

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

Shelbina Library, Shelbina MO

November 25, 2019

10:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Twila Anderson 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: Laura Burnham, Beverly Cole, Ruby Dunbar, Twila Anderson, Travelle Whitaker, Carol Ragar, Debra Sparks and Mary Lou Brennan.

EXCUSED: Cheryl Brammer, Cheryl Hayes, Dollene Sanders,

STAFF PRESENT: Pam Windtberg

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Laura Burnham made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ruby Dunbar and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Laura Burnham made the motion to approve the September minutes. Seconded by Carol Ragar and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE:

Medicare Part D open enrollment will end on December 7th.

Our FY 20 MIPPA grant began on September 30, 2019, it ends on September 29, 2020. For this grant period we will receive \$9,440. To earn this year's funding we must produce a minimum of 59 qualifying applications, of which only 20 can be Medicare Part D's. We have allocated the funding and will be billing the division monthly.

Open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act began November 15th. Our Navigator program is busy with enrollments/reenrollments. Our current grant period is August 30, 2019 – August 29, 2020. This is a two year grant that will end on August 29, 2021.

The 18th Annual Missouri Show Me Summit on Aging and Health will be held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Columbia.

Our current BEC grant ends December 31, 2019. ma4 applied for a 2020 BEC grant in October.

Catherine Edwards, ma4 executive director retired October 31. Ann C. McGruder is the new ma4 executive director, assuming the position November 1.

The state will be monitoring our agency August 26, 27 & 28. They will not be visiting contractors.

Two issues that may impact seniors in 2020- the phase out of Freon and the need for a REAL ID compliant driver license or non-driver ID card.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Laura Burnham made the motion to approve September & October financial reports as distributed. Seconded by Carol Ragar and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

The Older Americans Act expired 9/30/19. The Dignity in Aging Act was passed by a unanimous vote in the U.S. House but it has not passed in the senate. A short-term federal funding measure has averted a government shutdown.

SHL REPORT: Laura Burnham reported on the October session. She also reported that there will probably not be any more funding allocated for hearing aids in Missouri. There may be a bill on the federal level to add hearing aids under Medicare. The five SHL priority issues are: Increase funding for Home Delivered meals & Congregate Meals, Reinstatement of funding to the MoRx program, Prescription Drug monitoring program, Streamline tax collection procedures, with a portion designated to a senior protection fund, Expand MOHealthNet (Medicaid).

C.A.R.E. REPORT: Bridget Morton reported on the open house held after the completion of the redecoration of their dining room.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. USDA Meals/Medicaid Meals – September & October information provided.
2. Family Caregiver, Homemaker, Personal Care Program – September & October information provided.
3. Standing Committee Report, 2nd Quarter FY 20 – Information provided.

4. Contractor Monitoring- To date we have completed 13 contractor monitoring's. We have found a few problems, which are being corrected. We will be making a few follow up visits.
5. FY 19 Audit- The auditors were in our office last week. The audit went well and will be presented to the board at the February meeting.
6. Bylaws Amendment- Laura Burnham made the motion to approve the changes to the bylaws. Seconded by Carol Ragar and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present. Laura Burnham made the motion to approve the bylaws as amended. Seconded by Mary Lou Brennan and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beverly Cole".

Beverly Cole, Secretary