

Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A)

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

In attendance: Mr. Richard Lovelady, Rev. Glenn Bynum, Mr. Reggie Holloway, Mr. Jon Parker, Mr. Red Turnipseed, Ms. Lee Ann Clark, Ms. Gay West, Ms. Carolyn Fortner, Ms. Renee Green and Ms. Debbie Battles.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lovelady at 10:30am. Rev. Bynum provided the prayer. A quorum was determined and there were no proxies.

- A. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Holloway and seconded by Rev. Bynum. All others were in favor, no one opposed. Mr. Turnipseed abstained.
- B. A motion to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2012 Board meeting was made by Rev. Bynum and seconded by Ms. Clark. All others were in favor, no one opposed.
- C. Executive Director's Report by Carolyn Fortner
 - 1. Updates
 - i. Change on the M4A Board members
 - a. Blount County- Judge Green remains on the Board, Judge Standridge will come off the Board because he is now a state representative. There are no alternates.
 - b. Chilton County-Mr. Red Turnipseed is a new member.
 - c. St Clair County- there is a vacancy due to Mr. Ford passing away.
 - ii. Annual Operating Element for FY2013 has been approved by ADSS.
 - iii. Grants
 - a. AQAF-ADSS: CMS grant to reduce readmission rates from nursing home facilities to hospitals. M4A Ombudsman will work closely with AQAF and the staff they place in the facilities located in our region.
 - b. Chronic Disease Self Management Program has been renewed for another year. Also, the Living Well program is starting a pilot arthritis exercise program in two senior centers.
 - c. M4A received the CAWACO grant of \$5000 again this year to promote and remind seniors about the FMA's Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program that provides vouchers to seniors to purchase fresh produce from their local Farmers Markets.
 - d. SHIP was awarded an additional grant of \$15,000 for outreach to the Hispanic communities in the M4A region.

2. Intrastate Funding Formula and the Hold Harmless issues

- i. The target population incorporated into the Intrastate Funding Formula is mentioned in the OAA. AoA/ACL distributes funding according to state 60+ population; however, AoA allows each state to develop its own IFF.
- ii. M4A Board needs to respond to ADSS with their recommendation for the process of ending the Hold Harmless, implementing the IFF and the timeframe for these actions.
- iii. The timeframe options presented by ADSS include one to four year plans.
- iv. ADSS has asked for additional feedback from the AAAs.

D. Debbie Battles presented the status of programs report. A copy of the status report was given to the Board members. The report showed the total clients assisted in each program from October 2012 through January 2013. Additional information was given on the upcoming events in April. Dates were given for each Blooming Benefit Day in each county as well as the Older American Month events in May. M4A has not received a date for all OAM events at this time. A SMP Summit will be presented on March 26th in Columbiana.

E. The fiscal report was presented by Carolyn . She introduced the new Fiscal Director, Renee Green. Carolyn stated she was still not sure how sequestration will affect M4A's funding.

F. Old Business:

1. M4A FY2013 Annual Operating Plan. A motion to approve the FY2013 AOP was made by Mr. Turnipseed and seconded by Mr. Holloway. All others were in favor, no one opposed.

2. Intrastate Funding Formula and Hold Harmless Recommendations. The Board discussed the options. Because M4A's position regarding the Hold Harmless, Intrastate Funding Formula and timeframe have not changed from M4A's stated position from prior requests for feedback, it was decided that it would be helpful for M4A to reiterate its funding priorities (to sustain level funding for all programs and to continue to operate existing programs at current funding levels) and to support the agreed upon timeframe and IFF once a final decision had been made by ADSS, after input from the AAAs/COGs. A motion was made to this effect by Rev. Bynum and seconded by Mr. Holloway. All others were in favor, no one opposed.

G. New Business: Approvals are needed on the following new agreements:

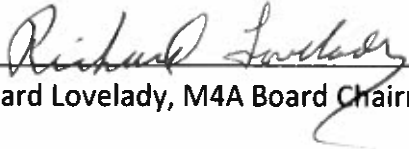
1. Valley Food Services: ADSS requires a "sub-contract" with Valley for the Medicaid Waiver Program
2. Senior Support Fund: M4A and United Way of Central Alabama updated the MOU to allow for the use of funds for people with disabilities.
3. American Red Cross in St Clair County and Shelby County has requested assistance from M4A to promote Project Share and help our seniors to access assistance through that program.

A motion to approve the three new agreements was made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Holloway. All others were in favor, no one opposed.

There was no additional new business at this meeting. Mr. Turnipseed made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Ms. West. All were in favor and no one opposed.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at M4A.

Approved:


Richard Lovelady, M4A Board Chairman

Date