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**GREEN RIVER AREA COUNCIL ON AGING**

August 1, 2017

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The Green River Area Council on Aging met on Tuesday, August 1 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, Nora Bilbro-Richie, Melinda Cornell, Betty Medley
Hancock	Franklin Powers, Jean Mattingly
Henderson	Charlye Jo Griggs, Connie O'Leary, Suzanne Cravens
McLean	Jim Toler, Nancy Wetzel, Leona Austin
Ohio	Cluster Belcher, Mary Young, Wilda Hardesty
Union	Cathy Strehle, Larry Strehle, Linda Carter
Webster	Tonia Morrow, Tracy Henry

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Daviess	*Mattie Jones, *Jennifer Hamilton
Hancock	*Diann Crask
Henderson	All Present
McLean	All Present
Ohio	All Present
Union	All Present
Webster	*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  
Scott Settle, McLean County Senior Services (MCSS)  
Daniel Miller, (MCSS)

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

McGrady as Buddy Holly. Lori Farris from the Attorney General's Office will speak about internet safety and avoiding online fraud. Vicky Montague will demonstrate assembling a bucket disaster kit. Other entertainment and information will be presented with Randy Lanham and Wayne Morris wrapping up the day.

B. Request for Proposal (RFP)

Jennifer Williams informed the council two programs will issue RFPs this year. Those programs are legal aid and in-home services. The drafts have been sent to Frankfort for approval. Once they are approved and finalized, they will be advertised in the Messenger-Inquirer and Henderson Gleaner. The RFPs will be available for pick-up at the GRADD office September 11, with the proposals due back October 23. If all goes as planned, recipients will be notified in December and will be listed as providers in the new Area Plan which is due February 2018.

C. Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Allocations

Members were provided a copy of the FY2018 program allocations. Jennifer Williams pointed out, overall the budget sustained a decrease of almost \$46,000. Title III, the largest portion of the budget, was decreased by about \$24,000; Homecare, the second largest, was cut by more than \$17,000. National Family Caregiver and SHIP also sustained small cuts. Ms. Williams informed the council that although SHIP provides a very valuable service, it is continually on the chopping block when budgets are discussed. Council members were encouraged to let their legislators know about the value of the SHIP program. When programs receive budget cuts, GRADD strives to never cut existing clients. Rather, the difference is made through attrition (once clients leave services, those slots are not filled).

D. GRADD Annual Dinner

The GRADD Annual Dinner will be Monday, October 2, at Reid's Orchard. The dinner is open to anyone who would like to attend, but an RSVP is required in order to plan accordingly. Anyone wishing to attend should RSVP Kim Wells at the GRADD office.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Alzheimer's Walk – August 26, 2017;
- Senior Celebration – August 29, 2017;
- Mental Health & Aging Coalition – September 28, 2017; and
- Next Aging Council meeting – October 3, 2017.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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6. Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Report

Leslie Wilson stated the ADRC will begin reporting to the Aging Council on a quarterly basis. The ADRC is a one-stop-shop program which connects callers with appropriate resources, both in house at GRADD and with other community resources. The ADRC removes the burden of calling multiple providers or agencies when trying to locate assistance. During the last quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, 194 level one screenings were completed by ADRC staff.

7. Personal Care Attendant Program (PCAP)

Janet Clancy reported on PCAP, a program which requires participants to have functional loss of at least two limbs. Participants are able to hire an attendant in order to maintain their independence rather than live in an institution. There is limited funding for the program which currently has 24 clients and 17 on the waiting list. The clients are represented by an advisory council which meets quarterly. The next meeting will be in September and a CPA will address the council concerning employer tax responsibilities.

8. Year to Date Budget Report

Lisa Flahardy informed the council concerning program spending for FY 2017 stating providers and GRADD staff had done an excellent job in meeting service goals throughout the region.

III. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Leslie Wilson presented information about two programs at GRADD which make use of volunteers. The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) assists Medicare beneficiaries with understanding their Medicare plans. During Part D open enrollment, volunteers help clients assess their prescription plans and find the best plan for their needs. SHIP counselors provide free and unbiased assistance in evaluating plans. Ms. Wilson said volunteers receive 18 hours of training prior to their service with SHIP. SHIP volunteers would be able to work in their own counties.

