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**GREEN RIVER AREA COUNCIL ON AGING**

February 7, 2017

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The Green River Area Council on Aging met on Tuesday, February 7, 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, Jennifer Hamilton, Henrietta Harris, Betty Medley
Hancock	Diann Crask, Franklin Powers
Henderson	Charlye Jo Griggs, Connie O'Leary, Suzanne Cravens, Sandy Blue
McLean	None
Ohio	Cluster Belcher, Wilda Hardesty, Mary Young
Union	Larry Strehle,
Webster	Tonia Morrow, Tracy Henry

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Daviess	*Mattie Jones, Nora Bilbro-Richie, *Melinda Cornell
Hancock	Jean Mattingly
Henderson	All Present
McLean	Jim Toler, Leona Austin, Nancy Wetzel
Ohio	All Present
Union	*Cathy Strehle, *Linda Carter
Webster	*Carolyn Townsend

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Dana Peveler, Munday Activity Center (MAC)  
Heather McGarvey, MAC  
Wanda Blackwell, Webster County Senior Services

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT (cont.)

Melissa Polites, Union County Senior Services  
Brenda Renfrow, Ohio County Senior Services

**\*Excused Absence**

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

Scott Settle, McLean County Senior Services  
Daniel Miller, McLean County Senior Services  
Lona Kratzer, Hancock County Senior Services  
Tony Feller, Webster County Magistrate  
Debra Jacobs, Department for Community Based Services  
Jennifer Williams, Associate Director for Social Services, GRADD  
Lisa Flahardy, Aging Contract Specialist, GRADD  
Janet Clancy, In-Home Services Manager, GRADD  
Sheila Howard, District Ombudsman, GRADD  
Jeanette Woodward, Social Assistance Mgmt. System (SAMS) Admin., GRADD  
Leslie Wilson, Community Services Manager, GRADD  
David Clark, AmeriCorps Program Director, GRADD  
Liberty Watson, Support Services Technician, GRADD  
Delanie Puckett, Social Work Intern, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson Susan Howard called the meeting to order and shared *Nine Things to be Excited about Getting Older*. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Vice Chairperson Cluster Belcher led the council in prayer.

A. Welcome and Introduction of New Members

Chairperson Howard welcomed Henrietta Harris, Minority Representative; Tracy Henry, Webster County Judge/Executive Representative; and Betty Medley, Owensboro Mayor Representative. Each new member briefly introduced themselves to the council.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Minutes of the December 6, 2016, Meeting

Secretary Franklin Powers presented the minutes of the December 6, 2016, 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 6, 2016, minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Program Reports

1. McLean County

Scott Settle reported on recent and ongoing activities with McLean County seniors. Caretenders visit the senior centers and provide blood pressure checks and bingo. A Christmas dance and dinner was held and well attended. Help with income tax preparation is in full swing, with 36 seniors being helped on the first day. The staff has taken seniors from all sites out for lunch, provides weekly cleaning to homebound clients, and commodity pick-up. Flu and pneumonia

clinics have been held. A trip was taken to Badgett Playhouse in Grand Rivers, KY. Seniors have received education on falls prevention. Kentucky Legal Aid continues to provide services, as needed. Mr. Settle baked pies for the centers on National Pie Day. Home Delivered Meal drivers in McLean County rotate routes in order for the drivers to become familiar with each route, as well as to get to know the clients on each route.

2. Munday Activity Center (MAC)

Dana Peveler was excited to announce the MAC has received a \$73,000 grant through the Department of Transportation for the purchase of two new vans. The Young Foundation is working with MAC in preparing a strategic plan for the center. The county advisory council is hosting a Chili Cook-off on February 23, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. Proceeds from the event will be used for facility updates.

C. Program to Encourage Active Rewarding Lives for Seniors (PEARLS) Update

Jeannette Woodward stated that the PEARLS Expansion Committee has fulfilled its purpose and has disbanded. The PEARLS program can be made available in all seven GRADD counties. Dana Peveler briefly described PEARLS for new members. Ms. Peveler informed the council that Lighthouse Counseling has a presence in each county and will provide the counseling services. Lighthouse counselors are still in the process of completing training. Ms. Peveler also added that while Daviess, Hancock, and Ohio Counties have funding for PEARLS, the remaining four counties are still exploring funding options.

