

## Monroe County Commission on Aging

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**Terri L. Hamad, Director**  
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Monroe County Commission on Aging  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2006  
RSVP Conference Room

Chairman Martin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

**Member's present:** Noel Dentner, Nancy Hamman, Paul Iacoangeli, Martin Kaufman, Paul Simonton, John Sledge Jr. and Loyd Sype.

**Member's excused:** Aleta Jackson and Mike Pasko

Chairman Martin Kaufman led the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer.

### **Approval of the Agenda:**

Noel Dentner motioned to approve the July 12, 2006 agenda as presented. Supported by Nancy Hamman.  
**Motion carried.**

**Guests Present:** Nancy Young, Director, Faith In Action of Monroe County, Cheri Boron, Executive Secretary, Living Independence for Everyone, Larry VanWasshenova, Executive Director, Monroe County Senior Legal Services, Sharon Williams, CEO, and Bridget Kyser, Services Coordinator, Caring Alternatives, Inc., Gerilyn Powers, Regional Supervisor, Area Agency on Aging 1-B, Janette Stark, Board Member, Caring Alternatives, Inc. and Faith In Action for Monroe County, Aaron Simonton, Executive Director, Rhonda Ziethlow, Assistant Director, and Chris Croley, Finance Director, Monroe Center, Deb Brescol, Director, and Gerald Stone, Board Member, RSVP, Stephanie Kasprzak, Interim Director, Monroe County Opportunity Program, Floreine Mentel, Area Agency on Aging 1-B Board of Directors/County Commissioner, Jim McGuire, Director of Planning, Area Agency on Aging 1-B.

### **Public Time:**

Gerilyn Powers reported that AAA 1-B in Monroe County had thirty referrals in the month of June. The Medicare Waiver program is still on hold because of the frozen budget with the state. They do have nursing facility transition funds that are coming from the state, which is for people who are in nursing homes and desire to live back in the community. There have been two of those transitions in Monroe County.

### **Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2006.**

Motion made by Paul Simonton, supported by Noel Dentner to approve the regular commission minutes of June 14, 2006 as corrected. **Motion carried.**

### **Approval of the Financial Statements:**

The financial reports were presented. Motion to accept and place on file by Noel Dentner, supported by Loyd Sype. **Motion carried.**

### **Commission Members Report:**

Nancy Hamman reported that the "All Star Game" starts in Toledo this evening and the LPGA tournament in Allen Park.

Chairman Kaufman read aloud Michael Pasko's letter of resignation as a Commission on Aging board member, which is effective at the end of this day.

John Sledge reported that Monday, July 3, 2006, James Vaslo was appointed to the County Board of Commissioners to represent district 3.

Loyd Sype reported that his treatments are going well. In addition, they are coming out with a vaccination for Chicken Pots and Shingles.

**Correspondence:**

The list of correspondence was read.

**Directors Report:**

No additional information to report. For complete report, please see attached.

**Unfinished Business:**

**A. Strategic Planning Committee Report of July 6, 2006:**

Meeting cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

**B. Non-Compliant Reporting Agencies:**

Ms. Terrasi commented that all of the May monthly reporting was received by the 25<sup>th</sup> of June. However, there are a few agencies that are not using the current monthly reports.

Paul Simonton motioned to send a final notification to those agencies to comply and use the current reporting forms. Supported by Noel Dentner. **Motion carried.**

**C. Catholic Charities of Monroe County Service Update:**

Ms. Hamad reported that she did send the letter to Ms. Weipert inviting her to the meeting today to discuss the Commissions concerns regarding the year-to-date unit and client reported from Catholic Charities of Monroe County. Ms. Weipert did not show.

Loyd Sype motioned to stop funding until a Director or Supervisor in charge of Catholic Charities of Monroe County attends a Commission on Aging meeting to address the Commissions concerns. Supported by Noel Dentner. **Motion carried.**

Paul Iacoangeli motioned that all providers who have programs on a fee-for-service that submit invoices must show the number of units that they have provided along with the cost of the service. Supported by Nancy Hamman. **Motion carried.**

**D. Area Agency on Aging 1-B Multi-Year Plan Update:**

Jim McGuire presented the Area Agency on Aging 1-B Multi-Year plan for Older Adult Services. The federal funds that AAA 1-B receives for their six county regions are made available to them on a formula established by state. It is approximately two-thirds federal funds and approximately one-third state dollars that they access to their disposal. The plan shows a cut in Counseling and Legal Services, which is due to state and federal funding cuts.

**E. Monroe Center Reorganization Plan:**

Aaron Simonton presented an overview of the center's strategic planning process that would reallocate funds from meals over to case management. The plan includes reallocating, refocusing and restructuring to meet the shifting needs of the current and upcoming senior population. The center has seen a decrease in the congregate meals program over the past few years while there has been an increasing demand for outreach, problem solving, case management, support coordination and patient services. Mr. Simonton requested to be placed on the August agenda to present a more detailed comprehensive action plan and budget.

**New Business:**

No new business at this time.

**Public Time:**

Terri Hamad announced that the budget books are ready for the Commission to take for the Pre-budget Workshop on Friday, July 14, 2006.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Noel Dentner, supported by Paul Iacoangeli. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the Berlin Senior Center, 8000 Swan View Drive, Newport.

*Vicky L. Terrasi*

Vicky L. Terrasi, Recording Secretary

Director's Report  
July 12, 2006  
COA Conference Room

1. Just a few points that are for your information: Since last month's meeting- I submitted a letter to Commissioner David Scott requesting a new appointment to the Commission; I also sent one to Commissioner Jim Vaslo for an appointee as well. After submitting the wishes of the Commission regarding the positions in the office, I was informed that a formal request needed to go to Chairman Oley, which I have done.