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GREEN RIVER AREA COUNCIL ON AGING

October 1, 2019

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The Green River Area Council on Aging met on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 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, Daisy James
Hancock	Franklin Powers, Diann Crask
Henderson	Charlye Jo Griggs, Connie O'Leary
McLean	Nancy Wetzel
Ohio	Mary Ashford, Mary Young, Wilda Hardesty
Union	None
Webster	Patty Tapp, Jim Townsend

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Daviess	*Sim Davenport, *Melinda Cornell *Henrietta Harris, *Lydia Fusco, *Betty Medley-Wallace
Hancock	Jean Mattingly
Henderson	Suzanne Cravens
McLean	Jim Toler, Leona Austin
Ohio	All Present
Union	*Emily Dominguez
Webster	*Tracy Henry

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Brenda Renfrow, Ohio County Senior Services
Melissa Polites, Union County Senior Services (UCSS)
Linda Brown, The Gathering Place/Henderson County Senior Services

*Excused Absence

David Johnston, Chairman ■ Brad Schneider, Vice Chairman ■ Al Mattingly, Jr., Secretary ■ Steve Henry, Treasurer ■ Jiten Shah, Executive Director

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT (cont.)

Jessica Beaven, The Gathering Place
Wanda Blackwell, Webster County Senior Services
Scott Settle, McLean County Senior Services (MCSS)
Daniel Miller, MCSS
Dana Peveler, Senior Community Center of Owensboro-Daviess County (SCCODC)
Tiffany Johnson, SCCODC
Lona Kratzer, Hancock County Senior Services
Debra Jacob, Department for Community Based Services
Emily Cadis, Hospice
Lynn Swanson, Audubon Area Community Care Clinic
Renee Byrne, Lee Manor
Jennifer Williams, Associate Director for Social Services, GRADD
Amber Phelps, In-Home Services Manager, GRADD
Amber Gebhard, Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Coordinator, GRADD
Jeanette Woodward, SAMS Database Administrator, GRADD
Lisa Flahardy, Aging Contract Specialist, GRADD
Lee Ann Edmonson, SHIP Program Assistant
Leslie Wilson, Community Services Manager, GRADD
Kelli King, Family Caregiver/SMP Program Coordinator
Heather Mullican, District Long Term Care Ombudsman, 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.

Chairperson Howard shared that October is the recognized month for several areas of interest, and also shared items of interest for this day in history. She ended by sharing several quotes from President Jimmy Carter, who celebrated his 95th birthday on this day.

Daisy James, representing the Daviess County Committee on Aging, was welcomed to the council. Ms. James has a history of working in various aging programs in the Owensboro area and looks forward to serving on the Aging Council.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Minutes of the August 6, 2019, Meeting

Secretary Franklin Powers presented the minutes of the August 6, 2019, meeting of the Green River Area Council on Aging for approval.

A motion was made by Franklin Powers and seconded by Diann Crask to approve the August 6, 2019, minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Program Reports

1. Henderson County

Linda Brown reported over 130 seniors participated in the county's senior games. The Gathering Place will be offering free painting and art classes on Thursdays. Currently, five clients are being served through private pay. Several seniors will be traveling to Maine on October 12, and a trip to Branson, Missouri is scheduled for November.

2. Hancock County

Lona Kratzer reported Mike Boling, Circuit Court Clerk, will be speaking to seniors concerning the new driver's license. Hancock County seniors participated in Senior Celebration and Senior Day Out. They visited the Kentucky State Fair and The Kentucky Castle. Flu shot clinics are scheduled. Poole's Pharmacy is opening in Hancock County after the closing of Fred's. Seniors receive regular blood pressure and glucose checks at the congregate sites. Out-of-county transportation is a big need for seniors and keeps the senior center van busy. Two new AmeriCorps members are working with Hancock County Senior Services. Events planned for October include a mystery trip and fall party.

3. McLean County

Scott Settle stated a recent trip was enjoyed by both Ohio County and McLean County seniors to the Ark Encounter, as well as to Amish country near Marion, Kentucky. Seniors enjoyed attending the Kentucky State Fair and Senior Day Out. Flu clinics will begin tomorrow. Regular respiratory clinics are held. Craig Sleight with Cornerstone Senior Services has made cancer screenings available to several seniors. Walk with Ease has several participants, and Tai Chi classes will begin soon. A Halloween dance is scheduled for October 22. A trip to Alaska is being organized for May.

