

**MINNESOTA BOARD ON AGING
MINUTES**

July 20th 2018

Don Samuelson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 09:00 a.m. at The Courtyard by Marriott, 185 Radio Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the June 15th, 2018 meeting and passed.

Members Present:

Leonard Axelrod
Melanie Benjamin
Lynnette Buckley
Cathleen Faruque
Sonja Hayden-Berg
Susan Henry
Neil Johnson
Stephanie Klinzing
Katie Lundmark
Patrick McFarland
Susan Mezzenga
Maria Michlin
Sherrie Pugh
Don Samuelson
Pat Schommer
Harlan Tardy
Gregory Wright

Members Absent:

Meghan Coleman
Sylvia Garcia
Carolyn Perron
Pang Vang
Tashi Yangzom

Staff Present:

Kari Benson
Darci Buttke
Leonard Geshick
Rachel Hanson-Phillips
Cheryl Hennen
Mary Hertel
David Hill
Bonnie Martin
Suzanne Martin
Kjersta Meium
Stephanie Minor
Jackie Peichel
Elissa Schley
Mark Schulz
Reena Shetty
David Wallace
Matthew Whitmore

Guests:

Claire Wilson – Assistant Commissioner,
DHS
Linda Giersdorf – Director, MNRAAA
Carolyn Deters – Trust & Gifts for
Seniors

Report of the Chair

Don Samuelson, Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed the Board members. Don Samuelson, Chair, presented thank you card from “Wisdom Steps” thanking the board for their support.

Claire Wilson, MN DHS Assistant Commissioner

- Increased support for Ombudsman for elder abuse issues in Minnesota.
- Impressed with success of the Return to Community Program.
- We are getting prepared for cost plan changes and is encouraged by the progress.

Report of the Executive Director

Kari Benson, Executive Director, reported:

- Executive order coming soon with a member of the MBA joining an advisory committee.

- Don and Kari Presented certificate to Lenny Axelrod and recognized Sylvia Garcia for their service to the Board.

The meeting was turned over to the Consumer Choices Team staff, for a presentation on the Senior LinkAge Line services.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Harlan Tardy reported on behalf of the Committee:

- Recommendations - MBA Policies regarding AAA Business Ventures Update
- Next Steps to Develop MBA Policies related to AAA Business Ventures
- Internal Control Risk Self-Assessment and Risk Assessment worksheet

Diversity Committee (DC)

Sherrie Pugh reported on behalf of the Committee:

- 2020 Census – engagement strategies
- Reviewing MBA Diversity Guidelines & Committee Role
- Demographic data and service utilization

1. Census 2020 – public comment

Background

As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. gets just one chance each decade to count its population. The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States. It is mandated by Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution and takes place every 10 years. The data collected by the decennial census determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives (a process called apportionment) and is also used to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities.

The next Census in 2020 will require counting an increasingly diverse and growing population of around 330 million people in more than 140 million housing units. To get an accurate count, the Census Bureau must build an accurate address list of every housing unit, maximize self-response to the census, and efficiently follow up with those who do not respond.

Issue:

For the first time since 1950, the Census Bureau will ask all U.S. households about citizenship status, specifically, “Is this person a citizen of the United States?”

As the bureau makes preparations for the next national tally in 2020, it is drawing criticism over security and privacy concerns as well as legal action over the citizenship question.

The controversy lies because of fears that it will discourage noncitizens from participating and harm the accuracy of the census. In addition, some noncitizens plan to avoid answering the 2020 census because they are scared of sharing their information with the government.

Impact:

Population counts touch the lives of people across the country. Census numbers help determine the balance of political power — they are used to determine how many seats in

Congress and how many Electoral College votes each state gets, and they affect how Legislative districts are drawn. In financial terms, an estimated \$800 billion in federal funds is distributed every year based on the head count.

Action

Diversity Committee recommends sending a letter during the Census 2020 public comment period to oppose the question requiring citizenship to be identified as part of the 10 core questions of the survey. A letter will be sent on behalf of the MN Board on Aging to support the effort that every person residing in Minnesota is counted as part of the Census 2020.

A motion was made by Sherrie Pugh and seconded by Gregory Wright to accept the recommendation.

