

Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Oscoda Yacht Club, Oscoda, Michigan
November 4, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Huggler at 12:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Stuart Bartlett, Terry Beardslee, Jim Bricker, Bob Cudney, Frank Cowger, Mike Davis, Ann Denis, Donna Dietz, Pauline Hall, Pete Hennard, Bob Harden, Rev. Bill Hipwood, Dale Huggler, Rev. R. C. Knight, Jean Kroll, Dawn Lawrence, Jack Mahank, Daniel Marcrum, Tehea Minke, Boyden Olson, Joseph Pellens, Sheila Phillips, Dianna Schafer, Clyde Soucie, Bob Spencer, Gerald Wall, Rose Walsh, Paul Wingate, and Gary Wozniak

Excused: Herb Makima

Absent: Suzanne Linkins, Walter Walsh and Leonard Zolnierrek

Quorum present.

Staff Members Present:

Lisa Bolen, John Briggs, Barb Dault, Kathy Goddard, Karen Godi, Laurie Sauer, Sue Schuler, Carol Shafto, Lisa Slupecki, John Swise, Dawn Jacobs and Jeanne Chisena

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Motion by Joseph Pellens to approve minutes of the October meeting. Support by Rev. Bill Hipwood. All ayes, Motion carried.

Rev. Bob Knight provided the blessing for the meal. Ann Denis led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Bill Hipwood provided reflections.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Members introduced their guests.

COMMUNICATION

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Head Start Policy Council – Dawn Lawrence

Received child outcome reports and approved a disability service plan, reviewed a grant application, formalized a custody policy and approved some new hires and terminations.

Regional Advisory Council – Rev. Bill Hipwood

Received a letter from Representative Joel Sheltroun regarding the tobacco settlement revenue. He has agreed to pursue this issue through the legislature to see what can be gained. The Presque Isle County delegate resigned and until a new delegate is appointed, the Presque Isle County Senior Center Director has been authorized to attend the meetings. Ken McGuire resigned as the Legal Services Board representative. The council received a presentation on Medicare.

Volunteer Program Advisory Groups:

Senior Companion Program – Rev. Bob Knight

No meeting. No report. Rev. Bob Knight thanked Jean Kroll for giving the Board report in his absence.

Foster Grandparent Program – Jean Kroll

No meeting. No report.

Client Services Advisory Council – Boyden Olson

No meeting. No report.

Personnel Committee – Clyde Soucie

No meeting. No report.

Membership Committee – Frank Cowger

No meeting. No report.

Program Planning and Evaluation Committee – Rev. Bill Hipwood

The committee met prior to the Board meeting and discussed some items with Carol Shafto. Carol distributed the ROMA plan to all board members and briefly reviewed the information contained within the report. Carol stated that there are 41 NEMCSA programs in the ROMA system this year indicating that all programs are now reporting ROMA. Carol also distributed a copy of the Board governance policy and a questionnaire explaining that she has been asked by the Program Planning and Evaluation Committee to review how the board is following the policy. Section 3 is the first section being reviewed. Carol asked the Board members to complete and return their responses to the questionnaire indicating that their input is important. Carol pointed out a few things in regard to what she is looking for with the responses. Carol will compile the received information and report it back to the board at the next meeting. All responses will remain confidential. Carol stated that the remaining sections of the Governance policy will also be reviewed; probably in a similar manner.

The committee reviewed and discussed the Head Start/Early Head Start Peer Review Compliance Report response and determined that the full Board needs to accept or reject the report.

Motion by Rev. Bill Hipwood to receive and file the Peer Review Compliance Report response as written. Support by Joseph Pellens. The Peer Review team will be returning in December to review what has been done to correct the findings. John stated that anyone with questions could contact either Linda McGillis or himself. All ayes, motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Directors Report:

Financial Report – Jim Robarge

No report.

Program Information Report – Elderly Advocacy Services and Medicare Part D – Dawn Jacobs

Dawn Jacobs provided a power point presentation on the function of her program(s) and position within the agency. Dawn provided some examples of what types of service she provides to the nursing homes in the twelve county area of the Area Agency on Aging. Dawn works with the Long Term Care Ombudsman program and the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program. Dawn gave a brief overview of both programs and explained how the programs work. New this year is the Medicare Prescription Assistance Program. Four individuals have been trained as counselors for this new program.

Dawn invited Sue Schuler and Rev. Bill Hipwood to present awards to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cudney for the work they do advocating for seniors on the Michigan Senior Advocate Council in Lansing.

Dawn finished her presentation by reviewing information on the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plan. Dawn gave an overview of the several plans available and how they work. If you have credible prescription drug coverage you don't need to enroll in Part D. If you don't have credible coverage and you don't enroll by the deadline, when you do enroll, you will be penalized 1% for every month you didn't enroll. This penalty will be in addition to your monthly premium cost for the coverage. Eligible individuals can start enrolling on November 15th; however you have until May 15th 2006 to enroll. Dawn suggested that individuals not enroll right away, but to wait and review the formularies to make sure you choose the right one for your prescription needs.

New Business:

John Briggs stated that it was Homeless Awareness Month and he will be walking in the Homeless Walk again this year to support the cause. John will be collecting pledges from those who wish to donate. A newspaper insert was distributed to all board members regarding homelessness in northeast Michigan.

Motion by Gerald Wall to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 p.m. Supported by Rev. Bob Knight. All ayes, Motion carried.

Date Prepared: November 4, 2005

Date Approved: _____

Board Secretary

Date