

Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A)  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 22, 2012

In attendance: Chairman Richard Lovelady, Mr. Dan Acker, Mr. Earl Cunningham, Mr. Chris Green, Mr. Gene Ford, Mr. Reginald Holloway, Ms. Lee Ann Clark, Ms. Martha Thornburgh, Ms. Vanessa McKinney, Ms. Carolyn Fortner, Ms. Dianne Nance and Ms. Debbie Battles.

- A. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lovelady at 10:30am. Mr. Cunningham provided the prayer. A quorum was determined and there were no proxies.
- B. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Ford. All were in favor, no one opposed.
- C. A motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2011 Board meeting was made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Ms. Thornburg. All were in favor, no one opposed.
- D. Executive Director's Report by Carolyn Fortner  
New M4A staff members were introduced to the Board members.
  1. A special guest speaker, Alicia Lepke, M4A Long-term Care Ombudsman, gave a presentation to the Board on M4A's Long-term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) program.
  2. Special guests from Senior Service America, Inc., Rita Monroy and Tom Ryan, spoke to the Board members about the grant from AARP in which M4A and OSCS are partnering in the project. Mr. Ryan gave an overview of the project, *Stepping Out of the Recession: Training Latino/Hispanic Elders as Peer Community Interpreters*.
  3. Grants M4A is pursuing this fiscal year:
    - AARP/SSAI for Blount, Chilton and Shelby Counties
    - CAWACO for providing outreach to inform our seniors about the Farmers Market Authority's voucher program
    - CCTP- Community-based Care Transition Program
    - ACA-Inform older women of preventive services available through Medicare
  4. Personnel Updates
    - M4A is looking for a part-time LTCO to replace Jodi Posey.
    - There was a lay-off of an ADRC grant staff member who was also funded by SenioRx. The SMP Coordinator will take on those responsibilities in addition to her present responsibilities.
    - We had a loss of a senior aide who found unsubsidized employment. She had assisted M4A with I&R and ADRC duties.
    - We are looking for 5 to 6 new case managers for the Medicaid Waiver program for the ADPH transition.

5. Medicaid Waiver transition- a handout was distributed to show the total slots that M4A has at present and will be receiving through the transition from ADPH.
  6. A handout was given to the Board members on the Alabama Department of Senior Services FY 2013 Budget request.
  7. M4A's Annual Operating Element for FY 2012 was approved by ADSS. Board members were previously mailed a copy of the AOE.
  8. A handout was given to the Board members that listed upcoming events that will occur in our 5-county area.
- E. Debbie Battles presented the program status report. An update was given on the accomplishments of each program from October 1, 2012 through January 31, 2012.
- F. Dianne Nance gave the fiscal report.
- G. Old Business: FY 2012 Annual Operating Element has been approved by ADSS. Mr. Ford made the motion that the Board approves the FY 2012 annual Operating Element and it was seconded by Mr. Holloway. All were in favor, none opposed.
- H. New Business: The M4A Board approved a new Medicaid Waiver contract with Interim Healthcare. A motion to approve the contract was made by Mr. Acker and seconded by Mr. Green. 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 Ms. Thornburgh. All were in favor and no one opposed.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at M4A.

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Richard Lovelady, M4A Board Chairman

  
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