

Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A)
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 27, 2016

The M4A Board of Directors met on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at M4A. Board members in attendance were: Commissioner Dan Acker, Mr. Reginald Holloway, Mr. Billy Luster, Ms. Lee Ann Clark, Mr. Richard Lovelady, Mr. Red Turnipseed, Mr. Earl Cunningham, Mr. Zac Marsh.

M4A staff members in attendance: Ms. Carolyn Fortner, Ms. Aileen Hill, Ms. Tammy White and Ms. Melissa Fowler.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lovelady at 10:10am. Opening prayer was led by Commissioner Dan Acker. There was one proxy presented to Richard Lovelady by Carolyn Fortner on behalf of Rev. Bynum.

- A. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Dan Acker and seconded by Ms. Lee Ann Clark. All others were in favor.
- B. A motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2016 Board Meeting was made by Commissioner Dan Acker and seconded by Mr. Billy Luster. There was no discussion regarding the minutes. All others were in favor and no one opposed, with the exception of two (2) board members, Red Turnipseed and Earl Cunningham, who abstained as they were not present at the previous meeting held on February 17, 2016.
- C. Fiscal Report (Ms. Aileen Hill): Ms. Hill began by introducing the new Fiscal Director, Tammy White, to each of the attending board members and announced she will remain accessible by remote or by whatever means necessary. Ms. Hill provided the fiscal report to the Board. Ms. Hill's presentation was entitled "The Times They Are a Changing" which explained how upcoming change could potentially affect M4A. Ms. Hill announced President Obama signed the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2016 into law, finalizing a six-year reauthorization process, which means OAA's budget will remain as is but n4a is pushing for everyone to press lawmakers to boost funds for aging programs in 2017. Ms. Hill explained that while the funds remain the same, the State has the option to determine what percentage of the budget is given to ADSS which is then disbursed to the AAAs. Ms. Hill presented the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) financial report as a highlighted topic as M4A had to provide local income in the amount of \$31,906 while staff, consisting of 1.5FTEs, had increased responsibilities with no increase in budget. Ms. Hill announced, effective February 29, 2016, ADSS turned over the following Jefferson County grants to M4A: LTC Ombudsman, Elder Abuse, VII Ombudsman and Gateway to Community Living. Ms. Hill provided a handout showing the potential increase in funds for the Agency. Ms. Hill presented on the Regional Care Organizations (RCO) as well as Managed Care and Integrated Care Networks (ICN.) Ms. Hill stated the Agency will transition from a government entity to a business entity with these future changes. Ms. Hill gave overviews of 4 other states that implemented Medicaid Managed Care and provided suggestions to

the Board for competing with the RCOs and ICNs. Ms. Hill advised that a loss of all Medicaid grants would present a 56% loss of total grant allocations for M4A.

- D. Executive Director's report (Carolyn Fortner): Ms. Fortner opened with an update on the meeting she attended in Montgomery regarding the RCOs. Ms. Fortner presented the Board with a handout reporting on programs from October 2015-March 2016. In the report, the board learned the M4A team has served 5,601 people. The Aging and Disability Resource Center assisted 1,344 first-time callers with only 2 full-time information specialists on staff. Ms. Fortner provided an overview of each individual program, providing information on the success of each thus far. Ms. Fortner presented the Board with Medicaid statistics which showed that although the Medicaid dollars per enrollee had not changed over the last 7 years, the number of enrollees had increased significantly creating a negative impact on Medicaid. She demonstrated a similar problem with federal funds dedicated to senior citizens: dollars had decreased per senior citizen because of the growth in the number of senior citizens (65+) in the United States. Ms. Fortner also provided a detailed handout from n4a on how AAAs can "add value" under the new Medicaid Managed Care system. Like Ms. Hill, Ms. Fortner concluded with models and strategies M4A can undertake to diversify its funding sources and highlight its strengths in order to compete in the new market and to continue to meet the needs of M4A's ever-growing service population.

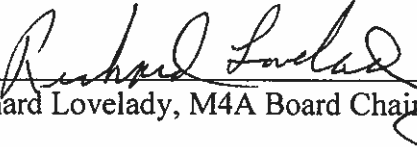
Ms. Fortner asked if there were any comments or questions regarding her presentation. Red Turnipseed asked if an individual could receive both SNAP benefits and C1/C2 meals. Ms. Fortner answered affirmatively. The (C1/C2) Nutrition Program is not income-based nor are seniors disqualified based on other public assistance. Mr. Turnipseed then asked if Chilton County had a homebound meal coordinator. Ms. Fortner advised Shelby County was the only county in M4A's region with a homebound meal coordinator because Shelby County provides additional funding for a homebound meal coordinator just as Shelby County, through the Shelby County Community Health Foundation, provides additional funds for meals. Mr. Reginald Holloway advised that Shelby County's Community Health Foundation allocated specific funds for meals so that there would not be a waiting list for meals in Shelby County. Ms. Fortner mentioned that not all counties have a health care foundation in order to apply for a grant to secure funds for meals. Mr. Turnipseed advised Chilton County has a health care foundation that was heavily funded from the sale of the local county hospital. Ms. Lee Ann Clark mentioned St. Clair County has a health care foundation and could possibly set up a meeting with Ms. Fortner in order to discuss the possibility of a grant. Mr. Marsh mentioned Blount County has a health care foundation that could raise funds through property tax. Ms. Fortner asked Board members to investigate their county health foundations to see if the county health foundations were accepting proposals to fund new organizations and projects.

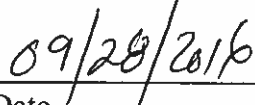
- E. Old Business: Mr. Lovelady called for old business. There was none.

- F. New Business: Mr. Lovelady called for new business. There being none, Mr. Lovelady called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Turnipseed and seconded by Commissioner Dan Acker. All were in favor of adjourning the meeting and no one opposed.

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July, 27, 2016 at 10 am at M4A.

Approved:


Richard Lovelady, M4A Board Chairman


Date