The following 17 members voted in the affirmative: L. Axelrod, M. Benjamin, L. Buckley, C. Faruque, S. Hayden-Berg, S. Henry, N. Johnson, S. Klinzing, K. Lundmark, P. McFarland, S. Mezzenga, M. Michlin, S. Pugh, D. Samuelson, P. Schommer, H. Tardy, G. Wright.

Program Operations Committee (POC)

Susan Mezzenga reported on behalf of the Committee:

1. Update from the Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging
George Goggeley, Human Services Director, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, provided an update to the committee on the progress being made on data reporting, direct service contracting and transition of the director to full time management function. Area Plan Allocations and Transfers:
THE POC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL of awarding additional federal funds to the AAAs in accordance with the state funding formula, (see attachments) and APPROVAL of 2018 Area Plan transfers as follows:

2. FINAL 2018 PROPOSED TRANSFERS III-B, III-C1 AND III-C2

	B	C1	C2	NET
Land of the Dancing Sky	0	0	0	0
Arrowhead	\$ 20,000	\$ (20,000)	0	0
CMCOA	\$ 89,158	\$ (89,158)	0	0
Minnesota River	0	0	0	0
SEMAAA	\$ 196,000	\$ (108,000)	\$ (88,000)	0
Metropolitan	\$ 950,000	\$ (700,000)	\$ (250,000)	0
MN Indian	\$ 15,774	\$ (57,968)	\$ (42,194)	0
TOTALS	\$1,270,932	\$ (975,126)	\$ (295,806)	0

B = Supportive Services
C1 = Congregate Meals
C2 = Home Delivered Meals

A motion was made by Susan Mezzenga and seconded by Sonja Hayden-Berg to accept the recommendation.

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3. Consumer Choice Funding

a. Federal Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Funding

THE POC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL of new grants for up to \$94,149 in federal SMP funding to be used for volunteer recruiting and support, as well as outreach related to health care fraud and abuse for the period of July 20, 2018 through May 31, 2019 as follows:

- Up to \$11,270 to the Land of Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging;
- Up to \$9,038 to the Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging;
- Up to \$13,134 to the Central MN Council on Aging;
- Up to \$12,983 to the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging;
- Up to \$9,923 to the Southeastern MN Area Agency on Aging; and
- Up to \$37,801 to the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging.

b. State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Funding

THE POC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL of federal SHIP funding up to \$278,428 in new awards for support of Senior LinkAge Line® volunteers year around, as well as seasonal staffing or other support measures needed during the 2018 Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Period up to the following amounts for the period of July 20, 2018 through March 31, 2019:

- Up to \$32,474 to the Land of Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging;
- Up to \$25,945 to the Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging;
- Up to \$38,950 to the Central MN Council on Aging;
- Up to \$37,803 to the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging;
- Up to \$29,349 to the Southeastern MN Area Agency on Aging; and
- Up to \$113,907 to the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging.

c. Pre-Admission Screening Client Services Center Funding

THE POC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL of a new award of up to \$190,000 in SFY 2019 PAS funding to the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging for the purpose of Client Services Center staffing related to Pre-Admission Screening for the period of July 20, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

d. MN Department of Health “Help Me Grow” Funding

THE POC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL of a new award up to \$54,000 in MN Department of Health funds to be awarded to the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging for the purposes of enhancements to service listings within www.MinnesotaHelp.info by the Data Management Program for the period of July 20, 2018 through September 30, 2018.

A motion was made by Susan Mezzenga and seconded by Susan Henry to accept the recommendation.

The following 17 members voted in the affirmative: L. Axelrod, M. Benjamin, L. Buckley, C. Faruque, S. Hayden-Berg, S. Henry, N. Johnson, S. Klinzing, K. Lundmark, P. McFarland, S. Mezzenga, M. Michlin, S. Pugh, D. Samuelson, P. Schommer, H. Tardy, G. Wright.

4. SFY 19 Dementia Grants

THE POC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL, subject to state dementia grant appropriations being made available to the MBA for \$750,000 in state fiscal year 2019, for a total of \$750,000, and completion of all negotiations, of the following grant awards up to the amount listed in the table below for the period of August 1, 2018 – July 31, 2019.

