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GREEN RIVER AREA COUNCIL ON AGING

October 3, 2017

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The Green River Area Council on Aging met on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) office. The following persons were in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Daviess	Susan Howard, Henrietta Harris, Mattie Jones, Melinda Cornell
Hancock	Franklin Powers, Diann Crask
Henderson	Charlye Jo Griggs, Connie O'Leary
McLean	Leona Austin
Ohio	Mary Young, Wilda Hardesty
Union	Cathy Strehle, Larry Strehle, Linda Carter
Webster	None

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Daviess	*Nora Bilbro-Richie, *Jennifer Hamilton, *Betty Medley
Hancock	Jean Mattingly
Henderson	Suzanne Cravens
McLean	Jim Toler, Nancy Wetzel
Ohio	*Cluster Belcher
Union	All Present
Webster	*Tonia Morrow, *Tracy Henry, Carolyn Townsend

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Dana Peveler, Munday Activity Center (MAC)
Heather McGarvey, MAC
Brenda Renfrow, Ohio County Senior Services (OCSS)
Judele Stone, OCSS
Wanda Blackwell, Webster County Senior Services
Melissa Polites, Union County Senior Services

***Excused Absence**

Jack McCaslin, *Chairman* ■ Steve Austin, *Vice Chairman* ■ Kelly Thurman, *Secretary* ■ David Johnston, *Treasurer* ■ Jiten Shah, *Executive Director*

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT (cont.)

Lona Kratzer, Hancock County Senior Services
Debra Jacob, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS)
Karen Ellis, Housing Authority of Owensboro
David Farley, Kentucky Legal Aid
Jennifer Williams, Associate Director for Social Services, GRADD
Janet Clancy, In-Home Services Manager, GRADD
Jeanette Woodward, SAMS Database Administrator, GRADD
Sheila Howard, District Ombudsman, GRADD
Leslie Wilson, Community Services Manager, GRADD
Lisa Flahardy, Aging Contract Specialist, GRADD
Kelli King, Family Caregiver Program Coordinator, GRADD
Liberty Watson, Support Services Technician, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson Susan Howard called the meeting to order. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Chairperson Howard led the council in prayer.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Minutes of the August 1, 2017, Meeting

Secretary Franklin Powers presented the minutes of the August 1, 2017, meeting of the Green River Area Council on Aging for approval.

A motion was made by Franklin Powers and seconded by Melinda Cornell to approve the August 1, 2017, minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Program Reports

1. Webster County

Wanda Blackwell reported Judge Steve Henry is in Frankfort today, signing grant paperwork for the new senior center. Upcoming trips include Indiana Amish Country and Rough River State Park. A veterans' celebration is planned for November, and Christmas plans are also in progress.

2. Daviess County/Munday Activity Center

Dana Peveler reported MAC now has its new vans. Discussions of Owensboro becoming a *livable community* are going well. MAC will be transformed into a haunted mansion during October.

3. Ombudsman Advisory Council

Minutes of the July 11, 2017, meeting were submitted for approval.

A motion was made by Diann Crask and Seconded by Connie O’Leary to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017, meeting of the Ombudsman Advisory Council. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

4. Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Report

Leslie Wilson provided a report in August but did remind council members Medicare Part D Open Enrollment period is October 15 – December 7. Medicare beneficiaries can call the GRADD office for assistance with plan comparisons.

C. SENIOR DAY OUT

Melissa Polites reported approximately 500 seniors attended this year’s event, with 75 vendors. Seniors appeared to enjoy the programming, as seating in the stage area remained full. After reviewing a few of the participant surveys, sound quality is the most common complaint. Overall, the day was a success.

D. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) SCHEDULE

Jennifer Williams stated the deadline for potential bidders to pick up the RFPs has passed. Current providers, Kentucky Legal Aid and Help at Home, are the only bidders, and their proposals are due back to GRADD October 3. An Executive Committee of the Aging Council will review the proposals with the Executive Committee of the GRADD Board of Directors on November 8. In order for the recommendation of these committees to be presented at the November GRADD Board meeting, the Aging Council will need to authorize its Executive Committee to act on its behalf, rather than bringing the recommendation back to the full council for a vote.

A motion was made by Melinda Cornell and seconded by Mattie Jones to authorize the Aging Council Executive Committee to make the final recommendation to the GRADD Board of Directors in lieu of obtaining a vote from the full council. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Kelli King presented information about the Senior Medicare Patrol Program and opportunities to volunteer with this program. According to Ms. King, each year, Medicare loses billions of taxpayer dollars to improper claims, putting the Medicare trust fund at risk for everyone and affecting the future of the Medicare program. Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse

also affect current Medicare beneficiaries because they result in higher Medicare premiums and waste money that could be used to increase and improve health care services. Medical Identity Theft is defined as the misuse of a beneficiary's Medicare number either by a provider, a supplier, or by someone posing as the real beneficiary. The purpose of Senior Medicare Patrol strives to help beneficiaries prevent, detect, and report health care fraud. Ms. King provided examples of abuse and fraud, as well as tips for beneficiaries to protect themselves from healthcare fraud. Volunteers with SMP can help in a variety of ways and training is available online at <https://www.smpresource.org/Content/Resources-for-SMPs/Training/Online-Training/SMP-Counselor.aspx>. Members were provided handouts with descriptions of volunteer roles and were encouraged to contact Ms. King if interested in the SMP program.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Nominating Committee

Chairperson Howard stated a Nominating Committee is needed to recommend a vice-chairperson, and secretary for the upcoming year (the chairperson is appointed by the GRADD Board). Ms. Howard asked a representative from each county to serve on the nominating committee as follows:

- Daviess: Mattie Jones
- Hancock: Diann Crask
- Henderson: Charlie Jo Griggs
- McLean: Nancy Wetzel
- Ohio: Wilda Hardesty
- Union: Cathy Strehle
- Webster: Tonia Morrow

A motion was made by Melinda Cornell and seconded by Leona Austin to approve the above-named members to serve as the Nominating Committee. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Appointment of Executive Committee

Chairperson Howard asked for a motion to approve the following council members to serve on the Executive Committee for Review of RFPs.

- Chairperson: Susan Howard
- Vice Chairperson: Cluster Belcher
- Secretary: Franklin Powers
- Henderson: Connie O'Leary
- McLean: Jim Toler
- Union: Linda Carter
- Webster: Tracy Henry

A motion was made by Mattie Jones and seconded by Melinda Cornell to approve the above-named council members to serve on the Executive Committee for Review of RFPs. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Aging Council meeting – December 5, 2017.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned.

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