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GREEN RIVER AREA COUNCIL ON AGING

February 13, 2018

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The Green River Area Council on Aging met on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 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, Jon Higdon, Sim Davenport
Hancock	Franklin Powers
Henderson	Charlye Jo Griggs, Connie O'Leary
McLean	Jim Toler, Nancy Wetzel
Ohio	Mayor George Chinn
Union	Cathy Strehle, Larry Strehle
Webster	Patty Tapp

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Daviess	*Henrietta Harris, *Melinda Cornell, *Nora Bilbro-Richie, Betty Medley
Hancock	*Diann Crask, *Jean Mattingly
Henderson	Suzanne Cravens
McLean	Leona Austin
Ohio	*Mary Young, *Wilda Hardesty
Union	All Present
Webster	Tracy Henry

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Dana Peveler, Munday Activity Center (MAC)
Heather McGarvey, MAC
Sarah Palmer, MAC
Brenda Renfrow, Ohio County Senior Services
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
David Farley, Kentucky Legal Aid
Bill Cooper, Daviess County
Jennifer Williams, Associate Director for Social Services, 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, then Chairperson Howard led the council in prayer.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Minutes of the December 5, 2017, Meeting

Secretary Franklin Powers presented the minutes of the December 5, 2017, meeting of the Green River Area Council on Aging for approval.

A motion was made by Franklin Powers and seconded by Connie O’Leary to approve the December 5, 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 that beginning February 20, bids will be accepted for the construction of the new senior center. Valentine’s Day was celebrated at Providence with a party. Specialty Food Groups donated 180 turkey breasts for distribution to Webster County seniors. Several trips are planned for the coming months.

2. Union County

Melissa Polites reported the Christmas Wish Project wrapped up on December 22; several seniors were blessed through this project. Ms. Polites stated the death of Judge/Executive Jody Jenkins, has been a tremendous loss for the community, but she looks forward to working with newly appointed Judge O’Nan.

3. Ohio County

Brenda Renfrow also attended the Southeast Association for Area Agencies on Aging (SE4A) Conference and enjoyed the presentations there. Christmas, New Years, and Valentine's Day were celebrated by all centers. Ms. Renfrow has attended two meetings for Feed Seniors Now and will once again be the point person for the food drive in Ohio County. Seniors enjoyed a trip to Leitchfield for shopping and lunch at KFC. Ohio County will be participating in Chronic Disease Self-Management Education (CDSME) classes with McLean and Webster Counties. Ms. Renfrow is also staying busy with the free tax preparation services.

4. Hancock County

Lona Kratzer reported "Santa Sacks" were delivered in December. The new van is getting a lot of use, providing individual trips out-of-county, as well as group trips, and even participating in the community Christmas parade. Hancock seniors visited Mega Caverns to view Christmas lights. Ms. Kratzer attended the SE4A Conference in December and learned new marketing strategies which she is working to implement. She also gained new information on the value of intergenerational activities. Ms. Kratzer has been conducting outreach at the local food pantry. Recently, 15 girl scouts joined a group of ladies from the senior center to make crafts which were then delivered to home-delivered meal clients.

5. Daviess County/Munday Activity Center

Dana Peveler reported the Owensboro Police Department provided *Baskets for Seniors* at Christmas, and Owensboro Health provided turkeys and hams for clients. Since December 6, 2017, 1,200 frozen weekend meals have been delivered. MAC has offered some evening meals and also ordered emergency meals for congregate clients. The center is in need of a large refrigerator. A grant was awarded to MAC by the Master Gardeners for raised bed gardens to be built in partnership with the local Future Farmers of America. Free tax preparation services are available at the center. Ms. Peveler introduced Sarah Palmer who is interning at MAC. Ms. Palmer has been working with the Program to Encourage Active Rewarding Lives for Seniors (PEARLS), as well as leading Zumba and bingo.

C. Silver Bells

Sheila Howard provided a report on the Silver Bells project. Handmade Christmas cards were delivered to all personal care homes in the district. Gift bags were delivered to residents of three personal care homes: Henderson Manor, Sunny Acres, and Bishop Soenneker. McLean County Senior Services donated a popcorn machine to Sunny Acres. There was a tremendous outpouring of donations from the community this year, both in monetary donations and items to fill the gift bags. Cub Scout Pack 611 helped fill the bags and deliver to Bishop Soenneker.

III. AREA PLAN PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARING REPORT

Jennifer Williams presented an overview of the GRADD Fiscal Years 2019-2021 Area Plan on Aging. The plan provides an outline of services to be provided through the Green River Area Agency on Aging, with specifics regarding how the services will be provided, and how funds will be allocated. A needs assessment survey was administered to determine the service areas seniors feel are most needed in their communities. The top concerns regarding Support Services provided by senior centers were:

- 1) Congregate Meals;
- 2) Information and Assistance;
- 3) Home Delivered Meals (tied with #4);
- 4) Transportation (tied with #3);
- 5) Outreach;
- 6) Health Promotion;
- 7) Homemaker;
- 8) Assisted Transportation;
- 9) Caregiver Services; and
- 10) Telephone Reassurance.

