

AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF WESTERN MICHIGAN

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

March 22, 2021

**Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Office
3215 Eaglecrest Drive NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 & Zoom Meeting**

UNIT OF GOVERNMENT	MEMBERS PRESENT (VIA Zoom)	MEMBERS ABSENT
ALLEGAN COUNTY	Rick Cain Stuart Peet	
GRAND RAPIDS, CITY	Milinda Ysasi Jane DeVries	
IONIA COUNTY	David Hodges	Dennis Sitzer
KENT COUNTY	Carol Hennessy Nancy Nielsen	
LAKE COUNTY	Marilyn Burns Betty Dermeyer	
MASON COUNTY	Ron Bacon Kim Halladay	
MECOSTA COUNTY	Sharon Bongard Bill Routley	
MONTCALM COUNTY	Linda Weger	Michael Beach
NEWAYGO COUNTY	Kenneth DeLaat Cindy LaBelle	
OSCEOLA COUNTY	Richard Karns	Tim Michell

Staff Present: Lacey Charboneau, Anne Ellermetts, Suzanne Filby-Clark, Anne Hackathorn, Bridget McGovern, Jackie O'Connor and Dan Travis.

Guests: Becky Payne – Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA); Robert Sundholm – AAAWM Advisory Council Chairperson

I. Roll Call and Agenda Approval

Chair Bill Routley called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm. Jackie took roll call. A quorum was present.

Ken DeLaat moved and Linda Weger seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

II. Minutes of the February 22, 2021 Meeting

Richard Karns moved and Jane DeVries seconded the motion to approve the February 22, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

III. Reports

A. Advisory Council (AC) Report

Bob Sundholm, Advisory Council Chair, gave a report of the March 1, 2021 Advisory Council Meeting. Michigan Senator Rick Outman was their guest legislator. He acknowledged the Direct Care Worker (DCW) crisis, Auto No-Fault insurance changes and working towards a long-term answer. No letters were sent to legislators.

Bob Callery, Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) Coordinator, reviewed the MMAP program events for 2020.

B. Financial Report

Dan Travis, Finance Director, reviewed the February Financials

Report 5 – Summary Expense Report – Administration is slightly below target at 40% of the fiscal year. All Service Partners are at 38%, primarily representing the various Purchase of Service Partners expenses. Older American Act (OAA) Partners expenses are 30%.

Action Item: Operating Budget Amendment – Dan presented a revision to the Operating Budget. With many new funding sources and no firm Federal budget when the original budget was presented, it made sense to bring an amended budget to the Board earlier than the summer. Dan reviewed the revenue and expense changes, reporting details on any significant change.

Linda Weger moved and Ron Bacon seconded a motion to approve the amended Operating Budget. Motion carried.

C. Medicaid Waiver/Care Management Program

Suzanne Filby-Clark, Deputy Director, reviewed the report on FY 2020 Purchased Services through the Care Management and MiChoice Medicaid Waiver programs. She also shared the number of Waiver clients as of today. She answered multiple questions

on Waiver for Board members. Care Managers are still having problems finding direct care workers quickly to fill the care plans.

D. Supportive and In-Home Services

Anne Ellermets, Director of Contract Services and Program Development, gave a report on the Service Partner's response to one year of COVID-19. Lots of work by Service Partners and AAAMM staff both in office and working from home. There will be a new grant software used for the FY 2022 OAA services.

E. Advocacy

Bill Routley announced that Lacey Charboneau, Advocacy Coordinator and Planner, will be starting a new job with the Aging and Adult Services (AASA), our state office as a Field Representative.

Lacey Charboneau reported on the advocacy issues and methods that she is involved in as a representative of AAAMM.

F. Executive Director's Report

Action Item: Approval of FY 22 Local Match

Executive Director Jackie O'Connor reviewed the FY 22 Local Match requirement of each unit of government represented on the Board. The amount of \$35,000 has not changed in over 40 years and is miniscule when compared to the amount of services that come to each County and the City of Grand Rapids. Linda Weger asked why the local match hasn't been raised since 1980.

Ron Bacon moved and Stuart Peet seconded a motion to approve the Local Match. Motion carried.

IV. Other

A. Aging and Adult Services Agency:

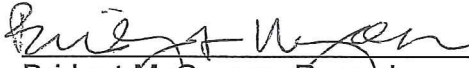
Becky Payne reported that AASA held its Commission meeting last week and approved Annual Implementation Plan process for FY 22. Becky will be observing Cassie Caple, Contract Administrator, during an Older Americans Act service partner assessment. AASA is looking at collecting further data in support of diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

B. Public Comments

No public comments.

C. Next Meeting Date:

Bill stated the next Board meeting will be on April 26, 2021. Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.



Bridget McGovern, Recorder



Richard Karns, Secretary