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GREEN RIVER AREA COUNCIL ON AGING

June 6, 2017

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The Green River Area Council on Aging met on Tuesday, June 6, 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
Hancock	Diann Crask, Franklin Powers
Henderson	Charlye Jo Griggs, Connie O'Leary
McLean	Jim Toler, Nancy Wetzel
Ohio	Cluster Belcher, Mary Young
Union	Cathy Strehle, Larry Strehle
Webster	Tonia Morrow

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Daviess	*Jennifer Hamilton, Nora Bilbro-Richie, *Melinda Cornell
Hancock	Jean Mattingly
Henderson	Suzanne Cravens
McLean	Leona Austin
Ohio	*Wilda Hardesty
Union	*Linda Carter
Webster	*Carolyn Townsend, *Tracy Henry

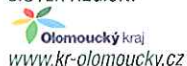
GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Dana Peveler, Munday Activity Center (MAC)
Heather McGarvey, MAC
Tyler Winkleplec, MAC
Brenda Renfrow, Ohio County Senior Services
Scott Settle, McLean County Senior Services
Daniel Miller, McLean County Senior Services

*Excused Absence

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

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GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT (cont.)

Lona Kratzer, Hancock County Senior Services
Sara Ann Schultz, The Gathering Place
Wanda Blackwell, Webster County Senior Services
Anita Dowd, Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (KCDHH)
Jennifer Williams, Associate Director for Social Services, GRADD
Janet Clancy, In-Home Services Manager, GRADD
Sheila Howard, District Ombudsman, GRADD
Leslie Wilson, Community Services Manager, 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. GUEST SPEAKER

Anita Dowd informed the council of resources available through the KCDHH. She provided each member a folder with information, as well as provided posters to be displayed in senior centers, churches, or other public places. A couple of statistics shared were: hearing loss is the third largest health issue; and at age 65, one out of three people has a hearing loss. Ms. Dowd was available to answer questions.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Minutes of the April 4, 2017, Meeting

Secretary Franklin Powers presented the minutes of the April 4, 2017, meeting of the Green River Area Council on Aging for approval.

A motion was made by Franklin Powers and seconded by Charlye Jo Griggs to approve the April 4, 2017, minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Program Reports

1. Daviess County/Munday Activity Center

Heather McGarvey reported MAC is on track to meet all of its service allocation goals for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017. Older American's Month (OAM) activities were successful. Thursday, June 08, 2017, MAC is hosting "Enchanted Evening," a senior prom. The event will be from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and cost \$10.00 per person. Live entertainment will be provided by Oakwood Drive, and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. The Annual Dinner is scheduled for July 27, 2017, with this year's theme being Salute, honoring veterans. A meditation class is scheduled to begin in July.

2. Webster County

Wanda Blackwell reported a quilt show and silent auction held in April raised \$1,200.00 for Webster County Senior Services. The new Sebree site is open and housed in the First Christian Church. This partnership with the church has worked well, and seniors are enjoying the use of the facility. Work is underway for a new senior center, which will be located behind the current Dixon site. Webster County's OAM activity was a carnival theme with live music.

C. Feed Seniors Now (FSN)

Janet Clancy provided an update, stating a total of 459 seniors, across five counties, received groceries through this program sponsored by Independence Bank and Comfort Keepers.

D. Senior Games in the Park

Leslie Wilson stated Senior Games was a successful event with good participation from across the GRADD region. She has received positive feedback from several people. BB&T provided bottled water and volunteers for the event.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. BB&T Lighthouse Project

Janet Clancy reported BB&T provided 135 gift bags for home-bound clients. The bags contained personal care products, household paper products, and cleaning supplies. Clients who received these bags were those with the greatest need and were very appreciative. BB&T chooses a focus annually for community give-back. This year they chose to focus on area seniors.

B. Mental Health and Aging Coalition Report

Jennifer Williams reported the last meeting was held May 25, 2017, and Dr. William Bryant shared information concerning falls and aging. The meeting produced helpful dialogue between the healthcare community and the county senior services. Dana Peveler was elected as the new chairperson of the coalition. Sondra Hayden, the former chairperson, stepped down from her position due to upcoming health procedures. The next meeting will be July 27, 2017, and will include a virtual dementia tour presented by Katrina Valliant, District Long term Care Ombudsman for the Lincoln Trail Area Development District.

C. Staff Changes

Kelli King will no longer provide case management. She will be working with the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) and continuing with Family Caregiver services. Alicia Burke has started as a part-time case manager and is covering Hancock and McLean counties. Jessica Bullington will take the place of Annette Jones.

D. Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) Update

Jennifer Williams stated Commissioner Anderson has retired and DAIL is currently operating with an interim commissioner. There has been no indication of when a permanent commissioner will be appointed. Allocations from the state have not been received for FY 2018.

E. Volunteer Opportunities

Jennifer Williams mentioned there are many volunteer opportunities through GRADD programs such as, State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), Ombudsman, Family Caregiver Support Group, and SMP. More information about these programs and volunteer opportunities will be provided at the next Aging Council meeting.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Aging Council meeting – August 1, 2017; and
- Mental Health & Aging Coalition – July 27, 2017.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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