

**Northeast Michigan Regional Council on Aging**  
**July 23, 2018 at 1:00 pm**  
**NEMCSA Large Conference Room - Alpena**

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The meeting was called to order by President E. Corpe at 1:00 pm

**Roll Call**

S. Wojnar, A. Lange, D. Huff, V. Zygiel, M. Newman, E. Corpe, C. Wilder, B. Kaye, T. Dutcher, M. Tappan, C. Proulx, D. Burdine, E. Howell, D. Henig, E. Henig, J. Mathis, M. Downs, D. Fay, C. Corwin, M. Hiller

Excused: None

Unexcused: None

Guests: John Briggs, Mr. Kaye

Aging Staff: Laurie Sauer, Connie McQuarrie, Becky Hawks, Yvette Smigelski, Kelly Robinette, Brooke Mainville, Susan Bowen and Gina Bey

**Approval of Agenda** – A motion was made by V. Zygiel with support from M. Hiller to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by D. Fay with support from D. Henig to approve the minutes of May 21, 2018. Motion carried.

**Nominating Committee**

D. Henig reported both his and Edward's terms are up this December and they will be retiring from the Council. He introduced Violet Ward whom he hopes will replace him as delegate.

**Speaker – Becky Hawks – FY 2019 Recommendations for Funding**

Laurie reported the AAA operates on a 3-year funding cycle. Through the Multi-Year Annual Implementation Plan, we award grants to entities to provide the nutrition and in home services piece. In addition to that, we hold a request for Proposal (RFP) for 1-year grants for additional programs. The handouts are the results of that process; the applicants, what they requested, and the recommendations by the Review Committee. A draft copy of the recommendations was distributed and reviewed by Becky.

- Merit Award #1 and #2 and State Caregiver Support for Adult Day Services – There was \$122,207 in available funding. Eight requests were submitted. Of those, two were not recommended for funding; Arenac because they did a separate request for the funds and Ogemaw who proposed to enhance their adult day care program, but that piece was not addressed in the RFP. A total of \$180,034 was awarded.
- Elder Abuse Prevention – A total of \$6,833 is available. Three proposals were received and recommended funding at the level requested for a total of \$4,069 awarded. The unallocated portion of \$2,764 will either be put out for a second round of RFPs or the AAA can put on an Elder Abuse Conference.

M. Downs – What prompts the second round? Laurie – Many COAs support the annual conference the AAA puts on and don't want to do one themselves. If they were to apply, it's usually a one-time thing they will do at their centers.

- Title IIID Evidence Based Disease Prevention Health Promotion – A total of \$22,500 is available. Five requests were submitted, three were recommended to be funded at the requested level. Two, Alpena and Roscommon, scored just below the required 40 points. The AAA will tentatively award them each \$2,000 if they provide the missing information to bring up their scores.
- National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) – A total of \$99,114 is available. Twenty seven applied. There are three different categories of funding;
  - Creating Confident Caregivers with \$10,000 in funding received two requests which were recommended to be funded at the requested amount of \$3,939.
  - Health Resource and Support Groups with \$27,000 in funding received 12 requests which were all recommended to be funded at the requested amounts.
  - Kinship with \$27,000 in funding received 5 requests. Four were recommended to be funded at \$7,250.
  - Respite with \$45,000 in funding received 8 requests, recommended to be funded at \$45,000.

A total of \$9,864 is available in the Kinship Purchase of Service and \$6,061 in CCC funding remains unallocated.

C. Corwin – Only 2 counties applied for CCC funds? Becky – Yes.

### **Director's Report**

The annual AAA Director Evaluation was distributed for completion by the council members.

AAA Staff – Brooke Mainville has been hired as the new Special Projects Coordinator. She replaces Liz Kowalski.

Older Michigianians Day Advocacy – Our advocacy efforts were very successful with an increase of \$2.5 million for AASA funded in-home services, \$3.8 million for MI-Choice Waiver and \$100,000 for each Senior Volunteer Program.

State Funding – Since our last meeting there was an increase in state funding. The NEMCSA Board approved an increase in the local funding floor or Title IIIB Services from the current \$20,500 to \$21,000.

By-Laws – The NEMCSA Board approved the proposed revisions to the Regional Council on Aging By-Laws. A revised copy was distributed.

Veterans Updates – The Mission Act 2018 was passed by both chambers, this replaces the CHOICE Act which gave veterans more access to local doctors. It removes the 30-day, 40 mile barrier which allows more flexibility for rural areas. It also consolidates 7 duplicative community care programs and incorporates feedback from veteran's service organizations to the Oversight Commission. Veterans will also now have full access to affordable financing on home purchases.

PREVNT Grant – This is our senior bullying project. There will be no opportunity for us for this grant next year. The AAA developed a new concept to work with law enforcement and provide dementia training. Unfortunately we missed the submission deadline due to the Internet being down. Susan put a lot of effort into writing the grant. We are looking for other funding opportunities for this concept. It may fit into a new state effort of developing dementia funding. Brooke will take on some in-home consultation visits with care management clients that have been screened for dementia. Based on the score of the tool, and if the client is open to speaking to someone about it, Brooke will meet with them.

