

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

The M4A Board of Directors met on Wednesday, July 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, Ms. Gaye West, Mr. Red Turnipseed, and Commissioner Dean Calvert.

M4A staff members in attendance: Ms. Carolyn Fortner, Ms. Tammy White, Ms. Alexia Barbour, and Ms. Lisa Adams.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lovelady at 10:15am. Opening prayer was led by Commissioner Dan Acker. There was one proxy presented to Richard Lovelady by Carolyn Fortner on behalf of Rev. Bynum. Mr. Lovelady was proxy for Reverend Bynum.

A. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Red Turnipseed and seconded by Commissioner Dan Acker. All others were in favor.

B. A motion to approve the minutes as read from the April 27, 2016 Board Meeting was made by Commissioner Dan Acker and seconded by Mr. Reginald Holloway. There was no discussion regarding the minutes. All others were in favor and no one opposed.

C. Fiscal Report (Ms. Tammy White)

Ms. Tammy White provided the fiscal report to the Board. Ms. White's report began with the Monthly Financial Report FY 15-16 YTD for each grant detailing the start through end dates, budget and actual, as well as variance, desired level% and % actuals. ADSS has just issued NGA3 to assign III/VII Federal/ State allocations with a total increase of 3.6%. Next, III/VII Grant Allocations were discussed.

Next, Ms. White presented the Federal Proposed Budget for FY17. Level funding is expected for most Older Americans Act services with a potential for slight increases in Supportive Services, Nutrition, ADRC, Adult Protective Services and Program Administration funding are likely to increase slightly. The actual impact of these projections on the local level is nominal. Programs such as Low Income Home Energy (LIHEAP) and SNAP are expected to decrease funding.

Lastly, Ms. White discussed Medicaid and M4A's urgent need to be proactive regarding Governor Bentley's announcement for the upcoming Alabama Medicaid Agency's Regional Care Organization (RCO) plan, integrated Care Networks (ICNs) reaching formation, and ADSS's plan to add 10 Transition Coordinators for the ACT Waiver.

D. Executive Director's Report (Carolyn Fortner)

a. M4AFY15 audit: Ms. Fortner announced Aldridge Borden will be at the September Board of Directors meeting and the audit had no findings.

b. Medicaid Managed Care: There is an overall \$80+ million budget deficit in Alabama Medicaid which may affect the timeline for the RCOs. Ms. Fortner presented handouts to illustrate the timeline for RCO and ICN implementation.

1. RCO Time Line: has been pushed back to October 2017 and Alabama Medicaid/the RCOs are currently not on target because of the budget shortfall, although this may change with a special session. The RCO model is hospital driven.
2. ICN Time Line: on target. The ICN model is nursing home driven.

c. Jefferson County Program Update: Ombudsman: On February 29, 2016 the Jefferson County Ombudsman Program temporarily transitioned to M4A. Ms. Fortner discussed M4A's role to operate the program during the remainder of FY16, with the expectation that the program will return to Jefferson County when an Area Agency on Aging is established in Jefferson County. SCSEP: Regarding the SSAI Title V SCSEP program, Ms. Fortner stated that the transition was relatively smooth, although there are challenges with the program. M4A's SCSEP team is working closely with SSAI to communicate those challenges and to develop strategies to meet those challenges.

d. M4A Programs Update: Ms. Fortner reported on each program and provided aggregate data. Alabama Cares Program served 223 caregivers with respite and 157 caregivers with supplemental services. The Nutrition program has 100 new clients placed on meals. Legal services helped 320 unduplicated clients. SHIP and SenioRx continue to work together and SenioRx had 546 unduplicated clients while SHIP assisted 2,597 clients.

e. Update on Changes at M4A: M4A's hours of operation have changed from 8:00am-4:30pm to 8:00am-5:00pm. Ms. Fortner reported that at the business acumen trainings held recently in Montgomery and Atlanta to prepare the AAAs for change, the AAAs were encouraged to add/hire employees with business degrees, IT backgrounds, and human resources degrees/certifications. Because of the potential need for clinical assessments, AAAs were also encouraged to look at hiring RNs.


f. Special Speaker: Ms. Alexia Barbour (intergenerational/community based projects): Ms. Barbour discussed and shared pictures of the home repair projects she has spearheaded over the last several months. She discussed the new partnerships she has created to be able to complete 10 home repair projects in Chilton and Shelby counties (6 funded by Community Action Agency through agreement with M4A) and plans to complete 6 more homes before the end of the calendar year. Ms. Barbour has partnered with Mission Serve and Church of the Highlands.

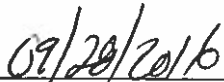
E. Old Business: Mr. Lovelady called for old business. There was none.

F. New Business: Mr. Lovelady called for new business. Commissioner Dan Acker, Ms. Gay West, and Ms. Lee Ann Clark were appointed to the Nominating Committee. Mr. Lovelady called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Dan Acker and seconded by Ms. Lee Ann Clark. All were in favor of adjourning the meeting and no one opposed.

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 10 am at M4A.

Approved:

  
Richard Lovelady, M4A Board Chairman

  
Date