As required by the Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL), a public hearing was held this morning at 9:00 for the review of the Area Plan. While there were no comments regarding changes to the plan, a service provider in attendance requested that staff look at revising the survey in such a way as to seek more specific feedback from seniors in how to best meet the needs of a given service.

Chairperson Howard asked for a motion to approve the FY 2019-2021 Area Plan on Aging.

A motion was made by Connie O'Leary and seconded by Charlye Jo Griggs to approve the GRADD FY 2019-2021 Area Plan on Aging. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

The Area Plan will now be presented to the GRADD Board of Directors for approval before submitting it to the state.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Welcome and Introduction of New Members

Chairperson Howard welcomed Sim Davenport who will be representing Daviess County Judge/Executive on the council, and Patty Tapp who represents the Webster County Committee on Aging. Susan Chinn was unable to attend but will represent the Mayor of Hartford, who was in attendance today. Chairperson Howard also shared two letters of resignation recently received from Carolyn Townsend, Mayor of Dixon; and Linda Carter who

represented Union County Committee on Aging. New representatives for these positions should be in place by the April meeting.

B. Ombudsman Program Conflict of Interest (COI)

All members were provided a COI form. Jennifer Williams explained that the Ombudsman Advisory Council reports to the Aging Council, and the Ombudsman Program now requires members of the Aging Council to sign a COI form. Ms. Williams stated that anyone who may have a conflict of interest would still be able to serve on the council; however, the conflict would need to be documented and plan to work with the conflict would be established.

C. Second Quarter Financial Report

Lisa Flahardy provided a report for the period of July 1 through December 31, 2017. Ms. Flahardy stated at this point in the year, programs should be at 50 percent of their allocated funds and most programs are on track. Case Management services will begin to pick back up as the DAIL has lifted the freeze on these services. Title 3D, health promotion programs, is low; however, classes are scheduled and most counties have an increase in these programs during spring months. Counties that are low in the area of congregate meals have plans to offer evening meals, as well as to provide emergency meals for their congregate clients. Ms. Flahardy can be contacted at the GRADD office if there are questions about a particular county or service.

D. National Council on Aging (NCOA) Grant Renewal

Leslie Wilson announced GRADD has received a \$70,000 grant from the NCOA to continue funding the Benefits Enrollment Center.

E. Emergency Meals

Leslie Wilson informed the council that round two of shelf-stable meals have been delivered. In addition to delivering emergency meals to home-delivered meal (HDM) clients, Daviess, Henderson, Ohio, and Webster Counties have purchased emergency meals for congregate clients, as well. Currently, 4,290 shelf-stable meals have been delivered to HDM clients. As with the hot meals, there is a suggested donation of \$1.50; however, no one is denied meals if they are unable to make a donation.

F. Report on Open Enrollment

Leslie Wilson provided a report on clients helped through the GRADD State Health Insurance and Assistance Program (SHIP) during 2017 Medicare Part D Open Enrollment. Ms. Wilson began by providing numbers from other districts: Barren River ADD helped nearly 1,100 clients, Bluegrass ADD helped 1,800, while SHIP counselors in the Frankfort office helped 3,000. The SHIP Counselors in the GRADD region helped over 3,400 clients save over \$250,000.

G. Feed Seniors Now (FSN)

Janet Clancy provided an update on the annual FSN food drive. The project is coordinated in partnership with Independence Bank and Comfort Keepers. Counties participating this year include Daviess, Hancock, McLean, Ohio, and Webster. The kick-off is set for March 19 to begin collecting shelf-stable food items at local grocery stores, with delivery of the groceries to seniors set for April 25. This year, an additional \$5,000 will be available for the purchase of collection boxes, delivery bags, and food items. These funds were received through the Volunteer Generation Fund, administered by the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service (KCCVS), and awarded to the Senior Connections AmeriCorps program.

H. State Monitoring Results

Jennifer Williams briefly reported the monitoring of the GRADD aging programs by DAIL. Only minor findings were reported, and the corrective action plan submitted for those findings was approved. Ms. Williams mentioned the state recognizes the quality of work provided by GRADD staff and service providers.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Aging Council meeting – April 3, 2018, 10:00 a.m.;
- New Member Orientation – April 3, 2018, 9:00 a.m.;
- GRADD Legislative Breakfast – March 3, 2018, 9:00 a.m.; and
- Senior Advocacy Day in Frankfort – March 15, 2018.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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