

NORTHEAST MISSOURI AREA AGENCY
BOARD MEETING
March 1,2010

John Metzger, Chairman called the February meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Donnie Wagers, Sue Johnson, Wilma Stephens, Vera Monroe, Joyce Findley, Jim Boettcher, John Metzger, Bernice Reagan, Twila Anderson, Sue Conover and Jean Patrick.

EXCUSED: Audrea Lyons, Pete Mayfield, Wanda Smith, and Ruby Dunbar.

STAFF PRESENT: Pam Windtberg

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Donnie Wagers made the motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Sue Johnson and carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Twila Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting. Motion was seconded by Sue Johnson and carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Joyce Findley moved to accept the Financial Reports for the months of November- December & January as presented. Motion was seconded by Jean Patrick and carried.

CHECKS WRITTEN REPORT: Jim Boettcher made the motion to approve the Checks Written Reports for the months of November – December & January as presented. Motion was seconded by Vera Monroe and carried.

SHL REPORT: Next meeting to be held on March 10, 2010.

C.A.R.E. REPORT: Sherry Webb, NEMO OATS Regional Director gave an interesting report on the OATS Public Transportation System. Everyone present acknowledged the need for this valuable service to the seniors of NE Missouri.

SSC REPORT: No report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE:

As far as we know the bids for the AA audits have not been sent out. We sent in a request to the IRS for a second extension on our 990 through May 15th. The division asked the AA's FY 08 auditing firms to complete our FY 09 990'. The division is paying for the 990's.

Brenda Campbell, Director of the Division of Senior & Disability Services has retired as of January 8th. Randy Rodgers has been appointed interim. In accordance with Missouri Revised Statutes persons renting from a facility that does not pay property taxes are not eligible for a property tax credit. This change is going to affect a lot of seniors and disabled living in non-profit senior housings and nursing homes. In our 16 counties we have a list of 25 tax-exempt nursing facilities and 71 tax-exempt senior housings. Senator Shoemyer has submitted a bill that modifies provisions of the Circuit Breaker.

In her presentation to the House Budget Committee Margaret Donnelly, DHSS Director, highlighted the New Decision Item restoring the 1.4 million dollars (less \$358,000 Governor's withhold) for Home Delivered Meals. Dorothy Knowles, CEO Southwest Area Agency on Aging also testified before the House Appropriations Committee representing the Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging. The first stages of voting on the

budget have begun in the House Committee on Health, Mental Health and Social Services. This is the beginning of the process. Major cuts were made by this committee including the item restoring the funding for home delivered meals. The cuts proposed for the area agencies are: AAA Contracts- \$1,052,331 and AAA Grants Core \$160,868.

Representative Sater has introduced house bill #1241 to amend chapter 192, RSMo, by adding a new section relating to the senior services growth and development program which will provide additional funding for senior services in this state by imposing a surcharge of 1% of annual premiums on individual and group special funding insurance contracts- Medicare Supplement policies, Medicare Part D policies, Medicare Advantage plans and Long-term care policies.

MA4 is asking the Governor to proclaim the week of March 8-15 2010 as Missouri's Senior Center Week. Center administrators will be asked to contact their senators and representatives for written resolutions for the centers and arrange for their legislators to come and present them.

The department has asked the area agencies/senior centers to help educate and make HINI vaccinations accessible to Missouri seniors. The department is providing resources for outreach and education.

The FY 2011 MEHTAP application is due March 31- our grant request is for \$95,000. MEHTAP could possibly receive an additional cut in funding this year based on a state projected shortfall of \$200 million for FY 10. For FY 11 the MEHTAP program has already been reduced by \$1,000,000 and there is some talk on the hill to zero out the MEHTAP program.

The Eagles distributed the funding for their Golden Years Prescription Drug Assistance Program to the area agencies in January- we received \$1,908.70. Persons 60+ and disabled 18-59 are eligible for a maximum assistance of \$500.00. This is a program of last resort. It is intended to help those persons who are: waiting on disability status; have a large spend-down for Medicaid; are waiting for assistance from a Patient Assistance Program (PAP); need help with deductibles/lack of coverage in the gap/medications not covered under drug plan; emergency situations. We will be working with seven pharmacies in our PSA.

We are moving toward the 7/1/2010 implementation of the changes in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGAs) and Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs). Nutrition contractors are submitting their recipes to our dietician for review and certification. In January/February nutrition contractors met with KOHL WHOLESAL'S and SYSCO for training on menus/recipes that meet the new requirements.

The state did not send the waiver to CMS to open the enrollment for Medicaid meal providers. The waiver may still be sent in at some point. Also, the state is still considering changing the language so that senior centers could become Medicaid Meal providers.

The state is applying for a grant through American Recovery & Reinvestment Act- Communities Putting Prevention to Work- Chronic Disease Self Management Funding to provide evidence-based chronic disease self-management programs (CDSMP) that empower older people with chronic diseases to maintain and improve their health status. AA's will partner and be required to identify and send individuals to CDSMP Master Training, provide CDSMP leader trainings, advertise programs, coordinate with regional arthritis centers and local public health agencies and implement the CDSMP programs. There will be funds available for training, advertising etc. \$500,000 will be divided among the AAAs over a two year period. If the funds were distributed on the funding program NE would receive \$27,638.50 over the two years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

USDA Meals/Medicaid Meals – November, December & January information provided.

1. Family Caregiver Support Program – November, December & January information provided.
2. FY 10 Area Plan Amendment – A motion was made by Jim Boettcher to approve the FY 10 Area Plan amendment, which was submitted in January. Motion was seconded by Vera Monroe and carried.
3. Financial Policy Revision – A motion was made by Vera Monroe to approve the revisions to the financial policies as presented. The motion was seconded by Joyce Findley and carried.
4. Compensation Committee Recommendation – John Metzger, Chairman of the Program Committee moved approval on the committee's recommendation to the board to accept the submitted changes to the salary schedule on page 6 of the Personnel Policies. Seconded by Jim Boettcher and carried.
5. Dates & Polling Locations for Board/SHL Elections – The motion was made by Jean Patrick to set election dates for May 3rd to 7th at the senior centers where there are Board or SHL positions up for election. Motion was seconded by Sue Johnson and carried.
6. Aging Summit – the 2010 Aging Summit will be held in Branson at the Hilton Branson Convention Center on October 18-20.
7. Kirk Tran Advertising – A motion was made by Sue Johnson to renew our advertising contract with Kirk Tran in the amount of \$500.00. Motion was seconded by Twila Anderson and carried.
8. MIPPA Grant Update – Information Item-We are contracting with four providers. Our performance target is 84 LIS/MSP completed applications in our 16 county service area. Through December contractors have submitted 32 LIS and 6 MSP applications.
9. SORT Program – the SORT (Seniors Organized to Restore Trust) Program is once again asking us to sign a cooperative agreement for \$4,500. A motion was made by Jim Boettcher not to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Vera Monroe and carried.

Board training has been scheduled for Monday, August 23rd at the Shelbina Library.

Respectfully Submitted:

Wilma Stephens

Next Meeting –March 22, 2010, 10:00a.m. Shelbina Library

