



Commission On Aging

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Monroe County Commission on Aging

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2024

Commission on Aging Conference Room

Don Spencer called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Members present Don Spencer, Martin Kaufman, Paul Simonton,
Cheryl Rivard, Cynthia McIlvain, Larry Gramlich,
Mary Ann Wertenberger, Mary Gantzoz

Members excused: Wayne Meehean

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the March 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Motion by: Martin Kaufman

Supported by: Paul Simonton

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Sandie Pierce, Monroe Center for Healthy Aging wanted to remind everyone that the Every 9th American Committee has a presentation scheduled for March 19, 2024 at 6pm to the Board of Commissioners. They are asking that the ballot proposal be put on the Agenda. The millage request would be on the August 6, 2024 primary ballot.

Special Presentations:

Bedford Senior Center: Celia Apodaca and Colleen Roberts presented

A bi-monthly newsletter was distributed which shows activities and special events. There were 446 total clients for 2023. The Center is almost back to Pre-Covid numbers. There are 50 clients receiving Congregate Meals - Monday through Friday and 110 Meals on Wheels clients. The Center kitchen will be closed April 1 through 15 for renovations.

A Facebook page has been started with 15,000 followers with the largest average age group between 45 – 54 years old. Women are 83% of this total and Men 17%. Activities include: monthly guest speakers, Charter Bus trips, new member meet-and-greets and a Strawberry Festival run by volunteers.

Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE): Cheri Boron presented

LIFE was open each day during COVID. In 2021, most staff got other employment. Costs of meals have risen. There have been difficulties securing supplies to pack meals. There has been a 30% increase in inflation between 2019 and 2023.



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Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the February 14, 2024 Regular Meeting.
- B. Strategic Planning Committee notes of February 1, 2024.
- C. Finance Reports
- D. Correspondence – None.
- E. Formal Agency Reports – None

Motion to approve by: Cheryl Rivard Supported by: Martin Kaufman
Motion Carried.

Directors' Report:

Jason Berry reported the following:

➤ **Common Measures Report**

The February Common Measures Reports provide the Commission with the provider's Cumulative Units Reported vs. Maximum, Cumulative Unduplicated Clients Served vs. Anticipated, Actual Expenditures vs. Total Budget, Total Budget Cost per Unduplicated Client, and Actual Revenue vs. Budgeted Revenue.

➤ **COA Website Views**

The monthly analytics snapshot shows how many hits the COA website received and the categories most visited. Transportation was the most viewed at 152. During February 2024 there were 665 views.

➤ **Waitlist/Service Not Provided Summary**

Mr. Berry reported that from January 25, 2024, through February 25, 2024, there are 40 reported seniors on the Project Ramp waitlist. The Ramp Project is trying to obtain additional volunteers.

Old Business:

- A. None

New Business

A. Choices Counseling Solutions Application and Budget

Motion to approve Choices Counseling Solutions Application and 2024 Senior Millage Budget for \$10,050

Motion by: Cynthia McIlvain Supported by: Paul Simonton



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Roll Call Vote Taken:

Cheryl Rivard - Yes
Paul Simonton - Yes
Larry Gramlich - Yes
Mary Gantzios - Yes

Martin Kaufman - Yes
Don Spencer - Yes
Mary Ann Wertenberger - Yes
Cynthia McIlvain - Yes

Motion Carried.

B. Motion to deny the Frenchtown Adult Day Services appeal to the 90- Day probation and amend the date to March 13, 2024

Motion by: Paul Simonton
Motion carried.

Supported by: Larry Gramlich

Public Comment: None.

Commission Members Comments:

Don Spencer: This will be Cheryl Rivard's last Commission on Aging Board Meeting. Don publically thanked Cheryl and she will be in our prayers.

Cheryl Rivard: Wants to thank everyone for their support and prayers.

Cynthia McIlvain: Cheryl will be missed.

Martin Kaufmann: Would like to thank Cheryl for her years of service to the Board.

Mary Ann Wertenberger: Cheryl has helped her a great deal and will be missed.

Larry Gramlich: Good luck Cheryl and sorry to see you go.

Adjournment:

Motion by: Paul Simonton
Motion Carried.

Supported by: Cynthia McIlvain

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting takes place on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Monroe County Commission on Aging, 965 South Raisinville Road, Monroe, MI 48161.

Ramona Hall, Recording Secretary