

MINUTES

FULL BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONFERENCE ROOM
FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2014 – 10:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Hall, Dennis Claramunt, Neil Smith, Eddie Moore, Ted Mattison, Mack Durham, Ed Elliott, Rufus Foster, Henry Jolly, Joe Ross, Grady Butler, Don Godbey, Lillian Flemming, Gaye Sprague, Perry Eichor, Willis Meadows, Reg Dexter, Larry Bagwell, Jeff Martin, Mike Forrester, Dale Culbreth, Elbert Tillerson, Loretta Smith, and Jan Scalisi.

GUESTS PRESENT: Doug Wright, SENIOR Solutions, and Joel Dill, Greenville County.

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Pelissier, Chip Bentley, Karen Carter, and Debbie Courson.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hall. The invocation was offered by Mr. Tillerson. On motion by Mr. Godbey, seconded by Ms. Smith, the minutes of the April 25, 2014, meeting were unanimously approved.

Appalachian Region Area Plan for Aging Services, 2014 Annual Update

Ms. Carter stated that the 2014 annual update of the Area Plan for Aging Services was mailed to the Board prior to this meeting for their review. Mr. Dill, Chairman of the Regional Aging Advisory Committee recommended approval. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve to adopt the 2014 Annual Update.

Service Provider Selection for Regional Aging Services

Ms. Carter stated that the FY 2015 Aging Services Procurement Bid Review Committee consisted of four members of the Appalachian Regional Aging Advisory Committee. Those members include: Joe Dill (Chair, Greenville County), Jan Scalisi (Spartanburg), Beth Kelly (Anderson), and Edna Pitts-Reid (Oconee). The AAA staff resource to the committee was Karen Carter, AAA Director.

Ms. Carter stated that of the 12 proposals received by ACOG/AAA, 11 were deemed responsive. Members of the committee received the proposals on April 23rd and met on May 7th to conduct the review process. The services that were bid include: congregate meals (group dining), home delivered meals, health promotion, homecare level 1, transportation, adult day care and legal services. Each committee member was given a score sheet to rate providers for each service provided. However, it is noted that the quantitative scores constitute only a portion of the review. Qualitative factors are considered as well. The committee made decisions based on the providers' staffing, experience, service delivery plans, community involvement/expansion of services and unit rate for the service. The proposing agencies were required to commit to coordinating delivery of services with other service providers for older adults in the region. The term of any contract resulting from this RFP is projected to be for the period beginning July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, with options for up to four (4) additional one year extensions.

As Chairman of the RAAC Committee, Mr. Dill made a motion to recommend approval. Mr. Godbey asked for discussion. He stated that the process for reviewing and scoring needs to be reviewed and possibly changed. Mr. Dill amended the motion to have staff review the scoring system and performance of providers and report back to the Board within one year. Mr. Godbey seconded the amended motion and the Board unanimously approved.

South Carolina Legislative Update

Mr. Pelissier stated that the FY 2015 budget proposal presented by the Senate Finance Committee includes a \$15.8 million reduction in the allocation to the Local Governments Fund from the House version of the budget bill. He stated that as a result of many factors, the economic challenges of the past few years, cities and counties have seen declining revenues while the costs to provide services continue to rise. He noted that the COG had sent a letter to legislators from the region, on behalf of the Board, to request that funding be restored to the level proposed by the House.

Executive Session to Discuss Contractual Matter

Upon receiving a motion from Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Martin, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

At 12:00 p.m., the Board re-convened in public session. Chair Hall stated that no action had been taken in Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Chair

THE SOUTH CAROLINA APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HAS
COMPLIED WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IN SCHEDULING AND
CONDUCTING THIS MEETING.