

Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A)
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 19, 2011

In attendance: Chairman Richard Lovelady, Commissioner Dan Acker, Mr. Earl Cunningham, Mr. Ralph Mitchell, 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 10:20am. Commissioner Acker provided the prayer. A quorum was determined and there were two proxies presented. Proxy for Mr. Holloway presented by Mr. Cunningham and a proxy for Judge Standridge presented by Mr. Mitchell.
- B. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Acker. All were in favor, no one opposed.
- C. A motion to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2011 Board meeting was made by Mr. Acker and seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All were in favor, no one opposed.
- D. Executive Director's Report by Carolyn Fortner
 - a. The new ADSS Commissioner is Neal Morrison. He was previously the Executive Director of NARCOG (which includes Cullman, Lawrence and Morgan counties). He was also an Alabama state representative and a junior college president. The Board members were given a copy of a press release on Governor Bentley's announcement of the new ADSS Commissioner.
 - b. The Medicaid Waiver program was over-budget for FY2011 by \$59,952.55. This was not due to poor planning on the part of M4A. It was due to several transfers from other agencies' areas to our service area. Funds do not follow the client in the same fiscal year as the transfer. We did not have any clients transfer from our area to another AAA area. The Alabama Department of Public Health Medicaid Waiver program will most likely be transitioning within 12-18 month to ADSS and clients will be transferred to the AAAs' Medicaid Waiver program. A meeting has

been set during the AARC conference for ADPH, ADSS, COG Directors and AAA Directors to discuss the issue.

- c. M4A is unable open any SCSEP participant slots at this time because we are still using Consolidated Appropriations Act funds. Once we transition our CAA participants to the regular SSAI slots we will do a projection to see if there are funds to increase the hours for current participants. ADSS will not allow the filling of new slots because funding to maintain these slots is highly improbable.
 - d. M4A has partnered with SSAI and OSCS on an AARP grant to increase job opportunities for the older Latinos/Hispanic population that have legal status. The M4A region has had the greatest increase in Latino/Hispanic population. The grant will focus on Blount, Chilton and Shelby counties. The grant has the express support of ADSS and Governor Bentley.
 - e. M4A has applied for a grant from CAWACO to assist us in promoting the Senior State Farmers Market Nutrition Program as well as the local farmers. We have not been approved for the grant as yet but have received positive feedback from CAWACO.
 - f. M4A has a potential grant partnership through the Community Care Transition Program (CCTP), a grant by CMS, to be the community based organization for St. Vicent's Hospital. Other partners include Samford University's School of Pharmacy. The goal of the project is to reduce hospital 30-, 60-, and 90-day re-admissions.
 - g. Jefferson County's Medicaid Waiver program has been moved to the Regional Planning Commission.
 - h. Carolyn has been selected to serve on the Board of Directors for Positive Maturity. It is for a term of two years.
- E. In regard to the Annual Operating Element for FY2012, no instructions from ADSS have been received as of this date. As soon as the instructions are received, an AOE for FY2012 will be drafted and sent to the Board. Julie Miller indicated it would be due in November.

F. Two handouts were given to the Board members to complete for FY2012. They were the Conflict of Interest form and the Board Survey form.

G. Debbie Battles presented the program status report.

- a. The new fiscal year has just started so there was no new data to report on the programs' goals.
- b. The program coordinators met with Carolyn and Debbie to review the programs' goals and budgets for FY2012 as well as the reports on completion of the FY2011 goals.
- c. The SHIP program's plans are in full swing for Medicare open enrollment events and the placement of SHIP billboards in the counties we serve. Several Board members commented that they had seen the billboards.
- d. The monthly aggregate report is being changed in how the M4A staff report the information. It is now calculated based on the number of people assisted and not on the total number of activities. A sample of the new report form was given to the Board members.

H. Dianne Nance did not have a new fiscal report since the last Board meeting in September.

I. Old Business-none

J. New Business

- a. There was discussion on endorsing the Letter of Support on behalf of SSAI grant proposal to AARP to increase job placement opportunities for legal resident Latinos/Hispanics in the M4A region. A motion to approve such an endorsement and to expressly support the SSAI proposal was made by Mr. Mitchell and seconded by Ms. Clark. All were in favor, no one opposed.
- b. Carolyn explained the proposed PeerPlace software and grant. Mr. Cunningham commended M4A for looking ahead to the future needs of M4A. A motion was made by Mr. Acker to approve the agreement with East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission for Auburn University at Montgomery grant funds to

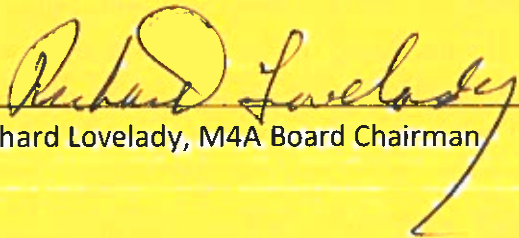
support PeerPlace I&R software for client assessment and data. It was seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All were in favor and none opposed.

There was no additional new business at this meeting.

Mr. Cunningham made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Ms. Clark. All were in favor and no one opposed.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at M4A.

Approved:


Richard Lovelady, M4A Board Chairman


Date