



GREEN RIVER AREA COUNCIL ON AGING

February 2, 2021

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The Green River Area Council on Aging met on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., via ZOOM. The following persons were in attendance:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Daviess	Melinda Cornell, Henrietta Harris, Betty Medley-Wallace, Daisy James, Amy Lilly
Hancock	Diann Crask, Franklin Powers
Henderson	Charlye Jo Griggs, Connie O'Leary, Janeth Nicolas
McLean	Jim Toler
Ohio	Mary Ashford
Union	Gayle McLeod
Webster	Helen Ritterskamp

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Daviess	Lydia Fusco
Hancock	Jean Mattingly
Henderson	Suzanne Cravens
McLean	Anna Pinkston, Nancy Wetzel
Ohio	Mary Young, Wilda Hardesty
Union	Emily Dominguez, Rick White
Webster	Patty Tapp, Tracy Henry

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Brenda Renfrow, Ohio County Senior Services
Lona Morton, Hancock County Senior Services
David Farley, Kentucky Legal Aid

*Excused Absence

Brad Schneider, Chairman ■ Al Mattingly, Jr., Vice Chairman ■ Steve Henry, Secretary ■ Adam O'Nan, Treasurer ■ Joanna Shake, Executive Director

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT (cont.)

Brad Clouse, Five Star Food Service
Becky Barnhart, Senior Community Center of Owensboro-Daviess County (SCCODC)
Tiffany Johnson, SCCODC
Mandy Fambrough, Webster County Senior Services
Linda Brown, The Gathering Place
Melissa Polites, Union County Senior Services
Nicole Leach, Owensboro Health
Joanna Shake, Executive Director, GRADD
Jennifer Williams, Director for Aging & Social Services, GRADD
Amber Phelps, In-Home Services Manager, GRADD
Amber Gebhard, Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Coordinator, GRADD
Lisa Flahardy, Aging Contract Specialist, GRADD
Heather Mullican, Long Term Care Ombudsman, GRADD
Brad Alley, AmeriCorps Program Director, GRADD
Leslie Wilson, Community Services Manager, GRADD
Liberty Watson, Social Services Administrative Assistant, GRADD
Cassie Knott, Intern, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson Henrietta Harris called the meeting to order, led with the Pledge of Allegiance and called on Jennifer Williams to open the meeting with prayer.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Minutes of the December 1, 2020, Meeting

Secretary Connie O’Leary presented the minutes of the December 1, 2020, meeting of the Green River Area Council on Aging for approval.

A motion was made by Melinda Cornell and seconded by Jim Toler to approve the December 1, 2020, minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Program Reports

1. Five Star Food Service

Brad Clouse updated the council on the number of meals produced in the central kitchen. Since March 2020 through January 2021, the central kitchen has produced 306,970 meals for the senior nutrition program. During the same time frame for the previous year, 160,336 meals were produced. The increase is due to the demand for meals during the pandemic and the offering of meals to anyone over the age of 60.

2. Kentucky Legal Aid

David Farley reported their office continues to assist with power of attorney, living will, and simple will documents. The office has also experienced an increase in the amount of eviction work.

3. Senior Community Center of Owensboro-Daviess County (SCCODC)

Becky Barnhart took the opportunity to recognize the board members of the SCCODC. Recently, several meal drivers were out due to COVID-19. Board members filled in as drivers, washed dishes, and helped out wherever needed until staff returned.

C. Silver Bells

Heather Mullican updated the council on the outcomes of the Ombudsman Silver Bells project. Donations were generous, allowing gift bags to be delivered to 105 residents at three personal care homes. The homes served were The Oakes (Hancock County), Sunny Acres (McLean County), and Rosedale (Daviess County). Deliveries were made in a contact free manner.

D. Feed Seniors Now

Amber Phelps stated the committee met two weeks ago and will meet again today. The event kick-off is scheduled for March 31, with delivery to participants on May 12.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fiscal Year 2022 Regional Plan on Aging

Jennifer Williams reminded the council that every three years, the Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living (AAAIL) is required to submit a Regional Plan on Aging, with updates to the plan completed annually. The plan details how funds will be utilized to deliver mandated services. Under normal conditions, this year would require the approval of a new plan; however, due to the pandemic, the Department on Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) has provided an extension and is allowing an update to the current plan. Ms. Williams reviewed the various programs and services along with their funding sources. The projected budget for FY 2022 is based on the current year budget. As the new budget becomes available, the council will be updated. Lastly, a list of senior centers and nutrition sites with average meals served was provided. Anyone who would like a copy of the plan summary can notify Ms. Williams or Libby Watson. Chairperson Harris entertained a motion to approve the Area Plan Update.

A motion was made by Charlye Jo Griggs and seconded by Gayle McLeod to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Regional Plan on Aging Update. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Ms. Williams added the plan will be presented for final approval at the February 10, 2021, GRADD Board of Directors meeting.

B. Central Kitchen Equipment Ownership Committee

As was discussed in the December meeting, the council will form a committee to explore kitchen equipment ownership and make recommendations to the council and GRADD Board of Directors. Ms. Harris asked the following council members to serve on this committee: Jim Toler, Rick White, Connie O’Leary, and Diann Crask. Rick White was not present to accept appointment to the committee. Jennifer Williams will contact Mr. White. All others named accepted appointment to the committee.

C. Additional Discussion

Daisy James expressed concern regarding access to the COVID vaccine for older adults. Jennifer Williams shared that DAIL is exploring way to deliver the vaccine to homebound seniors; however, the discussion is only in an exploratory stage right now. Melinda Cornell has been working the COVID clinic at the Health Park and expressed the need to be patient and persistent when attempting to schedule a vaccine appointment. Please leave a message on the answering service, as those calls are returned although it may take a few days due to the overwhelming demand. Appointments can also be scheduled through My Chart. Nicole Leach encouraged individuals to routinely check the Owensboro Health COVID page to determine when the next tier of vaccines is available. Additionally, anyone living in the 18-county area covered by Owensboro Health can schedule a vaccine appointment at any OH facility, but the second dose must be received at the same facility.

Chairperson Harris welcomed new members Amy Lilly, representing Daviess County Judge/Executive, and Helen Ritterskamp, representing City of Dixon Mayor.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Aging Council Orientation – February 16, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- Ombudsman Advisory Council Meeting – February 16, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
- Mental Health & Aging Coalition Meeting – March 25, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
- Next Aging Council Meeting – April 6, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Henrietta Harris, Chairperson