

**NORTHEAST MISSOURI AREA AGENCY ON AGING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Shelbina Library, Shelbina MO

February 23, 2015

10:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Walt Bittle called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Boettcher, Vera Monroe, Cheryl Brammer, Twila Anderson, Joyce Findley, Sue Conover, Jean Patrick, Ruby Dunbar, Tom Shively, and Walt Bittle.

EXCUSED: Sue Johnson, Dollene Sanders and Cheryl Hayes.

STAFF PRESENT: Pam Windtberg

ROLL CALL: The roll was called with all those listed above as present.

AUDIT REPORT: Ted Espy presented the FY 14 audit.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW (MONITORING): Ted Espy presented the review.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Cheryl Brammer made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Joyce Findley and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE:

The area agency and nutrition contractors were busy "again" during the Medicare Part D open enrollment doing plan comparisons and enrollments for seniors and disabled.

Ma4/AAA's are providing information to our legislators about our programs and services. We also initiated an SOS campaign and the first target was the \$400,000 Governor's withhold which has now been released. ma4 is asking the legislature for an increase in funding for meals.

We have rescheduled the cancelled monitoring visits and we hope to finish up the FY 14 contractor monitoring in March.

The 2015 Missouri Show Me Summit on Aging and Health is scheduled for August 17-19, 2015 in Osage Beach at the Lodge of Four Seasons.

The Senior Tax passed in Clark County last November.

March 17th is Transportation Day at the capitol- information packets will be distributed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The November 24, 2014 minutes were approved as distributed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS (Balance Sheet and Budgeted Statement of Revenues and Expenditures): Approval of the November, December & January financial reports as distributed.

CHECKS WRITTEN REPORT: Approval of the November, December & January checks written reports as distributed.

SHL REPORT: Walt Bittle gave an update on SHL's advocacy campaign and reported on the upcoming March 11th SHL Board meeting/Advocacy Day at the Capitol in Jefferson City.

SSC REPORT: The annual meeting of the Senior Service Council was held on Friday, February 6, 2015.

C.A.R.E. REPORT: Carol Ragar, Mark Twain Legal Services gave an overview of the program.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Senate Bill 192 is a bipartisan compromise bill that makes very modest changes to the Older Americans Act. The senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) unanimously approved S. 192 and cleared it for floor consideration. There is funding compromise- the hold harmless provision would be replaced by an alternative calculation that stipulates that for the next three fiscal years (FY 2016 -2018) no state shall receive less than 99% of what it received in the previous year. In FY 2019, unless Congress acts to update the law again, the hold harmless resets so that no state shall receive less than 100% of what it was allocated in FY 2018. Missouri will lose all three years- FY16- \$ 158,759, FY17- \$315932 and FY 18- 471,559. The president's budget has increases for Older Americans Act Programs. A bill has been introduced again this year to establish the Department of MO HealthNet, abolish the Department of Health and Senior Services and restructure the Department of Social Services and the Department of Mental Health. The Division of Senior and Disability Services would go into the Human services Division within the Department of Social Services.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. USDA Meals/Medicaid Meals – November, December & January information provided.
2. Family Caregiver Support Program – November, December & January information provided.
3. FY 2015 Area Plan Update – Our update for FY 16 is due to the state on May 1st.
4. Update of Agency Grants –
 - MIPPA-** our current 1 year MIPPA grant for \$10,019 will end September 30, 2015. As of the end of January our contractors have produced 78 percent of the required applications.
 - NAVIGATOR-** this \$123,887.00 grant ends September 15, 2015. Our three contractors have been very busy conducting outreach/education, counseling, and application assistance in our PSA.
 - South Central Pension Rights Project (SCPRP)-** The AA's continue to partner with this program to spread the word about the pension recovery project. Thanks to this partnership Missouri seniors have received several million dollars in pension recoveries.
 - Benefits Enrollment Center Grant:** ma4 has received a grant- NE will receive \$15,000. Three of our counties (Adair, Knox and Marion) are targeted.
5. MEHTAP Application – Our FY 2016 MEHTAP application is due on March 31, 2015. Last year we requested and received \$85,000. The amount we request this year will be based on the estimated number of service units we anticipate providing and our budget. Cheryl Brammer made the motion to submit the MEHTAP application. Seconded by Joyce Findley and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.
6. Dates & Polling Locations for Board/SHL Elections – Jim Boettcher made the motion to hold elections at the senior centers during the week of May 4 – 8, 2015. Seconded by Tom Shively and carried by

aye vote of all those listed above as present. Board members up for election- Twila Anderson, Sue Johnson, Sue Conover, Joyce Findley and Tom Shively. Board vacancies- Lincoln, Monroe, Montgomery, Ralls and Randolph counties. SHL up for election – NE- Dollene Sanders, Ruby Dunbar, George Koontz and Bill Sanders; MT- Joyce Findley, and Donnie Fuller; Boonslick Region- Walt Bittle. All NE alternates are up for election- Duane Frey, Jackie Settlage, John Settlage, Diana Koontz, Marvin King and Tom Shively.

7. Financial Situation- Nutrition Centers – Financial Situation- we lost 57,000 funding in FY 15. Contracts had already been cut 13.5%- due to depletion of our carryover funding. We will be losing some nutrition funding in FY 16- the funding that is based on number of meals served. authorized for meals. ma4 is asking the state to approve AA's offering private pay services for clients on waiting lists. Area Agencies in other states are already doing this.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Twila Anderson, Secretary