4. Daviess County

Dana Peveler reported the center is currently in the fundraising blackout period for United Way agencies, which runs through November 15. Volunteer groups gathered at the center on Saturday and provided a thorough cleaning of the facility. At the recent Southeast Association of Area Agencies on Aging (SE4A), held in Nashville, Ms. Peveler presented on the frozen meal program made possible through a partnership with Morrison food service and Owensboro Health Regional Hospital (OHRH). The Chamber of Young Professionals recently baked cookies for home-delivered meal clients. US Bank will again sponsor a Christmas party at the center. At the center, seniors are participating in Bingocize and continue to need education on Medicare and Medicaid. November 23, the center will be hosting a holiday bizarre. While the center is coordinating the event, it is not a fundraiser but simply a community event. Ms. Peveler ended her report by stating the center is fully staffed for the first time in four years.

5. Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

Amber Gebhard reported that for the period of July 1 to September 30, 2019, ADRC staff has taken 918 calls. Of those calls, 357 clients were assessed with a complete Level One screening. When completing a Level One screening, a single call can take upwards of 30 minutes. Of the remaining calls, 459 were for Feed Seniors Now.

C. Senior Day Out

Lisa Flahardy stated Senior Day Out was very successful with nearly 700 seniors in attendance. This year's partnership with OHRH was beneficial to the event. Chairperson Howard added that a student of hers had attended the event and found it to be a great experience.

III. GUEST SPEAKERS

A. Medicare Part D: Open Enrollment

Lee Ann Edmonson provided an overview of the mymedicare.gov website which is used to find and compare prescription plans. Ms. Edmonson stated the site contains big changes from past years. All Medicare beneficiaries will need to establish an account on the site with a username and password. Medicare will follow up with a letter confirming an account has been opened. Another change from previous years is that Medigap plans will no longer cover the Part D deductible. Ms. Edmonson provided several helpful handouts to all present and stated she is always willing to help with plan comparisons. Open enrollment is October 15 through December 7.

B. Bedbugs Awareness Presentation

Taylor Porter presented a PowerPoint about bedbugs. Ms. Porter discussed basic facts; such as, while bedbugs are a pest and nuisance, they are not considered a health risk. Preventative measures and methods of detection and treatment were also discussed followed by a period of questions and answers.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Feed Seniors Now

Amber Phelps stated September 30 was the cut-off for referrals for the program, and 542 seniors are on the list to receive the grocery delivery. October 11 is the end of the collection period, and the delivery will take place October 22.

B. Livable Communities Committee

Jennifer Williams said the committee is still working toward the designation for Owensboro. The application has been completed, apart from developing a logo. Marketing personnel from OHRH are assisting with this task.

C. Medicare Advantage Learning Collaborative

Jennifer Williams stated the Kentucky Council of ADDs has completed the collaborative. The Area Agencies on Aging & Independent Living (AAAIL) have had to examine how they are marketing their services to various insurance providers. That examination has resulted in a value statement which clearly outlines the services available through AAAILs and how they will contribute to social determinants of health. Bill Cooper has worked on setting meetings with different plan providers and hopefully there will be good news to report in the near future.

D. Ombudsman Conflict of Interest

Jennifer Williams explained that state regulations require all Aging Council members and ADD Board of Director members to complete a conflict of interest statement for the Ombudsman Program. Ms. Williams stated that should a conflict of interest exist, members can still serve on the council, but it will be necessary to remedy the conflict; for example, abstaining from voting on matters relating to the Ombudsman program.

E. Appointment of Nominating Committee

In accordance with the bylaws of the council, Chairperson Howard appointed a nominating committee. The committee will meet prior to the December 3, 2019, council meeting at 9:00 a.m., to establish nominations for the office of vice-chair and secretary for 2020. The position of chairperson is appointed by the GRADD Board of Directors. The following council members will comprise the nominating committee:

Diann Crask – Hancock County
Connie O’Leary – Henderson County
Nancy Wetzel – McLean County
Wilda Hardesty – Ohio County

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Aging Council meeting – December 3, 10:00 a.m.
- Aging Council Nominating Committee – December 3, 9:00 a.m.
- TRIAD – October 15, 10:00 a.m.
- Mental Health & Aging Coalition – November 21, 10:00 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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