

Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A)
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 26, 2012

In attendance: Chairman Richard Lovelady, Mr. Dan Acker, Rev. Glenn Bynum, Mr. Earl Cunningham, Mr. Reginald Holloway, Mr. Bill Fowler, Ms. Gay West, Ms. Vanessa McKinney, Ms. Carolyn Fortner, Ms. Dianne Nance and Ms. Debbie Battles.

- A. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lovelady at 10:15am. Rev. Bynum provided the prayer. A quorum was determined and there were no proxies.
- B. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Acker and seconded by Rev. Bynum. Mr. Cunningham abstained. All others were in favor, no one opposed.
- C. A motion to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2012 Board meeting was made by Rev. Bynum and seconded by Ms. West. Mr. Cunningham abstained. All others were in favor, no one opposed.
- D. Executive Director's Report by Carolyn Fortner
 1. Intrastate Funding formula and the Hold Harmless.
 - i. Two handouts were given to the Board members to review regarding the formulas. Carolyn gave the Board the background on the funding formulas, the impact on M4A and a recommendation to send a letter to Commissioner Morrison to request a phase out of the Hold Harmless. A draft of the letter was given to the Board members to review.
 2. Nutrition/Meals
 - i. The passing of Amendment One primarily will impact the meal program and Medicaid Waiver with funding for these programs.
 - ii. The FY2013 Meal Price Increase
 - a. The unofficial increase is estimated at 2.8% but ADSS has not released the final meal prices.
 - b. ADSS is seeking feedback from the AAAs on whether to renew Valley's contract or request interested vendors submit an RFP.
 3. Medicaid Managed Care
 - a. Two handouts were given to the Board members for review.
 - b. M4A's Medicaid Waiver program yearly cost per client is about \$8400 per year vs nursing home cost of \$60,000 per year.

4. Board Member Update.
 - i. Ms. Thornburgh resigned from the M4A Board effective July, 2012. She notified both the Mayor of Clanton and the Chilton County Commission of her resignation.
 - ii. Commissioner Red Turnipseed, who does not plan to run for re-election to the Chilton County Commission, has expressed interest to the Chilton County Commission to be appointed to the M4A Board.
 - iii. Carolyn requested permission to present a *Certificate of Appreciation* to Ms. Thornburgh for her years of service to the seniors in the M4A region and to the seniors of Chilton County.
5. Annual Operating Element for FY2013
 - i. M4A has not received instructions from ADSS yet.
6. Current letters of support and FY2013 contracts
 - i. The Mining Museum in Walker County applied for a FY2012 grant from the Alabama Historical Commission and requested a letter of support from M4A. The Board members were given a copy of the letter.
 - ii. A list of the FY2013 contracts and host agency agreements were given to the Board members to review. For FY2013, ADSS set the maximum reimbursement rate \$1.00 lower than most AAAs have paid in the past. We lost one provider who notified us shortly before the new contract started so the Medicaid Waiver case managers had to replace that provider with a new one which added stress to the clients who received new workers in their home and case managers who wanted to make sure there was no interruption of services.
7. Staffing Requirements
 - i. A handout was given to the Board members of the M4a organizational chart and the list of FY2013 staff.
- E. Debbie Battles presented the status of programs report. An update was given on the total of clients assisted in each program from October 1, 2011 through August, 2012. Additional information was given on promotional ideas for the Senior Support Fund, plans to partner with the American Red Cross on Project Share, Ombudsman caregiver workshop, and SHIP's Medicare Open Enrollment events.
- F. Dianne Nance presented a draft of the FY2013 budget report.

G. Old Business:

1. Report from the Nominating Committee
 - i. Committee recommended the present officers be nominated again for the same positions. The present officers agreed to serve again.
2. Election of FY2013 officers
 - i. A motion was made by Ms. West to accept the nominations from the Nominating Committee and close the nominations. It was seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All were in favor and no one opposed.
3. Staff Christmas bonuses
 - i. Dianne presented a handout to the Board members of the recommendation by Carolyn and Dianne of three options for a one-time bonus to M4A employees that are all within the M4A budget constraints for FY2013. Cost of living salary increases are not within the budget for FY2013. After discussion of the three options the Board favored option 1. They would like the employees to receive the amounts set in Option 1 after taxes have been deducted. A motion was made by Mr. Mitchell to use option 1 with the staff receiving the amount set after taxes are deducted. It was seconded by Mr. Holloway. All were in favor and no one opposed.

H. New Business:

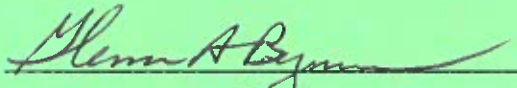
1. Board approval/endorsement of M4A Letters of Support: Mining Museum in Walker County grant request to the Alabama Historical Commission.
2. Approval of the FY2013 Contracts and agreements.
3. Approval of FY2013 staffing requirements.
4. Approval of draft of FY2013 budget.
5. Approval of Intrastate Funding Formula and letter to Commissioner Morrison recommending a phase out of the Hold Harmless formula using a two year phase out by 50% each year.
6. Approval to recognize former Board member, Ms. Martha Thornburg with a Certificate of Appreciation.
7. Approval to request that ADSS request proposals for Nutrition Services.

A motion was made by Mr. Mitchell to approve items 1-7. It was seconded by Mr. Holloway. All were in favor. No one opposed.

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

The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at M4A.

Approved:



Richard Lovelady, M4A Board Chairman

10-25-12

Date