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GREEN RIVER AREA COUNCIL ON AGING

February 4, 2020

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The Green River Area Council on Aging met on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) office. The following persons were in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Daviess	Daisy James, Sim Davenport, Lydia Fusco, Betty Medley-Wallace
Hancock	Franklin Powers, Diann Crask
Henderson	Charlye Jo Griggs, Connie O'Leary, Suzanne Cravens
McLean	Jim Toler
Ohio	Mary Ashford, Mary Young, Wilda Hardesty
Union	None
Webster	Patty Tapp, Tracy Henry

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Daviess	*Melinda Cornell
Hancock	Jean Mattingly
Henderson	All Present
McLean	Nancy Wetzal, Leona Austin
Ohio	All Present
Union	Emily Dominguez, Gayle McLeod, Rick White
Webster	*Jim Townsend

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Brenda Renfrow, Ohio County Senior Services
Melissa Polites, Union County Senior Services
Linda Brown, The Gathering Place/Henderson County Senior Services
Lona Morton, Hancock County Senior Services

*Excused Absence

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

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GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT (cont.)

Scott Settle, McLean County Senior Services (MCSS)
Daniel Miller, MCSS
Dana Peveler, Senior Community Center of Owensboro-Daviess County (SCCODC)
Renee Byrne, Lee Manor
Dave Farley, Kentucky Legal Aid
Nathan Moorhouse, Kentucky Legal Aid
Debra Jacob, Department for Community Based Services
Melanie James, Canteen
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
Leslie Wilson, Community Services Manager, GRADD
Kelli King, Family Caregiver/SMP Program Coordinator, GRADD
Heather Mullican, District Long Term Care Ombudsman, GRADD
Lisa Flahardy, Aging Contract Specialist, GRADD
Rita Gazell, Data Services Coordinator, GRADD
Liberty Watson, Support Services Technician, GRADD
Ken Lawson, NCOA Outreach Specialist, GRADD
Princess Holloway, Intern, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

Vice Chairperson Franklin Powers called the meeting to order. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayer.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Minutes of the December 3, 2019, Meeting

Secretary Connie O'Leary presented the minutes of the December 3, 2019, meeting of the Green River Area Council on Aging for approval.

A motion was made by Connie O'Leary and seconded by Diann Crask to approve the December 3, 2019, minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Program Reports

1. Daviess County

Dana Peveler reported that aside from the normal activities of the center, a fundraiser is taking place tonight at Texas Roadhouse, with 10 percent of receipts donated to the senior center. On Leap Day, February 29, The Crème Coffee House is hosting Coffee with a

Cause to benefit the SCCODC. Ms. Peveler also informed the council that bid packets have been released for construction of a new building. Bids are due to the city on March 26.

2. Kentucky Legal Aid

Dave Farley stated the renovations that have been taking place at the Owensboro location since November will be completed by mid-February. Due to the renovations, only emergency cases have been taken. Clients who have been turned away for living wills or power of attorney are advised to call back for assistance.

3. McLean County

Scott Settle asked several members of the GRADD staff to stand while he expressed his appreciation for their work and contribution to the aging services in the district.

4. District Report

Lisa Flahardy reviewed the year-to-date report for services, stating services should have been at 50 percent in December. She assured members that while a few services are below the target, GRADD and its providers are working to bring those areas up. The last page of the report shows the supportive service allocations (services provided by the senior centers). Ms. Flahardy stated the senior center directors continue to do an outstanding job providing services in their counties. She stated some counties have plans to conduct Outreach Blitzes to increase that area of service.

C. Ombudsman Conflict of Interest (COI)

Jennifer Williams reminded members that the signed COI form is required for each member. Following the meeting, Libby Watson will get with members who still need to complete the form.

D. Silver Bells Summary

Heather Mullican expressed her appreciation for the tremendous support and donations for Silver Bells this year. Items were divided among three personal care homes (Sunny Acres, Davco, and Fern Terrace), with 111 residents receiving gift bags. Those participating in the delivery enjoyed the experience, and the residents were very appreciative.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Area Plan Update

Every three years, the Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living (AAAIL) is required to submit to the state a Regional Area Plan, which outlines how the agency will administer the programs funded through the state and federal government. During the off years, an update to the plan is required. An update will reflect any changes in program/services provided, providers, and funding. This year, all providers and programs remain the same. Jennifer Williams reviewed the programs administered by GRADD. All Title III programs are

funded through the Older Americans Act; Homecare is state funded; and GRADD has several programs funded through independent grants. Ms. Williams pointed out that Kentucky Family Caregiver is no longer funded. This program provided resources specifically for grandparents raising grandchildren; however, the federally funded National Caregiver Support Program does provide some resources for grandparents. Also included in the update is a list of all the senior centers in the district with the days meals are served, average number of attendees, and the average number of home-delivered meals for each county. Ms. Williams stated that if any of the senior center directors saw discrepancies in the numbers reported to please let her know and those numbers will be updated prior to submitting the plan to the state. The last page of the plan summary reflects the funding. Title III funds contribute \$1,392,163.61 to the overall budget of \$2,961,500.25.

B. GRADD Legislative Breakfast/Senior Advocacy Day

GRADD will host two legislative breakfast sessions: February 22 and March 21, both beginning at 9:00 a.m. AARP Day at the Capitol is set for Thursday, February 20, in Capitol Annex Room 171. An informational sheet was provided to all members, along with a list of Legislative Priorities from the Kentucky Area Agencies on Aging and Independent Living.

C. Report on Open Enrollment

Leslie Wilson stated the Medicare Part D open enrollment period was from October 15 to December 7. Ms. Wilson reminded members that the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides enrollees with free, unbiased assistance when comparing prescription drug plans. Ms. Wilson stated several problems were encountered this year with the plan finder, as well as with the database used to track assistance provided by SHIP counselors. Due to these issues, Ms. Wilson does not feel the system accurately reflects the number of clients served. It appears only 198 clients were served; however, district-wide, SHIP counselors helped individuals save \$98,000 on their prescription drug plans. Statewide, over four million dollars was saved. Ms. Wilson thanked the county coordinators for the assistance they provide clients during open enrollment.

D. Community Action Needs (CAN) Survey

Jennifer Williams explained that the Department on Aging & Independent Living (DAIL) has tasked the AAAILs to participate in the CAN Survey. The survey seeks input on greatest area of need in several categories for community services. Copies of the surveys were mailed to council members and were also available at the meeting. Members were encouraged to complete the surveys and return them to the GRADD office.

E. Additional Items

Jennifer Williams announced that the Kentucky Council of ADDs received a \$40,000 grant from Humana for the purchase of emergency meals for needy clients. DAIL also received a grant and passed along \$8,500 toward the purchase of those meals. Each of the 15 ADDs will receive a percentage of the \$48,000 based on population, providing GRADD with \$3,395 for the purchase of 340 meals. A five-meal package will be delivered to 68 clients with the greatest need across the district. Ms. Williams also shared that the same Humana grant will

allow for the purchase of new sealer packaging systems for each county. The new packaging will be microwave safe, and not present the risk of cutting fingers as on the current aluminum trays.

Lastly, Ms. Williams encouraged members to communicate with her regarding ideas for speakers/topics for future meetings.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Aging Council meeting – April 7, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
- TRIAD – March 17, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
- Mental Health & Aging Coalition – March 26, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

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