

Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A)
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 23, 2012

In attendance: Chairman Richard Lovelady, Mr. Dan Acker, Mr. Earl Cunningham, Mr. Bill Fowler, Mr. Reginald Holloway, Ms. Lee Ann Clark, Ms. Martha Thornburgh, 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 10:10am. 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 Ms. Clark. All were in favor, no one opposed.
- C. A motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2012 Board meeting was made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Holloway All were in favor, no one opposed.
- D. Executive Director's Report by Carolyn Fortner
 1. Grants, New Projects, and Letters of Support
 - i. M4A has been asked to be part of a nursing home transition project to reduce hospital re-admissions for nursing home residents. This project is in partnership with AQAF (chief partner), ADSS, Samford University, UAB, University of Alabama, and the Nursing Home Association. The grant is being submitted to CMS for approval of this group's plan.
 - ii. Sunshine Manor and Church of the Highlands has an outreach program called "Serve Day". They have requested M4A to submit some of our most vulnerable Shelby County seniors, presently on our waiting list for services, as possible recipients of their outreach program.
 - iii. ADSS has requested a letter of support from M4A for the Senior Medicare Patrol Grant.
 - iv. SSAI has requested a letter of support for their grant application to continue to be a national grantee for SCSEP.
 - v. The Town of Harpersville requested a letter of support from M4A to include with their grant application for funds to build a senior center.
 - vi. M4A has a potential partnership with fire departments and faith-based organizations on a fire and fall prevention initiative from the National Fire Safety Administration.

2. On May 29-31 M4A will have an on-site ADSS audit of our Title III/VII programs.
3. Medicaid Waiver Transition of Alabama Department of Public Health clients to ADSS/M4A
 - i. Elderly and disabled waiver clients were transitioned effective May 1, 2012. Five new case managers were hired and approximately 190 new clients were transitioned to M4A.
 - ii. The "530 Waiver" (HIV/AIDS) transition is in process. The transition should be completed by June 1, 2012. M4A will receive 6 new 530 Waiver clients.
 - a. Case managers have to receive special training to serve HIV/AIDS population.
 - b. Potential problems:
 - Funding: ADSS will not get all the funds ADPH had to administer the E&D Waiver and 530 (HIV/AIDS) programs
 - Care Plans: Some senior service case managers have expressed concern about ADPH care plans
 - Disabled children: ADPH served more disabled children under their Waiver Program
 - iii. Funding for E&DW and 530 Waiver
 - M4A is currently over-budget for the E&DW program
 - M4A has been instructed to increase by 25 billable clients per month.
4. The FY 2013 Budget for ADSS was passed by the House and is in the Senate now.
 - i. State Bills #25 and #174 could bring additional funds to ADSS for senior services. They will probably be voted in a referendum on September 18, 2012. Discussion was made on encouraging seniors to vote for these bills. Board members expressed concerns about swaying seniors to vote either way on the Constitutional Amendment although there was general Board agreement that M4A could provide educational information. This item will be tabled until the July Board meeting.
5. M4A staffing and the effect of proration.
 - i. ADRC/I&R grant will end at the end of the fiscal year.
 - ii. SenioRx has funding for only one full time staff person.

- iii. SCSEP participant hours were reduced and there are no administrative funds left. The program will be \$9-10 thousand dollars over budget by the end of the program's fiscal year.
 - iv. Nutrition: moving funds from Title IIIB to Title IIIC-2 to fund the shortfall on the homebound meal budget.
6. Federal Changes: AoA and the Administration on Community Living
- i. The federal government has formed a new Administration under HHS which combines the accomplishments of the Administration on Aging, the Office on Disability and the Administration on Developmental Disabilities into a single agency that supports both cross-cutting initiatives and efforts focused on the unique needs of individual groups, such as children with developmental disabilities or seniors with dementia. This new agency, called the Administration on Community Living, will work on increasing access to community supports and achieving full community participation for people with disabilities and seniors. The Alabama Aging Network is uncertain at this time how this will affect programs for seniors but there is overall concern that aging will lose its identity.
- E. Debbie Battles presented the program status report. An update was given on the accomplishments of each program from October 1, 2011 through April, 2012.
- F. Dianne Nance gave the fiscal report.
- G. Old Business: None
- H. New Business:
- 1. Board approval is needed for Letters of Support
 - i. The ADSS Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Grant funds the AoA program which educates Medicare beneficiaries and other consumers about Medicare fraud and other types of fraud in which older individuals are targeted. Mr. Fowler made the motion to approve the letter of support for the SMP grant and it was seconded by Ms. Thornburgh. All were in favor and none opposed.
 - ii. Senior Service America, Inc. (SSAI) is applying to the Department of Labor to continue to be a national grantee for the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). Mr. Fowler made the motion to approve the letter of support for the SSAI to continue to be a grantee for SCSEP and it was seconded by Ms. Thornburgh. All were in favor and none opposed.
 - iii. The Town of Harpersville is applying for a grant to fund a project to build a senior center in their community. Mr. Fowler made the motion to approve the letter of support for the Town of Harpersville

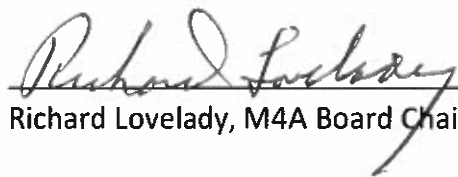
to submit with their grant application and it was seconded by Ms. Thornburgh. All were in favor and none opposed.

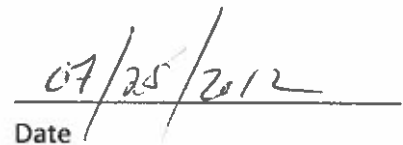
2. Board approval is needed for Medicaid Waiver contracts. The Board members were given a handout which listed the new and existing contracts for Medicaid Waiver services.
 - i. Mr. Fowler made the motion to approve the new Elderly and Disabled (Medicaid Waiver) contracts and it was seconded by Ms. Thornburgh. All were in favor and none opposed.
 - ii. Mr. Fowler made the motion to approve the current Elderly and Disabled (Medicaid Waiver) contracts and it was seconded by Ms. Thornburgh. All were in favor and none opposed.
 - iii. Mr. Fowler made the motion to approve the statewide contracts between ADSS and ADPH and it was seconded by Ms. Thornburgh. All were in favor and none 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. West. All were in favor and no one opposed.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at M4A.

Approved:


Richard Lovelady, M4A Board Chairman


Date