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Monroe County Commission on Aging
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2005
Sullivan Senior Citizens Center

Chairman Martin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Member's present: Noel Dentner, Paul Iacoangeli, Aleta Jackson, Martin Kaufman, Mike Pasko, Paul Simonton, Richard Springstead and Loyd Sype.

Member excused: Nancy Hamman

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

Approval of the Agenda:

Richard Springstead motioned to approve the October 12, 2005 agenda as presented. Supported by Aleta Jackson. **Motion carried.**

Guests Present: Pat Sheets, Services Coordinator, and Sharon Williams, President/CEO, Caring Alternatives, Inc., County Commissioner Floreine Mentel and AAA 1-B Board Member, Adam Yeager, Citizen, and Gerilyn Powers, Regional Supervisor, Area Agency on Aging 1-B, and Alysia Dozier, Commission on Aging Intern.

Public Time/Sullivan Senior Center:

Adam Yeager commented that Monroe County Senior Legal Services is bouncing around the conflict of interest issue, they are playing games with him and that he plans to go to Washington on this issue. In addition, he mentioned that another senior contacted him stating that he also had problems with Monroe County Senior Legal Services on an estate issue.

Gerilyn Powers announced that all the programs are open, however Monroe County has a waiting list and they are helping those clients with greater need. The wait list is due to staff changes. Their budget looks better than anticipated since the State was planning to cut much of the waiver program. In addition, she will be presenting an update on the Medicare Part D on new information they received at the Monroe Center on Friday, October 14.

Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2005.

Motion made by Aleta Jackson, supported by Richard Springstead to approve the regular commission minutes of September 14, 2005 as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the Financial:

The financial reports were presented for acceptance and placed on file. Motion to accept and place on file by Loyd Sype. Supported by Aleta Jackson. **Motion carried.**

Commission Members Report:

Mike Pasko commented that he knew several of the seniors that perished in the boating accident that took place in New York. All were very active in the Bedford area.

Loyd Sype commented on a Post Office job scam that charges individuals to take the civil service test. There is a loan advertisement in Canada that requests that the buyer pay \$2,000 upfront to process the loan this is also a scam.

Correspondence:

The list of correspondence was read.

Directors Report:

For complete report, please see attached.

Unfinished Business:

A. Strategic Planning Committee Report of September 27, 2005

Paul Iacoangeli commented that the most important topic they discussed was the Director's Blueprint committee meeting and reminded the committee members that the next meeting will be held on November 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

Terri commented that on the September 22, 2005 director's blueprint committee meeting met at United Way and they went through the blueprint info from Washtenaw County and looked at how they structured their committees. After reviewing the Washtenaw Blueprint documents, the director's decided that it would be wise to identify whom we would like to have serve on the steering committee. Ideally these people would potentially be chairs or co-chairs on individual work groups. Ms. Hamad announced that they are having a director's committee meeting and a potential joint steering committee meeting on October 26th at 3 p.m. at Frenchtown Senior Center to talk to the potential steering members regarding what the director's feel the mission and the direction of the study should be. In addition, they will discuss what they are going to call the study and talk about potential work groups.

Possible workgroups could include:

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| *Transportation | *Nutrition | *Quality of Life |
| *Health | *Housing | *Social Services |

The steering committee would also meet on a regular basis to look at issues like, consultant duties, timelines, workgroup meetings and general oversight of the project. In addition, they also identified the need to have a COA member serve on the steering committee that would serve as a consumer rep.

Martin Kaufman commented that he would be interested in serving on the steering committee.

B. Approval of the 2006 COA Operational and Programmatic Budget

The Commission on Aging 2006 Operational and Programmatic Budget was submitted for the members' approval to recommend to the Monroe County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Motion by Michael Pasko to approve the 2006 Monroe County Commission on Aging Operational and Programmatic Budget and recommend to the Monroe County Board of Commissioners for final approval. Supported by Paul Iacoangeli.

Roll call:

Loyd Sype – Yes	Paul Iacoangeli – Yes	Aleta Jackson – Yes
Richard Springstead – Yes	Martin Kaufman – Yes	Noel Dentner – Yes
Paul Simonton – Yes	Michael Pasko – Yes	

Motion carried.

