

Aging Partners Areawide Advisory Council Minutes
Meeting was held at the York, NE Senior Center
May 25, 2017

Present: Linda Heinisch, Gloria Aron, Shari Busch, Keith Larsen, Cathy Rauch, John Wyvill, Kathy Stokebrand, JoAnn Sieck, Ardee Rut, Marsha Ward

Audio Conference: Not available

Absent: Esther Bailey, Dorothy Schultz, Gerry Merck, Paul Barnett, Steve Egglund, Harold Simpson, Vern Schulte, Alan Gissler, Jacob Kruse, Marty Stones

Staff: Randy Jones, Denise Boyd, Martha Hakenkamp, Lori Byers, Susan Keese

Visitor: Willard Peterson, Chairperson of York County Advisory Board and York County Senior Board officer

Marsha Ward welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Self-introductions followed.

I. Marsha Ward asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2017. Shari Busch made the motion and Kathy Stokebrand seconded. All were in favor and the motion was adopted.

II. Tour of York Senior Center:

Tour was conducted at 12:00 P.M. by Rose due to time constraint.

III. Presentation of York County Programs: led by Lori Byers, Program Manager

Lori reviewed services offered for seniors in York County with congregate meals and transit being the two most utilized. Also Home Delivered Meals are provided by York College and paid for by local group, Church Women United. York's Care Management Program keeps people in their homes safely and is provided by Janet Hines and Lori Byers. Also, Lori is a SHIAP (Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program) specialist who helps seniors sign up for Part D health insurance or edit current plans October 15th to December 7th each year. York County Aging Services also helps individuals apply for Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security. Other highlighted services provided include foot clinic, annual health fair, financial planning, and tax aid services.

One fun program started in York County Senior Services is their TelaCare Program. Local 5th graders call seniors living in their homes to do wellness checks during the school year.

IV. County Board Dues and County Board Visits: led by Martha Hakenkamp, Program Manager and Randy Jones, Director

Every year Aging Partners staff joins county Program Managers to go to county boards to ask for financial dues to help support Aging Partners and the multi-county's inter-local agreement. The Older American Act requires a local match of 25% by programs for money provided and this annual due gives our counties the ability to meet that mandatory match. Specific funding amount's allocated to individual counties is proportional to their 65+ population. For every dollar paid in county dues, or financial support of county program, the county receives \$4-\$8 in services provided through Aging Partners network.

Martha puts together a report each year for the counties showing that in exchange for their dues there are ample benefits the county gets including case management services, direct services, and other funding from the Older American Act filtered down from Aging Partners. Randy will be visiting the county boards on the following dates:

- Butler County: June 5th at 9:30 A.M.
- York County: June 20th at 9:15 A.M.
- Seward County: August 1, at 9:15 A.M.
- Polk County: July 18th at 11:00 A.M.

- Saline County: July 25th at 9:45 A.M.

- Fillmore County: July 25th at 11:00 A.M.

Martha asked Areawide Advisory Council for support of cost share allocation for the 2017/2018 fiscal year as presented at today's meeting-attached to minutes. Randy asked for a motion, Kathy Stokebrand made the motion and Gloria Aron seconded. All were in favor and the motion was adopted.

Q&A

- Cathy asked who makes up the "county board". Martha replied that each one varies but they are made up of elected County Commissioners/Supervisors in each county.

V. Census and Demographic Data: led by Martha Hakenkamp, Program Manager

After review of county growth, Martha has found that each county membership will remain as listed in the ByLaws, except Lancaster County which can add up to four members due to population increase. In regards to demographic data, Aging Partners is working on cleaning up its databases to get a more accurate picture of the counties to understand which populations need may be underserved.

Randy stressed the importance of a balance approach to the counties when considering a possible expanded number. We do not have to fill count in Lancaster County, but could be an added benefit. Areawide Council unanimously agreed that Lancaster County may fill the additional four seats if desirable Canadettes are found, but will not be mandatory or a main priority.

Q&A:

- Would there be an advantage to adding four seats to Lancaster County? Randy replied that there could be by adding a broadened diversity to the council.
- Keith asked if it could be problematic by increasing the count just space wise. Randy replied that they would be sure to find the talent and "right person" for the addition before increasing Lancaster's count.
- Shari asked if we can recommend people for Areawide Council. Authority comes from County Boards. So if we find good potential Lancaster members, we can direct them to the City Advisory Board Application website to complete an application at <https://lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/boards/applicat.htm>
- John asked what the rate of growth, over the next 5 years, for 65+ adults is. Martha says over the next 12 years the number of older adults (65+) will double. So we can focus where the population need is following trends to prevent gaps in service. Martha will get John trends/data in aging for Nebraska.
- Keith asked for a numbers clarification on chart. 8,549 is an unduplicated client count of individuals served aged 65+ served by Aging Partners.

