

**NORTHEAST MISSOURI AREA AGENCY ON AGING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Our Savior Lutheran Church of Monroe City MO
November 23, 2009**

Wanda Smith, Vice Chairperson called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Donnie Wagers, Sue Johnson, Wilma Stephens, Joyce Findley, Wanda Smith, Jim Boettcher, Bernice Reagan and Twila Anderson.

EXCUSED: Audrea Lyons, Pete Mayfield, Vera Monroe, John Metzger, Ruby Dunbar, Sue Conover and Jean Patrick.

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: Bernice Reagan made a motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting. Motion was seconded by Jim Boettcher and carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Sue Johnson moved to accept the Financial Reports for the month of September as presented. Motion was seconded by Twila Anderson and carried.

CHECKS WRITTEN REPORT: Jim Boettcher made the motion to approve the Checks Written Reports for the month of September, as presented. Motion was seconded by Donnie Wagers and carried.

SHL REPORT: No report

C.A.R.E. REPORT: Diana Hendrix, Monroe City Senior Services Administrator reported that the Monroe City Nutrition program and new In Home Services program is going well. She reported that 1500 Thanksgiving dinners were served with the help of many volunteers. Dianne presented each board member with a copy of their November newsletter and 'a thank you goody bag'.

SSC REPORT: No report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE:

Pam reported on the Aging Summit that was held in Columbia October 28 –30. The attendance was great with over 400 attending from across the state. Those of us attending from NE enjoyed the conference immensely.

Toni and Pam met with staff from the 2-1-1-information system on November 19th and worked out a memorandum of understanding concerning the joint work needed to update the information in both databases. 2-1-1 will also be assisting AAA with staff training at no cost.

Open enrollment began for Medicare Part D November 15th. It is important that everyone have a plan comparison done this year due to changes in the plans formularies and increased premium costs.

The 1st Annual NEMO Senior EXPO was well attended with 59 exhibitors, 19 sponsors and 49 businesses/agencies that donated 185 door prizes and over 300 attendees. We got rave reviews from the participants and most of the vendors thanks to the efforts of Toni Jackson.

The bids for AA audits have not been sent out.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Insurance Coverage for Privacy, Injury & Identity Theft & Network Damage - This item was tabled at the October Board meeting to obtain additional information on deductibles. Marilyn checked with the insurance agent and the company does not offer a lower deductible on the million-dollar coverage. The deductible is \$15,000. The cost of the policy is \$720.00. Joyce Findley made the motion that we obtain this insurance coverage with Twila Anderson making the second. Motion carried.
2. MIPPA Grant – This item was tabled at the October Board meeting to give C.A.R.E. an opportunity to make a recommendation to the Board. C.A.R.E. members were asked if they would be willing to participate in the MIPPA grant under the following conditions:
 1. Contractors will be required to conduct outreach activities- holding enrollment events, distributing brochures/flyers, providing application assistance etc.
 2. Contractors will only be reimbursed for completed applications.
 3. The area agency requires contracting agencies to pay back funds earned under this grant if the area agency has to pay back funds to the state. And/or the area agency withholds all contractor reimbursements earned under this grant until the end of the contract period with the possibility that the AA will have no funding to pay reimbursements.
 4. The providers who responded that they wanted to participate in the grant are: Debbie Catlett, Hannibal Nutrition Center, Debra Sparks, Shelbina Senior Center, Diana Hendrix, Monroe City Senior Center and Pat Selby, RSVP. The counties covered by these providers are Adair, Clark, Knox, Lincoln, Macon, Marion, Ralls, Randolph, Schuyler, Scotland and Shelby.

Jim Boettcher made the motion that we follow the staff proposal that the total 2010 grant funding earned by the AA is used to reimburse for completed/submitted applications. The amount of funding earned and the number of applications produced will determine the rate paid per application and that the area agency withholds all contractor reimbursements earned under this grant until the end of the contract period. Motion was seconded by Joyce Findley and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. USDA Meals/Medicaid Meals – October information provided.
2. Family Caregiver Support Program – October information provided.
3. Standing Committee Report – Information provided.

4. **Eagles Prescription Drug Program – Information item.** The Eagles Golden Years Prescription Drug Assistance Program begins January 2010. Funding will be distributed to the area agencies based on the funding formula. Persons 60+ or 18-59 if disabled are eligible for maximum assistance of \$500.00. This is a program of last resort. Toni has contacted the pharmacies in our PSA asking if they are willing to fill prescriptions and wait 30 days for reimbursement. At this point seven pharmacies have responded yes and at least one of them has mail order.
5. **Additional Governor’s Withhold – Information item.** Pam reports that we could be faced with another General Revenue withhold for FY 10.
6. **MEHTAP Grant Reduction –** Our MEHTAP grant has been cut from \$108,000 to \$90,720.00. This is a 16% reduction. There is \$103,000 of MEHTAP funding in OATS SFY 2010 contract. The Client Reimbursed Transportation program has \$5,000 of MEHTAP funds for SFY 2010.

Donnie Wagers made the motion that we follow Staff proposal to reduce the OATS contract \$13,780, from \$103,000 to \$89,220. This is 13% cut. To cut the Client Reimbursed Transportation program \$3,500, from \$5,000 to \$1,500. This is a 70% cut. Motion was seconded by Sue Johnson and carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Wilma Stephens
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Next Meeting –February 22, 2010, 10:00a.m., Shelbina Library, Shelbina MO.