

Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A)

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 26, 2013

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In attendance: Mr. Richard Lovelady, Mr. Dan Acker, Mr. Billy Luster, Mr. Earl Cunningham, Mr. John Parker, Ms. Sandra Sivley (proxy for Judge Chris Green), Ms. Lee Ann Clark, Ms. Carolyn Fortner, Ms. Crystal Crim, Ms. Aileen Hill, and Ms. Monica Champion.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lovelady at 10:13am. Mr. Earl Cunningham provided the prayer. A quorum was determined with Ms. Sivley as the proxy for Judge Chris Green.

- A. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Ms. Clark. All others were in favor, no one opposed.
- B. A motion to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2013 Board meeting was made by Mr. Acker and seconded by Ms. Clark. Six were in favor, no one opposed, and Mr. Cunningham abstained.
- C. Crystal Crim presented the status of programs report on behalf of Debbie Battles. A copy of the report was given to the Board members. The report showed the total clients assisted in each program from October 2013 through January 2014.
- D. The fiscal report was presented by Aileen Hill. A copy of the report was presented to the Board members. The report identified the M4A's current budget and FY 2014 financial plans regarding programs and services, such as Medicaid Waiver and Nutrition. Ms. Hill explained that M4A's efforts to collect contractor payments and reports from county contractors have improved, resulting in the agency having more funds for seniors in the service area.
- E. Executive Director's Report by Carolyn Fortner
  1. M4A reviewed the Actuarial Valuation for its retirement investments with RSA; this actuarial valuation shows that M4A's retirement investments are underfunded. After speaking with the staff regarding the potential increase in employee contributions for Tier 1 staff, Ms. Fortner requested that the Board consider approve a resolution to comply with the Act 2011-676. The resolution would increase M4A Tier 1 member contribution from 5% to 7.5% beginning October 1, 2014. Ms. Hill presented a chart showing how many staff members would be potentially affected, as well as the monetary impact.
  2. There was discussion about approving a COLA to assist with the increase in member contributions to RSA. Ms. Hill's chart included a section that showed the cost to M4A should the Board choose to proceed with approving a staff COLA.

3. Ms. Fortner discussed M4A's ADRC program, changes, and the new ability of the ADRC to bill Medicaid for ADRC work (i.e., screening and following up with clients regarding long-term care programs). ADSS informed M4A that Medicaid and the State of Alabama would each pay for 50% of the direct work completed by the ADRC program. In order to properly bill Medicaid, M4A will implement an activity tracking tool that will assist staff members with notating all ADRC work.
4. Because of increase growth in the region and staff to serve clients (i.e., EDW Program and the ADRC), M4A needs a larger building. Ms. Fortner explained to the Board that she received a bid for a building to be built in Columbiana. She also expressed that she and her staff have looked in several cities and towns within the M4A service area that would potentially have buildings for rent that met the needed requirements. After discussing the projected costs of having an office built, the Board suggested contacting the City of Calera, or possibly Shelby County, regarding improving the current location, as well as possibly finding a space in Montevallo. Mr. Parker stated that he would talk to Alex Dudchock to see if he knew of any resources in the area, as well as try and provide names of contacts who may have buildings in the area. Mr. Cunningham said he would also keep his eye out for a more reasonably priced building in the Montevallo area.
5. Three resolutions were presented to the Board for review and approval. The first resolution was to recognize L.G. "Brother Bud" Jones for his support of the seniors of Blount County. The second and third resolutions were in honor of the action and service given by Alex Dudchock and Judge Chris Green during the ice storms that affected the seniors in their particular counties in January.
6. The Board was encouraged to attend the Blooming Benefits Day events and Older American Month picnics which are to be held, respectfully, during the months of April and May.

F. Old Business: None.

G. New Business:

1. A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham to allow M4A to increase the RSA member contributions, of the Tier 1 staff, from 5% to 7.5%. No one seconded the motion, so the motion died. A motion was made by Mr. Billy Luster to table the discussion for the next Board meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and it was seconded by Mr. Parker. Four were in favor, one opposed, and no one abstained.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham to pass the three resolutions honoring L.G. "Brother Bud" Jones, Alex Dudchock, and Judge Chris Green and it was seconded by Mr. Parker. All in favor, no one opposed, and no one abstained.

There was no additional business. Mr. Cunningham made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Luster. All were in favor and no one opposed.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at M4A.

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Richard Lovelady, M4A Board Chairman

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