



Area Agency on Aging

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Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging
Council of Governments
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2010

Members Present

Commissioners Ron Averill, Ross Gallagher and Cathy Wolfe

Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Julie Dasso-Moore and Dennis Mahar

Guests Present

Sandy Gould, Advisory Council Chair; Zane Cosby, Advisory Council member

Opening and Introductions

Commissioner Gallagher called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm and introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Commissioner Averill moved to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2010 Council of Governments meeting and the agenda for the April 22, 2010 meeting. Commissioner Wolfe abstained. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Contracts and Amendments

There were no contracts or amendments.

Advisory Council Report

The Advisory Council met on April 7, 2010 at the Area Agency on Aging office in Chehalis. Reports were given by the Director and the Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman. The Council reviewed and discussed the recently passed federal health care bill. The Director led a discussion on the final deliberations by the Washington State Legislature. The Council heard a progress report on the Aging forums planned for mid-May and early June.

Director's Report

Legislative Budget Proposals – Director Mahar reported on the final budget proposals by the Washington State Legislature. Some highlights of the budget include a \$0.13 per

hour reduction in pay for agency home care workers, the Home Care Quality Authority appears to be preserved, and the Adult Day Health program retained some funding. There was no reduction in Medicaid Personal Care funding or Family Caregiver Support Program funding, and the Senior Citizen's Services Act will retain funding.

Health Care Reform: ADRCs and Health Promotion – Director Mahar reported that the budget does retain funding for additional Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) and Health Promotion projects.

Home Care Training Update – Director Mahar reported that the Home Care Training Partnership is now responsible for training individual providers that contract with the Area Agency on Aging to provide care for Medicaid clients.

N4A Capitol Hill Day Briefing – Director Mahar reported that the N4A (National Association of Area Agencies on Aging) Capitol Hill Day in Washington DC was successful. Both Director Mahar and Commissioner Gallagher traveled to Washington DC on April 19 and 20 to lobby for senior issues and the Older Americans Act.

Aging Readiness Forums – Director Mahar reported that the forums are targeted to be held in May and June with three forums in Lewis, Mason, and Thurston Counties. It was discussed that the Forum be aimed at employers, human resources departments and faith-based communities to focus on aging readiness in our communities and businesses.

Items From the Floor

Commissioner Gallagher reported on the N4A Capitol Hill Day legislative appointments. He reported that attendance was down this year in relation to past years.

Approval of Vouchers

Based on the recommendation of the Director, Commissioner Averill moved approval of the following vouchers:

Batch of 03/29/2010 beginning with 397852 and ending with consisting of 13 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$1,937.41;

Batch of 03/29/2010 beginning with 397869 and ending with consisting of 4 vouchers (contiguous) in the amount of \$10,244.75;

Batch of 03/29/2010 beginning with 397930 and ending with consisting of 2 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$49,806.63;

Batch of 03/29/2010 beginning with 397941 and ending with consisting of 1 voucher (contiguous) in the amount of \$361.16;

Batch of 04/05/2010 beginning with 398576 and ending with consisting of 15 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$6,800.16;

Batch of 04/05/2010 beginning with 398632 and ending with consisting of 3 vouchers (contiguous) in the amount of \$3,042.01;

Batch of 04/05/2010 beginning with 398639 and ending with consisting of 39 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$5,073.00;

Batch of 04/12/2010 beginning with 400119 and ending with consisting of 3 vouchers (contiguous) in the amount of \$250.25;

Batch of 04/12/2010 beginning with 400359 and ending with consisting of 16 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$18,706.13;

Batch of 04/12/2010 beginning with 400395 and ending with consisting of 2 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$181.00;

Batch of 4/19/2010 beginning with 401503 and ending with consisting of 3 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$27,154.15

Batch of 04/19/2010 beginning with 401609 and ending with consisting of 9 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$3,467.25;

Batch of 04/19/2010 beginning with 401621 and ending with consisting of 7 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$2,017.05;

Batch of 04/19/2010 beginning with 401641 and ending with consisting of 3 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$3,696.68;

Batch of 04/19/2010 beginning with 401646 and ending with consisting of 9 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$95,137.73.

129 vouchers totaling \$227,875.36

Commissioner Averill seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Council of Governments will be May 27, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Olympia office.

Approved: _____

Submitted by: _____