Summary
Information

	Name		Proposed Funding	Summary
		Region	\$ 750,000	
	Volunteers of America	MAAA	\$ 107,818	Providing educational and physical activity based outreach to increase community's dementia awareness within the public housing authority buildings of Minneapolis and St. Paul; implement memory screenings; train staff of human service organizations; and offer caregiver support; with focus on African American, East African and Hmong.
	Alzheimer's Association	MAAA	\$ 99,775	Engage and support 3 Federally Qualified Health Care (FQHC) clinics pilot test clinical practice change; cross-pollinate to create clinic dementia champion/teams using technology and train-the trainer curriculum; train 100+ providers; with focus on persons with highest level of health disparities.
	Northwoods Caregivers	LDSAA A	\$ 110,535	Educational workshops in community, including Red Lake nation; virtual dementia tours with youth and healthcare providers; supporting dementia patient with nurse; connect with Native Americans and LGBT communities; health fair and partner with Memory Keepers Medical Discovery Team.

	Eastside Neighborhood Services	MAAA	\$ 45,967	Build collaborative partnerships with Northeast arts community & businesses; leverage intergenerational family engagement; continue gardening project and referral to intensive dementia services; with goal of 30% diversity participation.
	Paramount Center for Arts	CMCOA	\$ 44,716	Using an arts program for socializing and building community; teaching effective communication strategies to those providing care to use in their home setting; delaying dementia progression; and developing supportive relationships; with outreach to develop the program in the Somali community.
	Amherst H. Wilder Foundation	MAAA	\$ 49,435	Caregiving Roadmap" - specialized quarterly 6 week education and support for caregivers whose care recipient is beyond early stage dementia; and formalize referral system with clinic partners.
	Granite Falls Living At Home Block Nurse	MNRAA A	\$ 15,900	Reduce stigma through Dementia Friends training in public school, community college and Upper Sioux community; support for caregivers through memory cafe, REST, virtual dementia tours, and a memory choir.
	Resounding Voices	SEMAA A	\$ 25,385	Increase awareness through a chorus for persons with memory loss and care providers; and community concerts.
	DARTS	MAAA	\$ 42,975	Promote awareness community presentations; monthly memory screenings; and Elder Law partnership presentations - all expanded into rural areas of Dakota County
	Koochiching Aging Options	AAAA	\$ 38,651	Educate targeted community organizations, including businesses; offer one to one service to persons with memory loss and providers of care; enhance participation in memory café; and increase referrals to/from medical providers.
	Elder Circle	AAAA	\$ 78,712	Educate in Itasca & St Louis County through different technology; do screening; promote diagnosis and support caregivers and persons living with dementia through memory clubs, Powerful Tools and support groups.

Chippewa County Montevideo Hospital	MNRAA A	\$ 90,131	Support staffing for Memory Care Coordinator; sponsor community education event(s) and increase dementia friends to actively help in the community.
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Information regarding each item of the Committee report is enclosed so that Board members can get answers to any questions or concerns prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions regarding the materials in this summary for the Area Plan Allocations and Transfers or the Consumer Choices Funding actions, contact Margaret Bisek (651)-431-2576; for the Dementia Grants, contact Jackie Peichel, (651)-431-2583.

A motion was made by Susan Mezzenga and seconded by Stephanie Klinzing to accept the recommendation.

The following 17 members voted in the affirmative: L. Axelrod, M. Benjamin, L. Buckley, C. Faruque, S. Hayden-Berg, S. Henry, N. Johnson, S. Klinzing, K. Lundmark, P. McFarland, S. Mezzenga, M. Michlin, S. Pugh, D. Samuelson, P. Schommer, H. Tardy, G. Wright.

Public Policy Committee (PPC)

Mark Schulz reported on behalf of the Committee:

- The Future of Elderly Waiver
 - The CHRONIC Care Act
 - MBA Legislative Priorities Discussions
1. MBA directs staff to pursue legislative activities to: (1) increase funding for staff within the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care; (2) seek additional state funding to expand the Senior LinkAge Line's Information and Assistance services outside of currently funded hours; (3) seek grant funding for a respite care grant program for individuals who discharge from hospitals under the CARE Act; and (4) seek administrative funding for a staff person to oversee and manage the MBA's volunteer programs – RSVP, Senior Companion, and Foster Grandparents.

A motion was made by Sherrie Pugh and seconded by Sonja Hayden-Berg to accept the recommendation.

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Adjournment – 11:57 A.M.