Ms. Woodward asked the council to review the minutes of the December 6, 2016, meeting of the PEARLS Expansion Research Committee.

A motion was made by Connie O'Leary and seconded by Henrietta Harris to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2016 meeting of the PEARLS Expansion Research Committee. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. Silver Bells Report

Sheila Howard reported on the Silver Bells project. GRADD staff collected, signed, and delivered 370 Christmas cards for each resident of the six personal care homes in the region. Donations from staff, board members, Walmart, Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, and Home Run Lawn and Home Repairs totaled \$370, and some miscellaneous "goodies." Donations were used to fill a GRADD tote bag with soft drinks, snack cakes, raisins, oranges, bananas, and chips. Eighty bags were delivered: 50 to The Oaks, in Lewisport; and 30 to Sunny Acres, in Calhoun. The bags were delivered by GRADD staff, the Executive Director, County Judge/Executive of the respective county, and Ombudsman volunteers.

E. Bylaws Amendment

Jennifer Williams informed the council of a change required in section 11.03 of the Aging Council Bylaws. This section, regarding meeting of the Executive Committee of the council stated, "Meetings may be held without notice upon written waiver of such notice by all Executive Committee members." This is not in compliance with Open Meetings laws, which require 24 hour

notice of a special called meeting. The amendment would remove the above statement from the bylaws.

A motion was made by Charlye Jo Griggs and seconded by  
Connie O’Leary to amend the bylaws, as proposed.  
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

F. Personal Care Attendant Program (PCAP) RFP

Jennifer Williams informed the council that the PCAP RFP was advertised in the Messenger-Inquirer and The Gleaner on January 15, 2017. No bids or inquiries were received. GRADD has received a waiver from the Department for Aging and Independent Living to continue providing PCAP services in-house.

III. Guest Speaker

Janet Clancy gave an overview of the PCAP, which requires participants to have functional loss of at least two limbs. Participants must be able to hire and supervise an attendant, as well as be capable of preparing or ensuring preparations of payroll taxes. Individuals in the program are able to maintain their independence rather than live in an institution. Ms. Clancy provided examples of clients who have benefited from the program and answered questions about the program.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fiscal Year 2018 Area Plan Update

Jennifer Williams reviewed the FY ‘18 Area Plan Summary. Providers for services have not changed. The Kentucky Family Caregiver, which was not funded last year, was left in the plan in hopes that funding will be available for FY ‘18. Kentucky Family Caregiver funds the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program. There were no questions concerning the Plan Update.

A motion was made by Diann Crask and seconded by  
Suzanne Cravens to approve the FY 2018 Area Plan Update.  
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

The full document will be presented to the GRADD Board of Directors for approval in March and sent to the state by March 31, 2017.

B. Emergency Meals

Leslie Wilson explained the purpose of emergency meals for Home-Delivered Meal clients, and the process for distributing those meals. A second round of emergency meals was ordered.

C. NCOA Funding

The NCOA grant which funds the Benefits CheckUp Enrollment Center was scheduled to end January 15, 2017; however, GRADD has received an extension to the grant of \$34,000 through September 29, 2017.

D. Staff Changes

Sarah Ackerman, who worked part-time as an NCOA Counselor, has been hired as a full-time, support broker with the Medicaid Waiver programs.

E. Feed Seniors Now

Janet Clancy updated the council on Feed Seniors Now. This project is done in partnership with Independence Bank and Comfort Keepers. Planning for this year has begun. Feed Seniors Now provides a week's worth of groceries to low-income seniors. Seniors are identified through participation in the home-delivered meal program, as well as those on the waiting list, residents of public housing, and through referrals. Referrals can be made to Ms. Clancy. Donations will be collected in area grocery stores and other locations, and delivery will be May 3, 2017. In the past, deliveries have been made to seniors in Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, and Webster Counties.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Aging Council meeting – April 4, 2017;
- Legislative Day – February 23, 2017;
- TRIAD/Ombudsman Advisory Council – March 14, 2017; and
- Mental Health & Aging Coalition – March 23, 2017.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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