

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

Shelbina Library, Shelbina MO

November 28, 2016

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: Joyce Findley, Twila Anderson, Dollene Sanders, Sue Johnson, Cheryl Brammer, Laura Burnham, Beverly Cole, Ruby Dunbar, Martha Redding and Walt Bittle.

EXCUSED: Jim Boettcher, Cheryl Hayes, Sue Conover, and Jean Patrick.

STAFF PRESENT: Pam Windtberg

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE:

Medicare Part D open enrollment ends on December 7th. Contractors have been very busy with Medicare Part D plan comparisons.

The state has received its last MIPPA grant beginning October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. We will receive \$10,050.

Open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act began November 15th. Our three contracted Navigator programs are very busy assisting consumers with counseling and enrollment. The number of participating insurance providers for this year is down.

ma4, AA's and the SHL continue to work on the Senior Growth and Development initiative. This initiative would generate additional funding annually for senior centers and other AA services.

On November 14th Pam, Mandy and Sandy attended a training in St. Louis on the Veteran-Directed Home and Community-Based Care program. We have a lot of work to do figuring out how this program can work in NE. The VA Medical Center in St. Louis has requested a letter of intent from us as they have veterans in our area waiting to be referred. Dollene Sanders made the motion to approve sending the letter of intent. Seconded by Ruby Dunbar and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

ma4 received a 3rd BEC grant. The grant funding was reduced by \$50,000 from the requested amount. ma4 decided to take \$12,500 from 4 of the 7 participating AA's. NE was one of the 4.

We continue to partner with the South Central Pension Rights Project. Since teaming up with Missouri Area Agencies on Aging in 2010, the project has recovered more than \$4.3 million in benefits for Missourians and has assisted more than 550 Missourians with retirement benefit issues.

We are still waiting for our FY 2016 audit to be scheduled. Ted has filed a request for an automatic extension of the form 990.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The September 26, 2016 minutes were approved as distributed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Laura Burnham made the motion to approve the September & October Balance Sheets, and Budgeted Statements of Revenue and Expenditures as distributed. Seconded by Sue Johnson and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

CHECKS WRITTEN REPORT: Sue Johnson made the motion to approve September & October checks written report as distributed. Seconded by Ruby Dunbar and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

SHL REPORT: Walt Bittle reported on the October session and the priority bills, the advocacy efforts for the Senior Growth and Development initiative and the upcoming SHL advocacy day at the capitol.

C.A.R.E. REPORT: Debra Sparks reported on all of the programs and services provided by Shelby County Senior Citizens Association Inc.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The continuing resolution voted by the House and Senate extended current funding levels until December 9. N4a advises that AA's brace for an even-more challenging appropriations environment depending on the new Administration's approach to budget caps, sequestration and tax cuts. Based on revenues numbers there could be a cut in general revenue for FY 17.

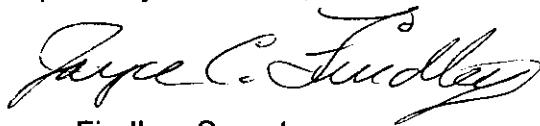
NEW BUSINESS:

1. USDA Meals/Medicaid Meals – September & October information provided.

2. Family Caregiver Support Program – September & October information provided.
3. Standing Committee Report, 2nd Quarter FY 17 – Information provided.
4. Contractor Monitoring- We have monitored 13 contractors and we should be able to complete the rest of the monitoring by the first week in January.
5. Bylaws Committee Report- Cheryl Brammer reported that the Committee is proposing revisions to the By Laws. The revisions to the By Laws will be provided to Board members at least two weeks prior to the February 27th. Board meeting.
6. Legal Services Contract- DSS has granted us a waiver for our Legal Service Program. We will not have to bid the service for January thru June 2017. We do have to bid legal services for FY 18. Legal Services of Eastern Missouri is looking at the feasibility of assuming our legal services program for January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017. Pam asked for Board approval to contract with LSEM or to make other arrangements for legal service coverage starting 1/1/17. Dollene Sanders made the motion to give the executive direct permission to make arrangements for legal service coverage from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. Seconded by Joyce Findley and carried by aye vote of all those listed above as present.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Findley, Secretary