

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

Shelbina Library, Shelbina MO

April 24, 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: Jim Boettcher, Beverly Cole, Walt Bittle, Dollene Sanders, Cheryl Hayes, Cheryl Brammer, Twila Anderson, Ruby Dunbar, Sue Johnson, Martha Redding, Laura Burnham and Sue Conover.

EXCUSED: Joyce Findley, Jean Patrick.

STAFF PRESENT: Pam Windtberg

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda approved. .

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Amended February 22, 2017 minutes approved as distributed.

AUDIT REPORT: Ted Espy presented the FY 16 audit.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW (MONITORING): Ted Espy presented the FY 16 Performance Review

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE:

We have drawn down most of our Navigator funding. We are in the second year of a three year non-competing contract.

We are going to have another NEMO Senior Health Fair this fall, the Date to be determined.

The bid for Legal Services went out on April first. Proposals are due in the office by 2:00 pm on May 15th.

FINANCIAL REPORTS (Balance Sheet and Budgeted Statement of Revenues and Expenditures): Laura Burnham made the motion to approve the February & March financial reports as distributed. Seconded by Sue Conover and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

CHECKS WRITTEN REPORT: Laura Burnham made the motion to approve the February & March checks written report as distributed. Seconded by Sue Conover

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: If congress does not finalize FY17 funding before the current continuing resolution expires on April 28 we face a government shutdown. The Trump administration has requested additional FY17 funding for defense and the boarder wall. To offset the cost, it proposed \$18 billion in cuts to non-defense spending, including elimination of senior programs like the Senior Community Service Employment Program, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Community Services Block Grant and Corporation for National and Community Service (RSVP) and nearly eliminating the Medicare State Health Insurance Assistance Program (CLAIM). There are also proposed cuts to Medicaid. If we get lucky, the government won't shut down and FY17 funding for senior programs will be largely equal to FY 16 levels.

Our only hope in Missouri for a steady stream of funding is the senior services growth initiative that will provide funding for nutrition centers and other AA programs. The 5% of the 2% premium tax insurance companies are already paying will come out of general revenue not education. If the legislature cuts the MO Property Tax Credit for renters and eliminates MORx for all seniors and disabled who are not dual eligible then the AA's will receive an additional 1.3 million in funding. With the idea that the AA's can't assist those seniors losing their benefits. Our share of that would be approximately \$66,000 which works out to around \$4,125 per county.

SHL REPORT: Walt reported on SHL Advocacy Day and the SHL Board meeting. The NE delegation will meet in June to select the priority and alternate bills to be submitted to the SHL Board.

C.A.R.E. REPORT: Beth Bacon, Knox County Council on Aging reported on all of the repairs and updates required to maintain their historic building that was built in 1892.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. USDA Meals/Medicaid Meals – February & March information provided.
2. Family Caregiver Support Program – February & March information provided.

3. Board/SHL Elections Update – No election was held- there was no competition for the Board or SHL. Board members Walt Bittle and Cheryl Brammer's 3 year term in office will begin July 1, 2017. A new two year term will begin July 1st for SHL delegates: NE region Senator Dollene Sanders and representatives Jackie Settlege and Bill Sanders; Mark Twain region representatives Carole Akery and Joyce Findley; Boonslick Region senator Walt Bittle. The alternates- Duane Frey and Travelle Whitaker will serve one year terms.
4. Standing Committee Reports, 3rd Quarter FY 17 – Information provided.
5. Sidewalk Replacement – we took the lowest bid and the sidewalk was replaced at a cost of \$1,400. We received a check for \$640.00 from the City of Kirksville as partial reimbursement. We understand that our neighbors are going to be replacing their sidewalk.
6. Nutrition Allocations – Laura Burnham made the motion to approve adoption of the revised policy of funds allocation for Congregate and Home delivered meals. Seconded by Ruby Dunbar and carried by aye vote of those listed above as present.
7. FY 2017 Area Plan Update – Cheryl Brammer made the motion to approve submitting the FY 17 Area Plan update to DSS. Seconded by Laura Burnham and carried by aye vote of those listed above as present.
8. FY 2018 Area Plan – We are still working on the FY 18 budget which is due May 1. When it is finished we will mail/email it to you. Dollene Sanders made the motion to approve submitting the FY 18 Area Plan to DSS. Seconded by Ruby Dunbar and carried by aye vote of those listed above as present.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Twila Anderson, Acting Secretary