

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MIDDLE ALABAMA AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
JANUARY 24, 2007**

A. Call to Order—Proxies determined to be in order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00. There were no proxies held by the members present. Chairman Lovelady announced that the members present constituted a quorum.

Members in Attendance: Richard Lovelady, Martha Thornberg, Gay West, Lee Ann Clark, Glenn Bynum, Daniel Acker, Jon Parker, Chris Green, David Cochran and Reggie Holloway.

Others in Attendance: Diane Nance, Carolyn Fortner, Kelly Flick, Karen Blackmon, Kim Reynolds (Shelby County Commission) and Glenda Strength (interested citizen).

B. Approval of agenda

The Proposed Agenda for the meeting was reviewed by the members and approved at 10:05.

C. Approval/Disposition of minutes

The Minutes of the October 25, 2006 meeting were corrected, on page 2; paragraph 1, "Commissioner Green" should read "Mr. Green". The minutes were then unanimously approved.

D. Executive Directors Report

- a. Status of Office Building: the agency has signed a six month lease with the city of Calera. Another lease of a longer term, at least three years, will be signed at the end of six months. This was necessary so that the cost of utilities could be correctly prorated after the Calera Senior Center occupies their portion of the building.
- b. New Employees: Nutrition Coordinator, Tracie West, left the agency to take a position with Children's Aid Society of Jefferson County. A new Nutrition Coordinator, Martha "Pinkye" Skews will join the agency on January 29, 2007. Ms. Skews has been an ombudsman volunteer for one year and is very committed to senior issues; she also brings a wealth of experience in nutrition and food preparation in long term care facilities.
- c. Status of People's Southern Bank Account: the account has been closed.
- d. Status of Board Training: the training will be held at the 4H Center, near Columbiana, on February 28, 2007. The training will begin at 8:00AM and end at approximately 4:00PM. All program coordinators will present an overview of their program services and staff duties. A continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack will be served. Board members will be asked to complete an evaluation at the end of the day.
- e. A4A membership and the Center Managers' training on January 30-31, 2007: Agency membership in A4A is still pending, however Ms. Fortner does intend to join effective January 1, 2007. The Center Managers' training should be an effective training tool. Managers will be polled after the training to determine if they felt it was beneficial.
- f. Update on County Focus Group Meetings: All of the Focus Groups are going well. There has been good participation, especially in Blount County. The group in Blount County has decided to focus on home repair and will apply for grants to fund their projects. Two counties are looking at the possibility of opening food banks. Two counties are concerned about long waiting lists for meals and will look for

additional funding in the form of "sponsorships" for the cost of a clients meal. The sponsorships could come from individuals, businesses, church groups, etc.

Ms. Fortner is working with United Way of Central Alabama to create a "Senior Fund" that could accept donations specified for use to benefit seniors. This would be another source of funding for projects in all of our counties. Ms. Fortner stated that governments cannot meet all of the need of the seniors in our area and that the focus groups have been very creative and willing to find answers within the local communities. She stated that in many cases they will be breaking new ground. Ms. Thornburg asked if the agency had anyone on the staff evaluating whether the meals being provided in Chilton County are really needed. Ms. Fortner stated that we did have a staff member in Shelby County who did an initial and then annual home visits to evaluate all homebound clients. This staff member is funded by Shelby County. We do not receive funding for this purpose from any other counties and clients are screened by phone. Commissioner Acker stated that Shelby County Sheriff, Chris Curry, is considering designating one officer to work specifically with the senior community in Shelby County.

E. Bookkeeper/Fiscal Officer's Report

Ms. Diane Nance, the new Fiscal Officer introduced herself and stated that she had lived in Calera for 18 years. She then gave a brief overview of her education and previous work experience. She stated that she is in the process of completing the year end report for FY06 and should have it completed by the end of the quarter. ADSS is providing her with assistance when needed. Mr. Green asked about the December 2006 invoices for the counties and Ms. Nance stated that they will be ready within two weeks.

F. Old Business

There was no old business.

G. New Business

Mr. Green asked how the Center Managers would be compensated for attending the A4A training. Ms. Fortner stated that M4A would reimburse the contractors at the normal rate for 5 hours and would also reimburse the managers for mileage and hotel expenses. Ms. Flick stated that the event would allow interaction and exchange of ideas with managers from other Area Agencies.

It was proposed that the date for the next Board of Directors meeting be set for Wednesday, April 25, 2007 and that the meeting be held at United Way of Central Alabama, at 10:00AM. It was moved by Commissioner Cochran that the proposal be accepted and the motion was seconded by Rev. Bynum. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

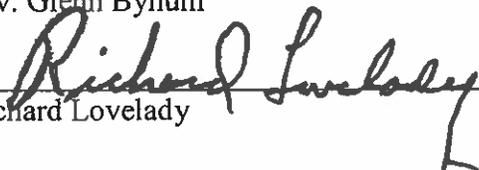
H. Adjournment

At 10:50 Commissioner Acker moved that the meeting be adjourned, the motion was seconded by Rev. Bynum and was passed unanimously. Post the adjournment, the board attended a luncheon with area legislators and enjoyed a presentation by Alabama Department of Senior Services (ADSS) Commissioner, Irene Collins.

Minutes Prepared by: Karen Blackmon, Special Projects Coordinator M4A

Presented by: Rev. Glenn Bynum

Approved:

  
Richard Lovelady, M4A Board Chair