



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

SLTC-1100 N. LAST CHANCE GULCH
MINUTES for January 21, 2020

ATTENDANCE. Kim Gillan, Curley Burns, Peggy Tombre, Al Ward, Gerald Pease, Gayle Carlson, Ryan Clark, Roberta Bigback, Laurie Glover, Joe Gilboy

Aging Staff: Freddi Haab-Fiedler, Kerrie Reidelbach and Barb Smith

Welcome:

Kerrie called meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. New Council members in attendance were introduced; Roberta Bigback of Lame Deer, is the current Director of the Norther Cheyenne Tribal Elder Program and Gayle Carlson of Missoula, is the CEO of the MT Foodbank Network, welcome to both of you!

Kerrie handed out notebooks including minutes, agenda, state plan on aging, parliamentary guidance, overview of open meeting rules and bylaws. Kerrie just completed first module for new director orientation. Will be repeating for a second group. Working on policies/procedures with group of area directors helping.

New computer system: Capstone is used by the AAA providers for data input. Data is required to be in by the 11th of the month for previous month or will affect their congregate and Home Delivered Meals payment. APS/ Ombudsman/Legal Developer all use it. Having transition issues. Roberta also reported some problems from out in the field. Goal is to be able to track trends, to be able to communicate to legislators and to use our information to effectively write grants.

Kerrie asked for volunteers to help with reservations coordination with ADRD and State Plan and Alex Ward volunteered.

Summit Senior hunger scheduled for May 12, 2020. Location is the Great Northern Hotel. Encourage GAC members to attend.

Adrienne Cotton – has been hired as the M4A liaison.

Barb Smith - HJ50 Child and Family Health and Human Services Interim committee will be reviewing/study of SLTC programs.

ACL and CMS are going through changes:

1. All of ACL has been moved to Washington, DC except for the 10 regional administrators. Due to this a lot of history and knowledge was lost by ACL as many chose to retire rather than move.
2. CMS is reorganizing completely

Staff have been asked to document successes that were accomplished in SFY 19. APS – legal program is growing, Aging state plan was approved, Southwestern Montana Veterans Home in Butte.



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Aging Staff Updates:

Jackie Stoeckel gave an update on the 2019 planning of the annual Governor's Conference on Aging. Jackie developed a handout for Senior Centers and meal sites that explains reasons for needing the information on intake forms, which will be shared with Directors tomorrow. This will be included in the upcoming Aging Horizon's newsletter.

Kimme Evermann talked about Aging Horizons TV program and newsletter. Always looking for people to interview about aging issues. Aging Horizons is 9 a.m. Sundays on ABC, and 9:30 on KULR8 in Billings.

Carmen Sciabica announced through the new contract with the North Central Independent Living Services (NCILS) for local Ombudsman services two new local ombudsman were hired to cover Cascade, Hill, Blaine and Choteau counties.

Patrick Kelley gave an update on both the Lifespan Respite and Alzheimer's grants.

Katy Lovell updated the group regarding the success of the legal clinics for 2019. A series of webinars are being developed on guardianship across Montana, in coordination with Public Defenders. Plan to hold clinics in eight locations in 2020. Legal clinics are sponsored by Rocky Mountain Bank, health care organizations, and AARP.

Peggy Tombre from Council volunteered to be on Advisory Committee for Legal Developer that meets quarterly.

Janet Stellmon gave an update on the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Currently she reports 200 trained counselors across the state available to assist Medicare recipients with plans and other Medicare issues. We traditionally partner with the Area Agencies on Aging though approximately 75 are through a partnership with the Medicaid expansion navigators.

Meeting adjourned: 2:30 PM.

Next Meeting dates:

April 22, 2020

July 22, 2020

September 15 & 16 – Governor's Conference on Aging

October 14, 2020 - tentative