

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

Shelbina Library, Shelbina MO

February 22, 2016

10:00 A.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vera Monroe 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, Dollene Sanders, Tom Shively, Martha Redding and Walt Bittle.

**EXCUSED:** Sue Johnson, Sue Conover, Jean Patrick, Ruby Dunbar and Cheryl Hayes.

**ABSENT:** Ed Schieffer.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Pam Windtberg

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The November 23, 2015 minutes were approved as distributed.

**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.

In March Ma4/AAA's/SHL will be providing information to our legislators about our programs and services.

The 2016 Missouri Show Me Summit on Aging and Health is scheduled for September 12-14, 2016 at the Chateau on the Lake in Branson.

March 16<sup>th</sup> is Transportation Day at the capitol- information packets will be distributed.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS (Balance Sheet and Budgeted Statement of Revenues and Expenditures):** Joyce Findley made the motion to approve the November, December & January financial reports as distributed. Seconded by Dollene Sanders and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

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

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

Senate Bill 192 the bipartisan compromise bill that makes very modest changes to the Older Americans Act is now stalled in Congress. State revenues are up 7%. Medicaid expense are up.

**SSC REPORT:** The annual meeting of the Senior Service Council was held on Friday, February 5, 2016.

**SHL REPORT:** Walt Bittle reported on the upcoming March 1<sup>st</sup> SHL Board meeting/Advocacy Day at the Capitol in Jefferson City.

**C.A.R.E. REPORT:** Robert Wallace, Director and Phyllis Smith, Nutrition Program Manager, Heartland Resources reported on the agencies current situation, programs and services. In addition to meals Heartland Resources provides in-home services and assistance with Medicare Part D, income taxes and the Circuit Breaker.

**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 2017 Area Plan Update – Our update for FY 17 is due to the state on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. Financial Situation- no funding cuts are anticipated for FY 16.
5. Update of Agency Grants –  
**MIPPA-** The state received a 3<sup>rd</sup> MIPPA grant which will end September 30, 2016. Our share of the grant is \$10,317. We will have to produce 69 LIS/MSP/Med D applications to earn the funding- at least 46 of the applications must be LIS/MSP. The funding will be distributed based on the number of applications produced.

**NAVIGATOR-** our 3<sup>rd</sup> Navigator grant will end on September 1, 2016 with an option to renew in 2016 and in 2017.

**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 \$3,947,163.35 in pension and recoupment recoveries from 7/1/2010 to 6/30/2015. The program provides assistance free of charge to anyone with a pension question or problem, regardless of age, income, or value of the claim. A toll free number is provided 800-443-2528.

**Benefits Enrollment Counseling Grant (BEC)-** ma4 is applying for a sustainability grant which will extend our current grant. Statewide the current grant goals for benefits screening and enrollment have been met.

6. Contractor Monitoring Update – all of the monitoring has been rescheduled and we hope to complete all of the monitoring by the end of March.
7. 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans – The new dietary guidelines are out. The good news is that at this time, the meal pattern is not changing.
8. Heat-Seal System Requirements – The State is requiring a sealant film that has an Oxygen Transmission Rate (OTR) of 10,000 cc/m<sup>2</sup>/day at 72 degrees or greater. The issue for centers using this system is the additional cost- it is almost double the cost of the film they are currently using.
9. ma4 Legislative Priorities – Initiate Proactive Legislation – the Senior Services Growth Initiative; Request and increase of \$2 million in appropriations for the AAAs to get us to the 2009 funding levels; Support Medicaid Expansion.
10. MEHTAP Application – Our FY 2017 MEHTAP application is due on March 31, 2016. Last year we requested \$85,000 and received \$81,418. The amount we request this year will be based on the estimated number of service units we anticipate providing. Tom Shively made the motion to submit the MEHTAP application. Seconded by Joyce Findley and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

11. Dates & Polling Locations for Board/SHL Elections – Cheryl Brammer made the motion to hold elections at the senior centers during the week of May 2 – 6, 2016. Seconded by Jim Boettcher and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present. Board members up for election- Ruby Dunbar, Cheryl Hayes, Vera Monroe and Jim Boettcher. Board vacancies- Monroe, Montgomery, Ralls and Randolph counties.

SHL up for election – NE- Twila Anderson; MT- Mary Lou Brennan, Travelle Whitaker and George Wisdom. All NE alternates are up for election- Duane Frey, Ruby Dunbar, Joyce Guenther and Tom Shively.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Twila Anderson, Acting Secretary