

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

Shelbina Library, Shelbina MO

February 27, 2012

10:00 A.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Wanda Smith 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, Wanda Smith, Twila Anderson, Dollene Sanders, Joyce Findley, Ruby Dunbar, Sue Conover, Wilma Stephens and Walt Bittle.

**EXCUSED:** Sue Johnson, Milt Garrett, Cheryl Brammer and Jean Patrick.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Pam Windtberg

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Vera Monroe made the motion to approve the November, 2011 minutes as distributed. Seconded by Joyce Findley and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Joyce Findley made the motion to approve the November, December & January financial reports as distributed. Seconded by Vera Monroe and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

**CHECKS WRITTEN REPORT:** Ruby Dunbar made the motion to approve the November, December & January checks written report as distributed. Seconded by Dollene Sanders and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

**SHL REPORT:** The SHL Board meeting/Advocacy Day will be held on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the capitol in Jefferson City. Those attending from NE are George Wisdom, Mary Lou Brennan and Pam Windtberg

**C.A.R.E. REPORT:** Brenda Fuqua, NECAC reported on the agencies programs and services, highlighting their IIIB in-home service program.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE:** The office signed up to participate in The Great Central U.S. Shake Out at 10:15 a.m. on February 7, 2012. We agreed to DROP, COVER and HOLD ON!

The annual meeting of the Senior Service Council was held on Friday, February 3, 2012.

All board members should have a copy of the amended by-laws in your blue folders.

The 2012 Missouri Show Me Summit on Aging and Health is scheduled for August 22-24, 2012 in Jefferson City at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. The theme for this year's summit is **Aging, Awareness and Advocacy – Let's Stand Together**. There will be 4 tracks- Senior Center Administrators, Family and Caregivers, Boards and Advisory Councils and SHL.

Our FY 2013 MEHTAP application is due on March 31, 2012. Our funding request of \$100,000 is based on the estimated number of service units we anticipate providing. Twila Anderson made the motion to submit the MEHTAP application. Seconded by Dollene Sanders and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

There is a possibility that providers will be allowed to do reassessments for Medicaid clients. At this point the department is asking for information from the AA's and we asked for information from our contractors so we could respond to the departments questions.

The AA, Monroe City Senior Nutrition Center and Shelby County Senior Center will be providing welcome to Medicare sessions for persons turning 65.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Congress finalized appropriations for FY 12 including funding for the Older Americans Act- essentially OAA programs have been level funded for FY 12. The president's FY 2013 budget for the most part spares AOA programs major cuts. The DHSS 2013 budget recommendation includes the \$941,620 passed by the legislature last year and was later withheld. The House Appropriations Committee's budget that went to the full budget committee did include the \$941,620. However, the committee is recommending funding the DHSS new decision items at only 75 percent of the department's request. The 75% cut will translate into a 1.9 percent reduction in the rate for Medicaid meals reimbursement- we would receive \$5.35 instead of \$5.45. Senator Wright-Jones has introduced a bill to require additional information to be included in the

annual report submitted to the state by Area Agencies on Aging. Senate Bill 675 would repeal the Circuit Breaker for both renters and property owners.

**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. Ratification of Executive Committee Actions – February 13, 2012. Emailed. Decision Item. Jim Boettcher made the motion to ratify the executive committee's decision to not sign the Money Follows the Person Contract this year. Seconded by Twila Anderson and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.
4. Area Plan Waiver Request – We requested and the division approved a waiver to submit our area plan on May 1 instead of March 1, this will give us time to shift current administrative activities to the newly defined programmatic activities in order to meet the limit in the AA's administrative allowance.
5. Update of Agency Grants –  
**MIPPA**- this 4 year grant is ending September 29, 2012. In FY 10 our funding was \$8,397, in FY 11 our funding was \$16,895. All of these funds were paid out to contractors. In FY12 our funding from the grant is \$11,334.00 to date contractors have this funding by meeting our targets. For the 3 months of FY 13 (7/1/12 – 9/29/12) our funding will be \$2,833. To earn the funding contractors will have to produce 15 applications.

**CDSMP (Chronic Disease Self Management)** - this 2 year ARRA grant is ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. We received \$27,638.50. We partnered our regional arthritis programs who recruit and train the volunteers who implement the classes and programs. To ensure that the program will continue after the grant we are using grant funding to purchase extra course materials and items needed to support the volunteers.

**CLAIM-** Our FY 12 contract with the CLAIM Program is for Medicare outreach/Counseling. The requirements are to provide 400 Medicare contacts and submit 50 LIS/MSP applications. We are being paid \$33.33 per unit up to \$15,000. As of 1/31/12 our contractors provided over 400 Medicare contacts and have completed 20 applications.

**Increasing Access to Behavioral Health Services for Older Adults-** the two year grant started on September 1, 2011. As of January 31<sup>st</sup> 21 partner staff have been trained in the delivery of Healthy IDEAS, Bridget Morton, grant manager is now a regional trainer for the Healthy IDEAS program and 29 persons are now participating in the Health IDEAS program; Several community screening and educational events have been held reaching approximately 250 persons; and, four professional education presentations focusing on older adult mental health issues have been held with 81 individuals attending representing each of the 11 counties in the project region. Bridget is meeting with C.A.R.E. today to plan screenings at the senior centers as well as the delivery of information to homebound participants.

**South Central Pension Rights Project (SCPRP)-** In 2010 Missouri area agencies began partnering with this program to spread the word about the pension recovery project. Thanks to this partnership, to date, Missouri seniors will receive nearly \$1.8 million in pension recoveries- resulting in a \$200 to \$300 monthly income gain for a senior.

6. Dates & Polling Locations for Board/SHL Elections – Vera Monroe made the motion to hold elections at the senior centers during the week of May 7 – 11, 2012. Seconded by Joyce Findley and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Wilma Stephens, Acting Secretary