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APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024 – 10:30 A.M. APPALACHIAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARDROOM GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Members Present:

Barbara Jardno, Beth Grant, Bob Briggs, Britt Gillespie, Charles Pinson, Dorothy Manning, Edna Pitts-Reid, Glenda Manigault, J.T. Boseman, Joe Dill, Mae Frances Sarratt, Steve Luck

Members Absentee:

Jane Hall, Judy Caywood, Pat Grate

Guests Present:

Catriona Carlisle, Doug Wright, Lisa Patton, Nick Kulick, Jake Beatty, Bates McKinney, Jennifer Robbins, Katie Sides, Robin Reed, Shawanna Cook, Lillian Brock Flemming, Christina Gebbia

Staff Present:

Tim Womack, Shelly Mitchell, Dani Vankirk, Pam Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 10:33am by Mr. Dill and an invocation was offered by Mr. Pinson. Prior minutes from December 6, 2023, were approved by Mr. Briggs and a second by Ms. Manning. The minutes were approved unanimously. (The meeting scheduled for February 2024 was cancelled)

Recognition of Guests: Tim Womack, recognized and welcomed:

There were no new guests at this meeting.

Procurement Update: Tim Womack presented:

We went out for procurement for all services in all counties this year for contracts beginning July 1, 2024. The agencies that put in a bid attended a question-and-answer session before a subcommittee that was selected by Mr. Dill. The subcommittee included Glenda Manigault, Barbara Jardno, Joe Dill, Shelly Mitchell, Dani Vankirk, and Tim Womack. After the subcommittee heard from everyone that submitted a proposal for services, they completed a scorecard to rank the overall proposal. Today, we are presenting the recommendations based on those scorecards to the RAAC members to vote. Once there is a unanimous vote from this committee, Joe will present the RAAC's recommendations to the CoG Board.

The weight of the scorecard was included in the request for proposals packet. While rates are included on the scorecard, other considerations are reviewed to identify the overall best provider to move forward with partnership in the coming years.

Once the CoG Board gives their approval, we will notify everyone that submitted a bid of the results. At that time, we will begin having rate negotiations with those agencies that won the bid for each service.

Tim read the recommendations from the procurement subcommittee by county. Note that these are just recommendations and will need to be finalized by the CoG Board vote before moving into contract.

A question was brought up concerning minor home repair in Spartanburg. We currently don't have a provider to offer this service in Spartanburg. In Cherokee, the minor home repair program is new, and we are looking at consistency in spending. We don't want to over allocate funds if the county isn't able to spend appropriately.

We are willing to speak anywhere we are invited to in order to educate people of our services. We also depend on RAAC members to speak on our behalf to spread the word.

Procurement vote for recommendation – all in favor, voted unanimously. The recommendation will now be moved to the CoG Board.

We received our packet to update our area plan which we will begin working on. Next year we will have to complete another area plan. This year we will have to complete a needs assessment and we will need the committee's help to communicate this out to the community when the time comes. The needs assessment tells us what services are needed throughout our region.

The new database system is to be rolled out July 1. Training will begin this month and continue through the end of July. We are recommending that each provider continue to have access to a seat in AIM to provide back up if needed and to ensure clients don't fall through the cracks. We are funding the hardware needed for each senior site.

We are on track to spend all our ARP funding which will expire in September. Statewide, some AAAs will not be able to spend this money so it will be returned to the feds. Anytime you can advocate to legislators, we need more money.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45am.

Next Meeting is June 19, 2024