

**NORTHEAST MISSOURI AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
Shelbina Library, Shelbina MO  
November 27, 2017  
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:** Sue Johnson, Joyce Findley, Jim Boettcher, Cheryl Brammer, Laura Burnham, Beverly Cole, Cheryl Hayes, Ruby Dunbar, Martha Redding, Twila Anderson and Walt Bittle.

**EXCUSED:** Sue Conover, Jean Patrick, Cheryl Hayes and Dollene Sanders.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Pam Windtberg

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Jim Boettcher made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Twila Anderson and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE:**

Medicare Part D open enrollment is underway, it will end on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our FY 18 MIPPA grant began September 30, 2017 and ends September 29, 2018. We will receive \$8,505, last year we received \$10,050. To earn the funding we must produce a minimum of 63 qualifying applications.

Open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act began November 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Navigator program is busy with enrollments/reenrollments. They are very busy marketing the program in all counties. We have three Navigators with CMS certification and state licenses. As required, NEMO AAA has a current state license.

Our BEC REG grant that ended on September 29, 2017 has been extended through December 31, 2017. We received an additional \$8,750.00. NWAAA and NEAAA will each receive \$4375.00. ma4 has applied for a fourth BEC grant.

The South Central Pension Rights Project is no longer contracting with ma4 to provide outreach in Missouri.

ma4 is again advocating for the passage of the Growth and Development Bill.

ma4 is in a discussion with PCHP MCO. This company is trying to contract with area agencies in several states. This company offers to develop contracts between AA's and insurance companies for the purpose of providing authorized services for Medicare Advantage Plan clients.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The September 25, 2017 minutes were approved as distributed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Laura Burnham made the motion to approve September & October financial reports written report as distributed. Seconded by Sue Johnson and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

**CHECKS WRITTEN REPORT:** Jim Boettcher made the motion to approve September & October checks written report as distributed. Seconded by Twila Anderson and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

The House of Representatives passed a tax reform measure and a Senate Committee finalized that chamber's version of tax cut legislation. The concern is that both of these bills would drive up the federal deficit.

The FY 2018 budget plan establishes a framework to potentially make significant cuts to overall federal non-defense discretionary (NDD) programs, including OAA, and other federal mandatory programs, such as Medicaid and Medicare.

The approved plan paves the way for Congress to identify \$5 trillion in spending cuts from federal non-defense discretionary (NDD) and mandatory programs over 10 years- calling for \$800 billion in overall cuts to NDD programs. Additionally, the budget resolution calls for \$1.3 trillion in Medicaid cuts by 2027.

**SHL REPORT:** Walt Bittle reported on the October session. The five SHL priority issues are: Senior Services Growth & Development, Revision of MoRx, Increase funding for home-delivered meals provided by AAAs, maintain property tax credit known as the circuit breaker for renters and homeowners at the 2016 level and approval of medical marijuana use in Missouri.

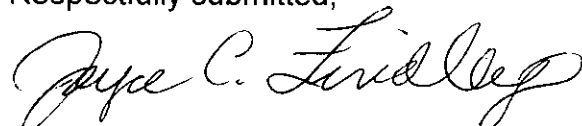
**C.A.R.E. REPORT:** Lindsey Boehle reported on the fundraising efforts for the Warren County Council on Aging, Inc.'s nutrition program.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. USDA Meals/Medicaid Meals – September & October information provided.
2. Family Caregiver Support Program – September & October information provided.
3. Standing Committee Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 17 – Information provided.
4. Contractor Monitoring- To date we have completed 16 contractor monitoring's. We have found a few problems, which are being corrected. Baring the weather we should be completing the rest of the monitoring by the first week in January.
5. FY 17 Audit- our audit/performance monitoring is scheduled for January.
6. Bylaws Amendment- Cheryl Brammer made the motion to approve the Bylaw Committee's recommended changes to the NEMO AAA bylaws. After much discussion Laura Burnham moved a substitute motion to amend ARTICLE II, Section 6,C of the bylaws to read: "If a Board member is absent from three (3) Board meetings in a fiscal year the Board Chairman will ask the Board to remove the member from the Board. It will be the duty of the Board Chairman to notify the member in writing". Seconded by Sue Johnson and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.
7. Governance Committee Recommendation- Ruby Dunbar made the motion to appoint Joyce Pickering, Silex to the Board of Directors through June 30, 2020 to fill the vacancy in Lincoln County. Seconded by Laura Burnham and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Findley, Secretary