

Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging
Board of Directors Meeting
March 8, 2011

Board Members Present:

Audrain – Fred West	Laclede – Kenneth Helton
Boone – Kenny Harrison	Maries – Melanie Yoakum
Callaway – Jim Ringland	Miller – Lorraine Dowler
Camden – James Kitterman	Moniteau - absent
Cole – Pat Donehue	Morgan – Bob Raines
Cooper – Joanna Hughes	Osage - absent
Crawford – Elinor Snelson	Phelps – Maxine Palmer
Dent – James Boulware	Pulaski – Paul Beydler
Gasconade – Robert Niebruegge	Washington – James Weaver
Howard – absent	

Staff Present:

Jean Leonatti Robin Cadwell Nancy Welty

Guests Present: Matt Brickey

President Snelson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Jean Leonatti asked to add mileage reimbursement clarification and three paid “holiday” snow days in February under “Unfinished Business” to the March 8, 2011 Agenda. Jim Weaver moved to approve the Agenda as amended; James Canter seconded; motion passed.

Jim Ringland moved to approve the December 14, 2010 minutes as printed. Paul Beydler seconded; motion passed.

FY 10 Audit Report: Matt Brickey presented the report. All areas were approved as clean or unqualified. Special note was made that the agency lost its “low risk” designation due to the delay of the State in awarding the audit contracts. This is through no fault of the agency itself. Jim Ringland moved to approve the audit; James Kitterman seconded; motion passed.

Unfinished Business: Jean announced the Executive Committee had made some interim decisions. First, the Cuba Senior Center Board’s nomination of Larry Draper to fill the vacancy on CMAAA’s Advisory Council was approved. They also approved an ammendant to Checker Livery’s existing contract to include the counties of Cooper and Howard. James Canter moved to re-affirm both decisions; Jim Weaver seconded; motion passed. Jean presented email and cards sent by staff in appreciation for the three paid snow holidays in February.

FY12 Area Plan Budget Recommendations: Must be submitted by April 1, 2011. The proposed FY12 Budget is essentially the same as the FY11 Budget. It contains NO raises for any staff and NO increase in agency contribution for any increases in employee health insurance. Carry-over dollar projections were lowered; all county meal allocations and other services were maintained. This could all change by end of summer. Since a deficit budget cannot be submitted, Jean suggested lowering the cash reserve to eliminate the deficit. James Canter moved to approve the proposed FY12 Budget; Fred West seconded; motion passed.

FY12 Vendor Contract process: Staff recommended that contract extensions be issued to existing respite care and transportation vendors. The Respite contract extensions will be staggered from one to three years to streamline that committee's work. If a transportation vendor wants a rate increase, they must submit a new proposal. A notice will be published for any new provider who then must submit a proposal. Robert Niebruegge moved to approve staff recommendations; James Canter seconded; motion passed.

MEHTAP Application for FY12: The MEHTAP application is ready for submission. Last year the agency received \$102,000 and this year we applied for \$110,000. James Canter moved to approve the grant application; Pat Donehue seconded; motion passed.

CEO's report:

- Jean presented the list of fringe benefits for employees of other Area Agencies. St. Louis and Kansas City benefits should be ignored as not comparable to the structure of the other agencies. Most agencies are providing health, dental and life insurance with employees contributing a percentage of the cost. We are in line with these plans. Our retirement benefits are not in line and on the low end as the agency makes no contribution to this plan. Our agency is in line with mileage reimbursement.
- Congress has approved another "continuing resolution" with a \$4 million dollar cut. None of our programs have been cut in this two week extension. After that, cuts will be made again and be retroactive to October 1st. We don't know if we will be included in those cuts.
- State government works on next year's budget so any cuts from them are from July forward and are not retroactive. There's no cut to our core budget, but all stimulus dollars have been taken out. That means about a \$1.4 million decrease in the meal program. This amount was put back in the budget, but due to a clerical error, the process must be done once again and the outcome is unclear. Basically this could cause us to lose \$100-\$120,000.
- Jean talked about the difficulty of hiring Care Coordinators due to our low salary range. This could make it hard to maintain our program. Since the state outsourced a contract to Syncare, our hiring and retaining problems will increase. Discussion followed on the need to educate people on our Care Coordination Program.
- The Summit Conference on Aging has been set for September 26th through 28th at the Westport Sheraton in St. Louis.
- There will be spring elections for Board members, Advisory Council and Silver Haired Legislature. The election will be on May 17th with the deadline for filing being April 29th. The following counties are up for election: Washington, Cole, Phelps, Pulaski, Moniteau, Morgan and Camden.

New Grant Opportunities: \$15,000 grant for additional Medicare outreach; “AD8” screening for Alzheimer’s disease to get early help; Pathways mental health services, five hours per week for one-two years in Cole County, so seniors will access mental health services better and Rehabilitation Services for the Blind with an excess of funds to help clients with vision problems. We should receive \$30-\$40,000 under this grant.

Mileage reimbursement: It was proposed mileage reimbursement be increased to \$.47 per mile when gasoline rises to \$3.50 or higher per gallon. Jim Weaver moved to approve; James Canter seconded; motion passed. This will not take effect until April 1st, 2011.

Snow days in February: Three paid snow “holidays” were taken in February. This will reduce the official number of “serving days” required for each center. James Canter moved to approve; Bob Raines seconded; motion passed.

James Weaver moved to adjourn the meeting; James Canter seconded; motion passed.

Our next meeting will be May 10, 2011.