

**Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging
Board of Directors Special Meeting (Minutes)**

May 27, 2009, 10:30am until 12:00pm

Board members in attendance: Mr. Richard Lovelady, Board Chair, Mr. Gene Ford, Ms. Martha Thornburgh, Ms. Gay West, Ms. LeeAnn Clark, Mr. Reggie Hollaway, David Cochran, Mr. Jon Parker, Mr. Chris Green, and Judge David Standridge.

Staff members in attendance: Carolyn Fortner, Dianne Nance, and Debbie Battles.

- A. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am in the M4A Boardroom. It was determined that a quorum was present. There were no proxies presented that were not already on record. Mr. Gene Ford provided the blessing.**
- B. The agenda was reviewed and no discussion was presented. A move to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Gene Ford and seconded by Ms. Martha Thornburg. The agenda was unanimously approved.**
- C. Minutes were reviewed and no discussion was presented. A move to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Gene Ford and seconded by Ms. Gay West. The minutes were unanimously approved.**
- D. The Executive Director's Report was presented by Carolyn Fortner. The following issues were presented:**
 - a. National Board Survey-Each member of the Board was requested (voluntary) to complete the survey. Members completed the survey at the end of the meeting.**
 - b. ARRA Funding for Meals-This is a one-time funding for nutrition in the amount of \$132,000. It is to be used at the rate of 65% for congregate meals and 35% for home bound meals. Our actual congregate meals have been about 55-60% of our nutrition funding this fiscal year. Dianne stated that ARRA will allow some carry forward to fiscal year 2010. This carry forward may allow us to serve some people now on waiting lists if there is not an increase in meal costs. Also, the 2010 census may help increase the funding for our area. It was emphasized that the challenge of taking people off the waiting lists with carry forward in FY 2010 was being able to sustain these meals in FY 2011. On a side note, the advocacy day in Montgomery was a success. The paper plates made by the senior center participants were presented to the state legislators that represented their area. Mr. Lovelady attended the event and said the main reason for going to Montgomery was to show the appreciation by the seniors for the continued support of senior programs.**
 - c. Meal donation campaign-The campaign headed by Judi Drew and the Nutrition Program staff has exceeded the original expectations. Although, in general home bound meal donation are down we have received \$1200 in the first 2 months of the campaign.**
 - d. Umbrella Coverage -The present general liability coverage is \$1 million with an additional umbrella coverage of \$1 million so our total general liability coverage is \$2 million. Carolyn recommends an additional \$1million that will cost about \$1200 for one year's coverage. Because there were questions by the Board about general liability and the exact costs for general liability and the current \$1 million umbrella, Carolyn recommended postponing further discussion and a Board decision until the next, regular Board meeting.**

In the interim, she will ask that M4A's insurance agent, Mr. Rux Bentley, attend the next (June) Board meeting to address questions about insurance coverage and umbrella coverage.

Old Business-NONE

New Business:

- a. -Increasing Umbrella coverage by \$1 million- The Board had many questions that the agent would have to answer. Carolyn will ask Mr. Bentley from Rux Carter Insurance to attend the June Board meeting to answer questions about adding the additional coverage.
- b. Bringing in the SCSEP and Title V Program-Carolyn presented the general facts on the senior employment program and that it would be a one year commitment for M4A. Several handouts were distributed to the Board members for information on the program. Both Dianne and ADSS will be monitoring the program and both ADSS and SSAI have a vested interest in the success of the program. The two basic reasons the SCSEP program is important is because many seniors are finding their retirement is not enough to sustain them and many of them are raising their grandchildren and need additional funds in order to properly care for the children. The coordinator selected has been the program director for the Birmingham metro area (BRPC) and will be taking a decrease in pay to coordinate the program at M4A.
- c. Bonus to SCSEP Coordinator- Carolyn requested the Board give Sheila Baker, the proposed SCSEP Coordinator for M4A, a one-time sign-on bonus of \$5000 to assist her in the decrease in salary from her present position to the position at M4A.


After discussion on the program and the coordinator, Judge Standridge made a motion to accept the program, the coordinator and the one-time sign on bonus for her. Mr. Parker seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

Mr. Chris Green moved to adjourn and Mr. Ford seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm. Lunch was served as the Board members completed the National Board surveys.

"Paper plates" from the recent legislative advocacy was distributed for the Board to read.

The next Board meeting will be June 24, 2009 (Fourth Wednesday).

Approved:


Richard Lovelady, M4A Board Chairman


Date