

Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A)
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 24, 2013

In attendance: Mr. Richard Lovelady, Mr. Dan Acker, Mr. Earl Cunningham, Rev. Glenn Bynum, Mr. Bill Fowler, Mr. Reggie Holloway, Mr. Red Turnipseed, Ms. Lee Ann Clark, Ms. Gaye West, Ms. Doris Jones, Ms. Carolyn Fortner, Ms. Renee Green and Ms. Debbie Battles.

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.

- 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.
- B. A motion to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2013 Board meeting was made by Mr. Turnipseed and seconded by Mr. Holloway. Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Acker abstained. All others were in favor, no one opposed.
- C. Executive Director's Report by Carolyn Fortner
 - 1. Board Changes: Doris Jones has agreed to serve on the M4A Board as a representative from Chilton County; there still remain vacancies on the M4A Board.
 - 2. Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF): Because the IFF had become a matter for the state legislature, Commissioner Morrison at a recent meeting stated that the IFF was in the hands of the legislature. Commissioner Morrison further stated that he would have ASU (Alabama State University) review and analyze the current IFF and make recommendations for change or make recommendations or comments. Carolyn Fortner read the report by ASU and stated that, in her opinion, ASU's recommendation(s) was based not on the desire to achieve equity but on the desire to mitigate the impact on the regions which would lose significant funding if the current IFF were fully implemented. The General Fund Budget passed by the legislature mandates full implementation of the current IFF over a 4 FY period beginning in FY 2014.
 - 3. Medicaid Elderly and Disabled Waiver (EDW) Program: M4A is under-spent, is under-serving clients, and its cost per client is low. Because of these factors, in all likelihood, M4A will have a reduction in EDW funds for FY 2014.
 - 4. Medicaid Managed Care/SB340: SB340 authorizes and provides structure to Alabama's Medicaid Managed Care. Medicaid medical services will be provided through regional care organizations (RCO) or alternate service providers

pursuant to “risk” agreements or contracts. Services will be on a per capita basis with risk shifted from the Medicaid Agency (taxpayers) to a third party provider either the RCO or alternate provider. The RCO is comprised of health services providers that provide the medical care or who may contract with “alternate care providers” for services; currently, there are 4 RCOs in Alabama: Tuscaloosa, Opelika/Auburn, Huntsville, and Mobile. Alternate care providers can be a Medicaid Managed Care Organization. The EDW Program is part of Long term care services which could be integrated at a later date into the regional care organization; such action would be a threat to AAAs.

5. St. Clair Public Transportation (SCAT): M4A is waiting on decisions from the Cities of Odenville and Ashville regarding their participation in unsubsidized transportation for their senior citizens (to/from the senior centers) for FY 2013.
 6. Older American Month (OAM) information: Carolyn drafted OAM proclamations for each OAM event in our 5 county region. The Board approved the proclamations and Board members volunteered to present said proclamations to each OAM event.
 7. Board Resolution: Carolyn made a recommendation for a Board resolution to recognize Mayor Billy Joe Driver of the City of Clanton for his support of seniors and senior services.
- 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 March 2013.
- E. The fiscal report was presented by Renee Green. The report showed financial information through the 2nd quarter of the fiscal year.
- F. Old Business: None
- G. New Business:
1. A motion was made by Mr. Turnipseed to approve the M4A OAM proclamations and that they be presented to the County Chairman of each of the five counties at each OAM event by a Board member. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holloway. All were in favor, no one opposed.
 2. A motion was made by Mr. Turnipseed to recognize Mayor Driver of Clanton with a Board resolution for his support of senior services in the City of Clanton and Chilton County. It was seconded by Mr. Acker. All were in favor, no one opposed.
 3. The September 25th M4A Board meeting was rescheduled to September 18, 2013 because of conflicts with the 2013 SE4A Conference which will be in Alabama. A motion was made by Mr. Turnipseed to change the September meeting to September 18th. It was seconded by Rev. Bynum. All were in favor and no one opposed.

There was no additional new business. Rev. Bynum 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 Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at M4A.

Approved:



Richard Lovelady, M4A Board Chairman

Date

