Can we have a training on using your cell to find services in the community? Don mentioned report on AASA Web site on boomers, now and beyond—interesting 60-page report you should read. Sara said maybe the cell phone topic would be good for a KCASI program. Judy resumed discussion on the Plan. There will be two public hearings, May 11th at 3:30 PM, here at HCS prior to the OASAC meeting, and May 5th at Portage Senior Center at 9:00 AM, and OASAC is responsible for holding these public hearings. Don and Joyce will be there. Hope others can attend.

Motion Carried To Adjourn at 5:37 PM

**Beverly S.
Kathy G.**

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Bonita