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) program which provides the Benefits CheckUp is another program that needs volunteers. Volunteers would need to work from the GRADD office and would help input data collected from clients into the Benefits CheckUp database. Ken Lawson attends numerous community events collecting information on a hard-copy questionnaire. Having volunteers would help get the Benefits CheckUp report back to clients in a more timely manner.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Senior Day Out

Heather McGarvey reported on behalf of the planning committee. Senior Day Out will be Thursday, September 21, 2017, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast and Bryson

provide blood pressure checks. Caretenders, Signature Care, Encompass, and Humana continue to sponsor bingo at the centers. A cookout is planned for next Tuesday, a day when Canteen meals are not served. The fiscal court has approved the purchase and installation of a new heating and cooling system for the Hartford site. A 2008 Ford Escape has been made available for use by the senior services program. Four clients have been paired with a Senior Companion through Audubon Area Community Services, and three people were recruited as companions.

2. Union County

Melissa Polites reported 60 people were in attendance for the visit from Attorney General Andy Beshear. This was the third year for Senior Day at the Fair with 80 seniors in attendance. The local Future Farmers of America helped build new raised beds, which have allowed seniors to enjoy fresh vegetables this summer. The center will be getting a new pool table, as well as having the parking lot sealed and striped. A driver's safety class will be offered and is expected to be well attended. A private picnic for the seniors will be held August 21 for the viewing of the solar eclipse.

3. McLean County

Potlucks continue to be a popular social event for McLean seniors. Trips to Amish Country and to Clarksville, Tennessee were provided. Upcoming trips include Bardstown to see the Stephen Foster Story, and a trip to Patti's. A trip is being planned for next February to Biloxi, Mississippi and to Louisiana. Rite Aid pharmacists are scheduled to visit the centers and provide flu and pneumonia vaccinations. The local Emergency Management Technicians provide blood pressure and blood sugar checks. Thirteen seniors have completed the Walk with Ease program. Daniel Miller regularly helps people with the recertification process for their services from DCBS.

4. Daviess County/Munday Activity Center

Dana Peveler reported the past couple of months have been very busy with activity at the center. The annual dinner fundraiser was held last week and honored veterans in the community. Approximately 170 people attended the dinner. Ms. Peveler said, going forward, the event will focus on a different group annually which contributes to the community. Heather McGarvey and Cherlyn Blum will be accompanying seniors on a trip to South Dakota September 23-October 1. Eighty-five seniors have registered for the trip. A fishing trip to Panther Creek Park has also been planned.

5. Ombudsman Advisory Council

Scott Settle provided an oral report of the July 11, 2017, meeting. The council is discussing inviting legislators and local judges to the next meeting for the purpose of discussing problems encountered in long-term care facilities. This is still in the planning stages and updates will be reported as they are available.

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT (cont.)

Wanda Blackwell, Webster County Senior Services (WCSS)  
Ashley Henry, WCSS  
Melissa Polites, Union County Senior Services  
Debra Jacob, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS)  
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 Vice Chairperson Cluster Belcher led the council in prayer.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Minutes of the June 6, 2017, Meeting

Secretary Franklin Powers presented the minutes of the June 6, 2017, meeting of the Green River Area Council on Aging for approval. Upon review, it was noted that Betty Medley was incorrectly listed as absent, and the minutes should be amended to reflect her attendance at the meeting.

A motion was made by Franklin Powers and seconded by Connie O’Leary to approve the June 6, 2017, minutes, as amended, of the Green River Area Council on Aging meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Program Reports

1. Ohio County

The Musicians’ Fellowship, held each fourth Thursday night, continues to be a popular event both with local musicians and the seniors. Judge/Executive David Johnston is a regular among the performers. Several trips have been enjoyed including: gospel singing at Friday After 5, a joint trip with McLean County to Indiana Amish Country, and lunch outings. Seniors have enjoyed fresh vegetables and fruit, much of which comes from the center’s raised beds. Local gardeners have also shared an abundance of produce. The health department recently spoke to the seniors concerning medication precautions and other health issues. Hospice will be visiting the center next week to educate the seniors about their services, as well as to