



Area Agency on Aging

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Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging
Council of Governments
Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2010

Members Present

Commissioners Ross Gallagher and Cathy Wolfe

Members Absent

Commissioner Ron Averill

Staff Present

Julie Dasso-Moore and Dennis Mahar

Guests Present

Sandy Gould, Advisory Council Chair

Opening and Introductions

Commissioner Gallagher called the meeting to order at 2:12 pm and introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2010 Council of Governments meeting. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Wolfe moved to amend the agenda for the May 27, 2010 meeting to include consideration of a contract amendment with LTC Ombudsman. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Contracts and Amendments

Based on the recommendation of the Director, Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve a contract with Senior Services for South Sound for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, in an amount not to exceed \$42,694.00 for the period of May 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Based on the recommendation of the Director, Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve a contract with Catholic Community Services for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, in an amount not to exceed \$16,030.00 for the period of May 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Based on the recommendation of the Director, Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve an amendment to our State/Federal contract with the Department of Social and Health Services increasing our ceiling award to reflect actual caseloads and adding funds for the Senior Farmers Market program. The total funds available in the contract have increased by \$104,424.00 to a new total of \$4,002,189.00. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Based on the recommendation of the Director, Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve an amendment to the Long Term Care Ombudsman contract with Paul Tosch, increasing the ceiling award by \$300.00 for a total amount of \$67,725.00 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Advisory Council Report

The Advisory Council met on May 5, 2010 at Maple Glen Senior Living Community in Shelton. The reports presented were from the State Council on Aging meeting, the Director, and the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program. An update on the aging readiness forums was presented and discussed. The CLASS Act contained in the federal health care reform bill was discussed. The Office of Insurance Commissioner is planning to support the Long Term Care Insurance partnership program which was discussed and consumer education needs were reviewed. The Council suggested that dental, transportation, food banks and intergenerational issues remain major local needs.

Director's Report

2009 Audit – Director Mahar reported that the Agency is currently undergoing an audit for 2009. No findings are anticipated.

Aging Readiness Forums Update – Director Mahar reported that the Aging Readiness Forums that were scheduled for Mason and Lewis Counties had been cancelled due to low attendance. The Thurston County forum is expected to take place.

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Update – Director Mahar announced that the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) has begun distributing checks to eligible seniors. Eligible persons are provided with \$40 of checks, redeemable for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables at authorized farmers markets and/or roadside stands.

Nutrition Stimulus Funds (ARRA) – Director Mahar reported that the State just notified the AAAs that the ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds awarded for

Congregate and Home Delivered Meals must be expended no later than September 30, 2010, rather than December 31, 2010 as we were originally told. Because LMTAAA had assigned the ARRA funds to our nutrition providers in plans that extended through the end of the year, we will now need to work with our providers to quickly revise the plans in an effort to access all of the available funds.

Small Projects/Health Promotion Focus – Director Mahar announced that the Small Projects/Health Promotion funds are available again this year on a smaller scale. The Advisory Council will make a recommendation to the Council of Governments after discussion at its meeting.

Implementing Home Care Changes – Director Mahar reported that the Legislature has implemented a 4% reduction in the home care agency rate, but increased the funds given for administrative costs, such as provider trainings. Agency staff will be working to implement these changes in the coming months.

Home Care Changes – Director Mahar reported that some of the home care hour reductions that occurred last year will be reversed and some clients will get those hours back. Agency staff will be working to make these changes.

Senior Foundation Fall Conference – The Senior Foundation Fall Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2010 in SeaTac at the Double Tree. The State Council on Aging and the Statewide Area Agency on Aging meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2010.

Items From the Floor

Director Mahar announced that the Mason County Medical Equipment Bank has requested some financial assistance for fuel costs.

Approval of Vouchers

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

Batch of 04/26/2010 beginning with 402418 and ending with 402426 consisting of 7 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$67,127.58;

Batch of 04/26/2010 beginning with 402436 and ending with 402438 consisting of 3 vouchers (contiguous) in the amount of \$1,826.62

Batch of 04/26/2010 beginning with 402412 and ending with 402414 consisting of 3 vouchers (contiguous) in the amount of \$92,522.61;

Batch of 04/26/2010 beginning with 402429 and ending with 402435 consisting of 5 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$2,068.67;

Batch of 05/03/2010 beginning with 403765 and ending with 403772 consisting of 5 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$15,199.00;

Batch of 05/03/2010 beginning with 403805 and ending with 403858 consisting of 20 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$6,510.32;

Batch of 05/30/2010 beginning with 403892 and ending with 403894 consisting of 3 vouchers (contiguous) in the amount of \$7,523.06;

Batch of 05/03/2010 beginning with 404024 and ending with 404024 consisting of 1 voucher (contiguous) in the amount of \$3,000.00;

Batch of 05/10/2010 beginning with 404920 and ending with 405155 consisting of 40 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$6,254.95;

Batch of 05/10/2010 beginning with 405077 and ending with 405080 consisting of 4 vouchers (contiguous) in the amount of \$2,463.34;

Batch of 05/10/2010 beginning with 405082 and ending with 405136 consisting of 15 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$4,927.18;

Batch of 05/10/2010 beginning with 405144 and ending with 405153 consisting of 3 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$4,351.82;

Batch of 5/17/2010 beginning with 406230 and ending with 406238 consisting of 9 vouchers (contiguous) in the amount of \$71,217.56;

Batch of 5/17/2010 beginning with 406241 and ending with 406249 consisting of 5 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$887.52;

Batch of 5/17/2010 beginning with 406250 and ending with 406254 consisting of 5 vouchers (contiguous) in the amount of \$27,765.28;

Batch of 5/24/2010 beginning with 407781 and ending with 407812 consisting of 13 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$3,169.85;

Batch of 5/24/2010 beginning with 407850 and ending with 407858 consisting of 4 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$85,374.34;

Batch of 5/24/2010 beginning with 407824 and ending with 407967 consisting of 7 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$94,394.49;

Batch of 5/24/2010 beginning with 407914 and ending with 407914 consisting of 1 voucher (contiguous) in the amount of \$11,398.00;

Batch of 5/24/2010 beginning with 407915 and ending with 407958 consisting of 7 vouchers (non-contiguous) in the amount of \$1,433.38.

160 vouchers totaling \$509,415.57

Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Executive Session

The Council broke at 3:16 p.m. and entered into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(i) for an update on Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations. The Executive Session ended at 3:37 p.m. No action was taken.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:38 p.m. The next meeting of the Council of Governments will be June 24, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Olympia office.

Approved: _____

Submitted by: _____