New Business:

A. Introduction of Commission on Aging Intern

Ms. Hamad formal introduced Alysia Dozier who has been with the commission since September 15, 2005. She is an MSW candidate at Eastern Michigan University. She currently is meeting and conducting

interviews with the commissions funded agencies and also will be doing a large part of the work that will need to be done for the study.

Ms. Hamad and Ms. Dozier met with the Monroe County Assistant Planning Director to look at the census data. Ms. Dozier is in the office all day on Thursdays and Fridays. Ms. Hamad pointed out the Agency Interview Questionnaire that Ms. Dozier is using to interview the agencies. Ms. Dozier has currently met with five to six of the agencies, the interviews have gone well and she has received good information and feed back as well.

Ms. Dozier commented that she is thankful to be here and appreciates the opportunity to experience the other side of things since all of her experience with geriatrics has been in Long-term Care.

Ms. Dozier grew up in LaSalle, received her bachelor degree in Psychology at Northern Michigan University, started on her masters at Eastern Michigan University with her concentration on aging and Alzheimer disease and that she will be finished next spring.

Ms. Dozier has been meeting with the agencies director's to get a feel for the agency and what type of services they provide and is excited and looking forward to working on the blueprint.

In addition, she commented that she hopes that she will be an asset to the commission and thanks them again for the opportunity.

The commission reviewed the Agency Interview Questionnaire and suggested that the first question be split into two questions.

Ms. Dozier commented that she has been asking them separately and the agencies have been forthcoming.

B. Request for Training Dollars

Ms. Hamad commented that the commission just received a \$1,000 check from the La-Z-Boy Foundation for our community agency training initiatives. So far \$2,000 from grants of the \$2,850 needed for the training has been received.

Ms. Hamad requested the commission to consider funding the remaining balance of \$850 needed to begin the training. The two training sessions will be Grant Writing for the agencies and Good Board Governance and Board Agency Director Relationships from the New Group located in Ann Arbor.

Motion by Aleta Jackson to grant the \$850 request with the funds from the Special Revenue Reimbursement line item for the purpose of funding future training of the Commission on Aging board and its funded agencies. Supported by Loyd Sype.

Roll call:

Paul Iacoangeli – Yes

Martin Kaufman – Yes

Michael Pasko – Yes

Aleta Jackson – Yes

Noel Dentner – Yes

Loyd Sype – Yes

Richard Springstead – Yes

Paul Simonton – Yes

Motion carried.

Public Time:

Commissioner Floreine Mentel commented that Sheriff Crutchfield claims that in 1993 the Sheriffs Office had 49 County funded Deputies and in 2005, the County funded 47 sheriff deputies. The fact is that in 2005 they have a total of 95 Certified Staff and Deputies funded either wholly or in part with County funds. This is a long way from the 47 deputies the Sheriff claims they have. This also does not include the various secretarial and support staff that supports those deputies. Additionally, the Sheriff Department also has 10 more staff member ranging from Jail Administrator to Food Service Supervisor. This totals an additional 89 employees to operate the Jail and its facilities for a grand total of over 184 employees to provide law enforcement and public safety in the community.

In addition, Ms. Mentel reported that the County Board of Commissioners is looking to cut 4-million dollars, and it is the County's health care cost that is 45-million in the hole at the present time. The commissioners are waiting for the 2004 figures to come in to see what to cut in the 2005 budget.

Martin Kaufman commented that the Petersburg/Summerfield Seniors 2004 independent auditor's report shows that they have a fund balance of \$3,025. Mr. Kaufman would like to know if this is funds left over from the Commission on Aging allocations or is it from somewhere else.

Lloyd Sype presented the letter he received when he was appointed to the commission in 1992 along with the minutes of the first meeting, treasurer's report, and the budget.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Richard Springstead, supported by Aleta Jackson. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 09, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the Water Tower Park Senior Citizens Center, 11345 Harold Drive, Luna Pier.

Vicky L. Terrasi

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