

DISTRICT I
MICHIGAN COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 27, 2004
Ramada Inn, Marquette

Present: Russell Sexton, Ellen Speckman-Randall, Robyn Loviska, J. Pepper Vanlandschoot, Leona St. Vincent, Robert Roberge, Allen Fagan, James Aebli, Gerald Erva, Gordon Jukuri, Frank Groeneveld, Julia Hadas, Robert Moore, Mary Bradley, Michael Kaufman, Bob Barr, Linda Steinfeldt, Dr. Duane Waters, Linda McLain, Lauris Barr, Margaret Waters, Deanna Mitchell, John Nelson

Call to Order: 12:10 p.m. by President Russell Sexton.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Board members and guests introduced themselves and stated which county they were representing.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made and carried to approve the agenda - Kaufman/Hadas.

APPROVAL OF July 28, 2004 MINUTES: Motion made and carried to approve the minutes - Fagan/Steinfeldt.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Russell Sexton: Balances as of 09/30/04: Checking - \$4895.97; CD - \$1000.00; Savings - \$8.18; Total assets as of 09/30/04, 2004 - \$5904.81. The excess balance of \$65.25 from the savings account was transferred to the checking account as was authorized at the April 28, 2004 meeting. The CD was rolled over on October 1, 2004 for six months at a rate of 1.25%. District I dues have been arriving from the counties for 2005. These are being deposited into the checking account. A motion was made by Mr. Fagan, seconded by Mr. Waters, and carried, to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented.

PRESENTATION: Deanna Mitchell, Department of Community Health, spoke about what is happening in long term care and Medicaid.

STATEWIDE MCSSA ACTIVITY REPORT: Ellen Speckman-Randall: Ms. Speckman-Randall updated members regarding current events at the state and federal level. She discussed QC3, which is a registry of home help providers that can be used to select a home help provider best suited for the customer's needs. Ms. Speckman-Randall is serving on several workgroups relative to the long-term care process. She also distributed two charts of interest, one that listed the statewide number of FIA cases by program and the other which listed Michigan's state revenue sources. Thirty-one percent of Michigan revenues are received from the federal government. Ms. Speckman-Randall gave a short update on the Strategic Plan and stated that MCSSA's first priority is advocacy for customers.

DISTRICT 1 MEDICAL CARE FACILITY COUNCIL REPORT: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: Ellen will ask Shelley Jipson-Lomax and Kathy Wood to e-mail MCSSA committee meeting minutes to all directors for distribution to their boards.

FIA ZONE 1 MANAGER'S REPORT: John Nelson

- ✓ Mr. Nelson met with the Gogebic/Ontonagon boards to discuss Dale MacDonald's retirement at the end of January. Mr. Nelson hopes to have a new director on board January 15.
- ✓ Mr. Nelson discussed the Chaffee Act, which provides specific funds for education at a post-secondary institution for eligible children.
- ✓ Mr. Nelson discussed the fact that the 2006 budget is expected to be worse than the 2005 budget and programs may have to be cut that are mainly state funded

MCSSW REPORT: No report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORTS:

- A. Advisory Committee: Mr. Rabineau was not present at the meeting. Ms. Speckman-Randall stated that the Advisory Committee met on October 26 and reviewed several pieces of legislation.
- B. Board of Directors:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Adult and Health Services: Mary Bradley - Ms. Bradley discussed the minutes from and Adult and Health Services Committee meeting. Minutes will be distributed to directors in the future.
- B. Automated Systems: Vacant.
- C. Board Member Development: Ms. Speckman-Randall stated that a retreat may be planned and the reference guide is being updated.
- D. Child and Family Services: Julia Hadas - information was e-mailed to directors.
- E. Employment, Education and Training: Vacant.
- F. Constitution and Bylaws/Platform: No report.
- G. Housing: Vacant.
- H. Legislative: No report.
- I. Meritorious Awards: No report.
- J. Nominating: No report.
- K. Planning and Development: Vacant.
- L. Standard of Living: Vacant.
- M. Legislative Coordinator: Jim Aebli - nothing to report.

A motion was made by Mr. Fagan, seconded by Ms. Steinfeldt, and carried, to accept the committee reports, as presented.

Mr. Sexton noted that the Nominating Committee should meet in January 2005 to get a slate of officers ready for the April 27 meeting.

The next meeting will be held on January 26, 2005 in Escanaba. Presentation suggestions are appreciated.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM - Bradley/Moore

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Novak