Mobility Challenge Grant – This application was to connect folks to transportation services and other entities as well. Our letter of support did not go through due to the Internet being down. OCATS in Oscoda partnered with the grant. However, if MUVE receives funding, Region 9 will be a partner at some level.

Other Grants - The AAA was invited and will partner with Elder Law of Michigan on another federal grant to fund the MiCafe Program. Susan is working on a submission to the Michigan Health Endowment Fund for an advocate/navigator concept we have. Some details need refining, but we are hopeful. Also, the DDD will be adding an in-home consultation component to it and are looking at possibilities to add the law enforcement training piece we had planned for PREVNT. There was recently an increase in funds.

C Proulx – How much funding will that be? Laurie – We haven't completed the submission yet so I'm not sure of the exact amount. This would be a social worker type position.

PREVNT Assessment – An assessment was conducted by AASA on June 29<sup>th</sup>. There were no findings or compliance issues.

Coming Events – There were no applicants for the second round of remaining Elder Abuse Funds so the AAA will hold an Elder Abuse Prevention Conference on August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus in Cheboygan. A full Community Based Care staff meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. David Shaltz will present on Medicaid and Long Term Care Eligibility along with a luncheon for retiring staff person, Lana Coiner. The Nutrition Summit will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup> and the Best Practices Conference is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> in Gaylord.

## **Program Reports**

**Legal Services Board** – Jim Mathis nothing to report.

**Region 9 Directors Report** – Merianne reported the COA Directors have not met.

**Ombudsman Program Report** – No report.

**MMAP Program Report** – Susan is completing the AAA Annual Report for the AASA Assessment. She reported on the MMAP Recognition held last week. She had the largest group attending from Region 9 to date. Winning regional awards were: Most Volunteer Hours, Larry Calder, Alpena County; Most Volunteer Counseling Hours, Jan Williamson, Roscommon County; Most Counseling Hours for Paid-in-Kind (PIK), Sarah Skowronski, Otsego County; Most Volunteer Outreach, Jan Williamson; and Most PIK Outreach was a tie between Amy Carson, Arenac County, and Sarah Skowronski. Receiving a nomination for Team Member of the Year was Jan Williamson and nominated for Site Coordinator of the Year was John Panci, from Otsego County.

M. Hiller gave an update on her Epi pens. She was able to get two for \$15 due to a new program through Walgreens. You do need a doctor's request initially.

**Developmental Projects Coordinator Report** – Brooke reported she is working on the Elder Abuse Prevention Conference scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm at the Knights of Columbus in Cheboygan. She has six speakers scheduled. She was recently trained on in the Powerful Tools for Caregivers and will be trained in Creating Confident Caregivers (CCC) at the end of this month.

## Advocacy Reports

**MSAC** – C. Proulx reported the group hasn't met since May. She reviewed the minutes from her last meeting. They have a new executive director, Ryan Cowmeadow. The group discussed a possible name change for MSAC and is gathering feedback. He is networking with PACE, Mental Health and ARC of Michigan. Ballot items for discussion include legalizing Marijuana and Redistricting. The bill for the Medicaid work requirement disregards persons 63 and older but will require those under age 63 to work a certain amount of hours per month to keep Medicaid. There are other exemptions as well.

**State Advisory Council** – Chuck reported work continues on the final report. They are working on a title. Their next meeting will be a face-to-face in Lansing on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## State Updates

**State Commission on Aging** – John Briggs reported they met last Friday in Munising and approved new standards for Access, the Trust Fund amounts, 3<sup>rd</sup> year funding for Dementia Dexterity, and finally approved the Intrastate Funding Formula. There was a push at the end by AAA 1A to eliminate the geographic factor. The Commission approved the formula with the geographic factor as is. There will be a two-year phase in to be fair and equitable. The next two meetings will be in Lansing where the AIP's will be presented for approval. We don't know what the federal funding will look like for next year but the carryover of state funds will help cushion any cuts.

T. Dutcher - Does the state reallocating of taxes tie into this? John – No, that comes down to us at the local level. We need to take care of our own folks, nobody wants an increase in taxes.

M. Downs – That's why our millages are very important. John – Yes, they're critical.

**Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA)** – Dan Doezema is here conducting the AAA assessment.

## Local Updates From Council Members

Gina Bey reported she reviewed five client files with Dan. There was no negative feedback, it was all good.

D. Fay – We are waiting for our new bus. We were able to sell our old one to OCATS. We have our renewal of our Transportation Millage in August.

M. Downs – The COA will be in the Nautical Festival Parade on August 5<sup>th</sup> to advertise the millage.

## Action Items

**FY 2019 Contracts – Recommendations for Funding** - A motion was made by D. Huff with support from D. Fay to approve the recommendations as presented. Motion carried. C. Corwin recused himself from the vote due to conflict of interest.

**Question or Comments**

**Our next meeting is October 22, 2018**

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by M. Hiller with support from D. Burdine to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 pm by Chairman Corpe.