

**Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A)**

**Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 17, 2016**

The M4A Board of Directors met on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at the Alabama 4H Club. Board members in attendance were Ms. Gay West, Commissioner Dan Acker, Rev. Glenn Bynum, Mr. Reginald Holloway, Mr. Billy Luster, Judge Chris Green, Commissioner Dean Calvert, Ms. Lee Ann Clark, and Mr. Richard Lovelady. M4A Staff members in attendance: Ms. Carolyn Fortner, Ms. Sharon Echols, Mr. Cody Lewis, Ms. Laura King, Ms. Sheila Hogge and Ms. Lisa Adams. Ms. Aileen Hill was present over teleconference.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lovelady at 1:15pm. There were no written proxies. Opening prayer was led by Judge Chris Green.

- A. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Luster and seconded by Mr. Holloway. All others were in favor; no one opposed.
- B. A motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2015 Board Meeting was made by Mr. Holloway and seconded by Judge Chris Green. There was no discussion. All others were in favor and no one opposed.
- C. Fiscal Report (Ms. Sheila Hogge)  
Ms. Hogge's report presented all grants from the start of fiscal year 2015-2016 and compared budget to actual with desired levels of expenditures for all grants.
- D. Executive Director's Report by Carolyn Fortner  
Ms. Fortner opened with an announcement that Commissioner Morrison had a scheduling conflict and was not able to attend M4A's Board Training and Meeting but he has been invited to the April Board Meeting.
  - a. Status Of Medicaid Waiver Follow – Up Visit (Hand-out)  
Ms. Fortner gave Board members a letter from ADSS which stated that M4A's Medicaid Waiver Program was still on probation after the follow-up on-site audit by the Alabama Department of Senior Services. Ms. Fortner expressed surprised at the ongoing probation as the exit meeting with ADSS seemed to indicate that the Medicaid Waiver Program had shown compliance and success with the corrective action plan. The program will be reassessed in May 2016.
  - b. Status of Vacancies  
Ms. Fortner stated that there are two additional administrative vacancies at M4A: Assistance Director and Fiscal Director/Controller. These two administrative vacancies

add to the previous administrative vacancies that were not filled: Home and Community Based Services Manager and Program and Outreach Manager. While the Assistance Director position can remain vacant, Ms. Fortner stated that the Fiscal Director position is critical fill with the right person as Ms. Aileen Hill has moved to North Carolina and both Ms. Fortner and Ms. Hill are anxious to have someone on-site to oversee the fiscal operation of M4A, which is currently been done by Ms. Hill through remote access.

c. Medicaid Managed Care (Handouts)

Ms. Fortner provided explanation and discussion of the emerging phases of Medicaid Managed Care. Provided was a time line for RCO's and ICN's and explanation of these systems. She led discussion on M4A's role in this current transformation of Alabama Medicaid. Strategic planning to provide value added services was presented.

d. Projects

Each county advisory council is working on a project: Blount County's focus is on developing a faith-based conference or an elder protection/planning workshop. There is a faith based interest in Blount as well to feed seniors on the waiting list for meals in Blount County. Chilton County is planning a Faith Based Summit. Shelby County has resources to develop home repair initiatives and projects. St. Clair County's focus is on developing ways to feed a senior. Walker County will hold in August a conference on elder protection with workshops for both family caregivers and professional caregivers.

E. Fiscal Report (Aileen Hill)

Ms. Aileen Hill provided the fiscal report to the Board. Ms. Hill provided an overview of each program, providing information on how the program funds were expended and whether the program was over-budget or under-budget. She introduced Title III, VII and that ADSS has just issued NGA2 to assign III/VII Federal/State allocations. Therefore, M4A will see an increase in funds for these programs. She provided an Actual Budget, an estimate of local funds, and anticipates being on target with fund expenditures. Ms. Hill discussed Nutrition's budget. As well, she provided discussion on Level Funding and its effect on M4A's programs. Projections were provided for FY 2017's Nutrition program based on the Federal Proposed Budget and its impact on programs such as LIHEAP. A synopsis of the SNAP Program was presented and its impact seniors. Upon conclusion, Ms. Hill discussed Governor Bentley's announcement for implementing Alabama Medicaid Agency's Regional Care Organization upcoming plans effective October 1, 2016.

F. Old Business

Update from Ms. King on *Feed a Senior* Project with None Suffers Lack:

Ms. King provided handouts reporting on each County's donations to the Project. She emphasized that word of mouth campaigns are successful and she gave recent examples. She reported that the waiting list continues to grow. She also announced the upcoming BBD's and invited all board members to attend these events which will be combined with the Annual

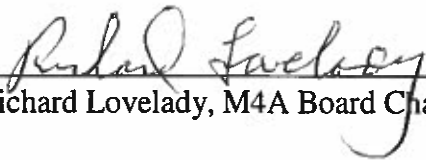
Older Americans Month picnics in each county except Shelby County which will have its Senior Picnic in June.

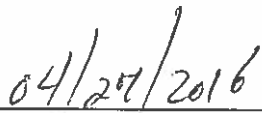
G. New Business:

Mr. Lovelady called for new business. There being none, Mr. Lovelady called for a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was made by Mr. Luster and seconded by Reverend Bynum. All were in favor and none were opposed.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 27th at 10:00 am at M4A.

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Richard Lovelady, M4A Board Chairman

  
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