

DEPARTMENT ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD

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MEMBERS

Russ Amo, President
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MEETING LOCATION

Human Services Building, Lenawee Room

Minutes: Thursday, May 23, 2024

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Russ Amo at 1:31 pm.

Present: Russ Amo, Gloria Bortnichak, Terry Collins, Jeff Dicenzo, Burt Fenby, Grace Hanke, Cathy Judkins, Jeannine Johns, and Carol Zawacki via Zoom

Also Present: Cari Rebottaro, Director, Dillon Donaghy, Deputy Director, and Judy Drews, Administrative Support

Absent: KZ Bolton, Darwin Vandevender, and Joyce Woerner

After correcting item II. to Roll Call from Call to Order, Terry Collins made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Jeannine Johns, the motion was voted on and passed.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: April 25, 2024

Cathy Judkins made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 25, 2024 meeting and Grace Hanke seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed.

III. Reports - Department on Aging

A. LDA - Budget Report

Director Rebottaro reported that 46% of the budget has been spent through the first 7 months of this fiscal year.

1) April Numbers

B. LDA - Center Reports

Director Rebottaro reported that since October 1, 2024, 568 persons attended a center with the average age of attendees being 74.8. There were 2,831 site meals in April with donations totaling \$4,685.30. Curbside meals totaled 1,636 with donations for those being \$2,145.85. She further reported that it costs \$356,491 to operate the seven senior centers. Of that amount, \$12,345 is from Grants. Director Rebottaro expressed gratitude to local municipalities and private owners that make it possible to have affordable space to house the centers.

Director Rebottaro next advised the Board about the need to replace the 20166 Dodge Grand

Caravan wheelchair accessible van and that \$80,000.00 of millage funds have been allocated for that replacement. There were 3 options presented:

1. Purchase a new 2023 Chrysler Voyager with a purchase price of \$68,805.00.

1. Mobility Solutions has a used 2021 Chrysler Voyager with almost 17,000 miles, with a purchase price of \$46,000.00.

1. A new 2023 Chrysler Voyager is available for \$42,500.00 but the “wheelchair” package costing \$19,900.00 would need to be installed and would be available in 8 to 10 weeks. The total cost for this van would be \$62,400.00.

Cathy Judkins made a motion to purchase the 2023 Chrysler Voyager with the price of \$62,400.00. Jeff Dicenzo seconded that motion. The motion was voted upon and passed.

C. LDA - Daybreak Report

Director Rebottaro reported that Daybreak is doing well.

D. LDA - Home Services Reports (HM, PC, Respite)

Director Rebottaro reported that we are working to increase staff for home services. Work is being done to create a collaborative effort around a Certificate Program to train potential candidates prior to hire.

E. LDA - Director's Report

A diagram of the proposed centralized kitchen was shared along with a picture of what the facility will look like. Director Rebottaro pointed out the portions of the diagram that will be designated for our meal preparation, including where the drivers delivering meals will enter and exit the facility. A question was posed as to when the facility will be ready and Director Rebottaro said opening dates are still uncertain.

A handout regarding [The role of Senior Centers in Lenawee County](#) was distributed and a copy of that report is attached to these Minutes for easy reference.

Director Rebottaro reported that beginning June 5, 2024 the MSU Extension will be planting seeds at the Adrian Senior Center. MSU Extension secured grant funds to purchase some raised growing beds for the planting.

1) The benefits of Senior Centers

IV. Other Business

Director Rebottaro shared a note she received from Grace Hanke in which Grace resigned from the LDA Board effective immediately.

President Amo announced a change in the time for the next Board meeting scheduled for June 27, 2024. That meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Cathy Judkins made a motion to adjourn, supported by Terry Collins, the motion was voted upon and passed. President Amo adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.