

**Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging
Board of Directors Meeting
October 15, 2009**

Board Present: Jan McCulloch, Kathleen Gaylord, Jamie Warndahl, Gayle Degler, Dennis Hegberg, Jerry Hennen, Virginia Lanegran, Dick Lang, Allen Miller, Jan Olson, Jan Parker, Bob Roepke, Sally Stagert,

Board Absent: Gail Dorfman, Bob Geyen, Jean Greener, Jess Luce (on leave of absence), Mark Skeie, Laura Waterman Wittstock, Wayne Takeshita.

Staff Present: Dawn Simonson, Bob Anderson, Gaoly Yang, Michael Charney, Leanna Smith, Gail Hernandez

The meeting was held at the Dakota County Government Center, 1590 Hwy 55, Hastings, MN 55033 and was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chair Jan McCulloch.

Welcome and Announcements

Kathleen Gaylord welcomed the attendees and gave a brief overview of Dakota County functions in the building.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the 9/17/09 Board minutes, 9/17/09 Nominating Committee minutes, corrected 9/03/09 Executive Committee minutes, 10/01/09 Executive Committee minutes, Resolution to Approve Title III-B Legal Services Awards 2010, Resolution to Approve Title III-B Chore Services Grant Awards 2010 and the Resolution to Approve Title III-D Health Promotion Grant Awards 2010. The motion was seconded and carried.

Chair's Report

Chair Jan McCulloch reported that she and Dawn attended the MN Board on Aging (MBA) Retreat dinner in Stillwater, where Dawn gave a presentation on the work of the MAAA. Jan delivered welcome comments on behalf of the MAAA Board. Jan attended the September Diversity Action Council (DAC) meeting with Sara Axtell from the U of M. Sara brought ideas to the DAC regarding potential strategies to increase the cultural competence of MAAA staff members.

Executive Director's Brief

- Dawn Simonson thanked the Board for the wedding gift they gave her.

- Dawn noted that this is a busy time for the agency with routine AAA business. The 2010 Area Plan Narrative was submitted to the MN Board on Aging (MBA) on October 9. The Area Plan Budget for 2010 is due to the MBA tomorrow. The Board approved both at its September meeting.

- Bob Anderson, Pam Zimmerman and Dawn met with staff from the Dept. of Human Services, Metropolitan Center for Independent Living, nursing homes and other AAAs in a joint session on the Return to Community initiative which provides new funding to assist nursing home residents who've been in nursing homes for 90+ days to return to the community. For this new care coordination work, MAAA will hire 2 FTEs and will begin advertising for these positions next week.

- The November Board strategy session will be held from 9:30 to approximately 2:30. Kate, Dawn and Jan are in discussions with Olivia Mastry regarding facilitation and format of the meeting.
- Dawn handed out a booklet on Communities for a Lifetime Success Stories to the Board recently published by the MN DHS about Minnesota communities.
- The Wilder Foundation is restructuring some of its programs, and eliminating others including home care services due to current economic conditions and other variables. These changes will impact about 400 clients, some of them older adults. No Title III funded programs are affected. Wilder will continue to provide meals-on-wheels. Wilder will work closely with all of its elderly clients to transition them to new service providers.

Finance Director's Report

This item has been tabled to the next meeting.

Resolutions

Approval of Title III-B Transportation Service Award 2010: A motion was made to approve the resolution as presented, seconded and carried.

Approval of Title III-B Special Access Service Awards 2010: A motion was made to approve the resolution as presented, seconded and carried.

Approval of the Title III-E Caregiver Support and Title III-B Respite Services Grant Awards 2010. A motion was made to approve the resolution as presented, seconded and carried with Virginia Lanegran abstaining.

Presentation

An overview of MAAA's Data Management Program (DMP) was given by Michael Charney, DMP Director. The DMP program is a contract from the MN Board on Aging to manage the data systems supporting www.MinnesotaHelp.info. MAAA's focus on quality is resulting in much greater currency and accuracy of data.

Hearing no other business, a motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gail Hernandez