

Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
August 18, 2011

Board Present: Kathleen Gaylord, Jess Luce, Autumn Lehrke, Dan Erhart, Jan Parker, Gayle Degler, Virginia Lanegran, Jamie Warndahl, Jan Olson, Luis Ortega, Dave Menden, Kerri Pearce-Ruch

Board Absent: Mark Skeie, Allen Miller, Laura Waterman Wittstock, Gail Dorfman, Sally Staggert, Jan McCulloch, Bob Roepke.

Staff Present: Dawn Simonson, Bob Anderson, Terry Nielsen, Kate Houston, Beth Wright.

The meeting was held at the MAAA Offices, 2365 N McKnight Road, North St. Paul, MN 55109 and was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Chair Kathleen Gaylord..

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jamie Warndahl to approve the consent agenda consisting of the May 19, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes, and the August 4, 2011 Executive Committee Minutes. The motion was seconded by Autumn Lehrke. Motion carried.

Chair's Report

Kathleen Gaylord reported on her attendance at the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging's conference in Washington, DC in July and her positive impressions of the Senior Nutrition presentation given by Dawn Simonson, MAAA's executive director on our innovations in home delivered meals. The presentation was well attended and audience members expressed significant interest.

Executive Director's Report

Dawn Simonson reported on the N4A conference in Washington DC. Four MAAA staff members attended the conference and gave 3 presentations on volunteerism, senior nutrition and Matter of Balance/Falls Prevention. There was also a day of advocacy on Capitol Hill to meet with policy-makers. Dawn also reported that a community briefing on the MAAA proposed Area Plan was held on August 11th at the Roseville Area Library. Attendance was approximately 50 people. The Agency invited both Senator Franken and Representative Kline to attend. Senator Franken sent a letter of response that was read at the meeting by his assistant. No response received from Representative Kline. Dawn also reported on the results of the State shutdown in July. There was a minimal impact on the Agency with the temporary furlough of 10 employees in the Data Management and Return to Communities programs, which are completely State funded programs. As a result of the final State budget, there will be some increased funding to the Agency via the Long Term Care Consulting expansion project which will result in an estimated increase of up to 5 additional staff. This project will require that all adults moving to a Housing with Services setting have a mandatory conversation with a Senior LinkAge staff person.

Financial Report

Terry Nielsen reported on the Agency financials as of June 30, 2011. The Agency has a cash surplus of approximately \$1.5 million as a result of drawing down as much funding as possible ahead of the State shutdown. Both Admin and SLL programs are favorable so far for the year and look to remain so through the end of the year. Terry also reported that Baron HR, one of the building tenants has given notice and will be vacating their suite as of August 31st. This space will be used by the LTCC expansion and volunteer phone bank projects. A motion was made by Jamie Warndahl to accept the financial report and was seconded by Luis Ortega. Motion carried.

Presentation

Cindy Leines of C.E.L. Public relations gave a presentation on developing a strategic communication plan to increase visibility and effective communication to stakeholders.

Discussion Items

State Budget Results/LTCC: Dawn Simonson reported on the results of the State Budget and the expansion of the Long Term Care Consultation project

Ramsey County Report on HDM Status/Wilder Research Evaluation: Bob Anderson reported on the published results of the Ramsey County report on Home Delivered meals and attendance at the presentation meeting on 8/2/2011. MAAA has prepared a response letter to the Ramsey Co. Board to address information considered erroneous, inaccurate and irrelevant. Bob also reported on the status of the Wilder Research Evaluation of MAAA's Home Delivered Meal Program. The evaluation is on schedule for a draft summary to be presented to MAAA in October

2012 Budget & Area Plan Development Process: Kate Houston reported on the Area Plan process for 2012. The Community meeting was held on 8/11. There will be a Public Hearing on 9/1/2011 which allows public testimony.

Affordable Care Act/Care Transitions Program: Kate Houston reported on a possible opportunity for the Agency to participate in a project to better coordinate patient care and reduce avoidable re-admissions to hospitals. HCMC has invited the MAAA to partner in an application for CMS funds.

Senior One-Stop Press Conference: Dawn Simonson reported that there is a possibility for the Agency to host a press conference with the Lt. Governor to kick-off the launch of the One-Stop for Seniors on September 1st. Locations are either the State Fair or the MAAA offices. This may have an effect on the timing of the MAAA Executive Committee meeting and MAAA Public Hearing set for the same day. Changes will be communicated when more information is available.

Hearing no other business, a motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Beth Wright