VI. AAC Nominations Discussion led by Gloria Aron, 2nd Vice Chair

Nomination Committee met May 24th to discuss the new two-year term cycle of chairpersons. Gloria Aron will be moving up from second vice-chair to Chairperson starting July 2017. The Nomination Committee proposed having alternating county representation rotation in the chair seats to promote equal representation among the counties. Nomination Committee proposed Steve Egglund for 2nd vice chair and Ardee Rutt to 1st vice chair. Lastly, it was recommended that Keith Larsen and Linda Heinisch serve as backups to the vice chair positions. Keith Larsen made the motion and JoAnn Sieck seconded. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Q&A

Cathy asked are Keith Larsen and Linda Heinisch in waiting? Yes

VII. Medicaid Redesign Update: led by Randy Jones, Director

Updated: 10/06/17 sck

Nebraska is looking at redesigning how Medicaid is administered by privatizing parts of DHHS. Aging Partners is looking at how privatizing has worked in other States, participating in stakeholder meetings, sharing opinions, and sharing those findings of success/struggles. The Redesign Plan came out just as the proposed draft had been written. The redesign proposal still has to go through the Legislative process. There was a resolution added by the DHHS committee, at the close of session, asking for a study to be done that would look at the Medicaid redesign and Long-Term Support Services changes that are being recommended; what has been done in other States to see what has worked/not worked when privatizing. This is a great opportunity to help educate the Legislator on Aging Partners perspective of what is working, what is not, and how the plan can be strengthened.

The start date for the redesign implementation is set for January 2019. Aging Partners is pushing for later start date.

Keith Larsen asked if this change is a Federal requirement to change or is it State driven. John Wyvill replied that it's a bit of both that is complicated, messy and expensive. One of Randy's concerns is that for-profit approach common among privatized setups.

John Wyvill stressed that the best thing that we can do is talk to people about our observations and express those opinions to elected officials.

VIII. Federal and State Budget Update: led by Randy Jones

State Budget

Funding is stable in proposed budget for next year.

Federal Budget

An expansion of the "skinny budget" proposed by President Trump has been released to the House and Senate. Still needs to be voted on and approved; will most likely change more over time. Areas to Note: State Health Insurance Assistance Program cut, Community Service and Social Service Block Grants cut, Senior Community Service Employment Program cut, Foster Grandparents Program cut, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program reduced by 10%. These programs have all been huge assets to Aging Partners served population and will have to be adjusted to accordingly, especially in regards to the billions of dollars in change to Medicaid.

Communicate with local representatives about feelings on proposed budget. The next steps are for the House and Senate to recommend their proposed changes to the budget.

Other Items

Thank you to Marsha Ward for leadership over last two years

Adjournment: 2:47 P.M.

Next Meeting: June 22, 2017 meeting Canceled. Will resume new term schedule September 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Keese

6/23/2017

Amended by Randall S. Jones

Handouts: Agenda, April 13th Meeting Minutes, FY 2017-2018 County Cost Share Handout, Consumer Served Aged 65+ Draft Report, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates with Council Membership Numbers, NASUAD FY2018 Budget Chart

FY 2017-2018 County Cost Share

Cost Share Allocation by County					
	2010 Census Population	% of Population	FY 2016-2017 Cost Share	FY 2017-2018 Cost Share (2.7% Increase)	Cost Share Increase (Actual)
Butler	2,104	14.2%	\$21,614	\$22,195	\$581
Fillmore	1,688	11.4%	\$17,334	\$17,800	\$466
Polk	1,463	9.9%	\$15,026	\$15,431	\$405
Saline	2,776	18.8%	\$28,505	\$29,272	\$767
Seward	3,467	23.5%	\$35,608	\$36,566	\$958
York	3,280	22.2%	\$33,696	\$34,602	\$906
Total	14,778	100%	\$151,783	\$155,866	\$4,083
Cost Share Increase History					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 2013-2014: 10% increase 					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 2014-2015: 11% increase 					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 2015-2016: 12% increase 					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY2016-2017: 2.6% increase 					

Method for determining County Cost Share (Dues):

Agency Budget established and submitted to State Unit on Aging and City of Lincoln

1. Budget determines actual costs of supportive services to Multi-County membership.
2. The Older Americans Act requires local match of 25%. County dues fulfill this requirement.
3. Costs distributed based on County 60+ population using same source as revenue allocation, 2010 Census data.