

**MINUTES**  
**PENNYRILE AAAIL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**December 16, 2016**

The Pennyrile AAAIL Advisory Council meeting was held December 16, 2016 at the Pennyrile Area Development District, Hopkinsville, KY.

A quorum was not established per the bylaws. The following Council members were present:

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Ms. Patricia George**  
**Ms. Sherri Turner**  
**Mr. Richard Quarles**  
**Ms. Sarah Ford**  
**Ms. Margaret Gilland**  
**Ms. Thelma McNeil**  
**Ms. Wanda Wilson**  
**Mr. C.R. Long**  
**Mr. Jerrell White**  
**Mr. John Grace**  
**Ms. Barbara Jordan**  
**Ms. Sue Rose**  
**Ms. Charlotte Brown**

**Caldwell County**  
**Christian County**  
**Christian County**  
**Crittenden County**  
**Crittenden County**  
**Hopkins County**  
**Hopkins County**  
**Livingston County**  
**Lyon County**  
**Muhlenberg County**  
**Todd County**  
**Todd County**  
**Trigg County**

**SERVICE PROVIDER REPRESENTATIVES:**

Rachel Cook – PACS

**GUEST:**

William Turner – Christian County Historian  
Nancy Harper – Office for the Blind

**STAFF:**

Mitzi Bumphus – PACS – Caldwell Co.  
Angela Jarvis – PACS – Hopkins Co.  
Lindy Holloway – PACS  
Iris Lawrence – PACS – Trigg Co.  
Krystal DeMond – PACS – Muhlenberg Co.

Penny Hyams - PACS – Todd Co.  
Charlotte Lyons – PACS  
Rossia Schneider – PACS - Christian Co.  
Jenny Sosh – PACS - Crittenden Co.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order by Margaret Gilland followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 28, 2016 minutes as printed. The motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Margaret Gilland opened by reporting that the Lyon County Senior Center has a new Director, Jennifer Matthews. Margaret mentioned that the Pennyrile AAAIL received a national award at the NADO conference in San Antonio, TX in November for the KY Veterans Directed Care program.

Payton Kidd provided an update on the PDS program. Payton mentioned that the Home and Community Based Waiver program provides services and support to elderly individuals, children and adults with disabilities and that it allows them to remain in their homes. He stated that the program allows clients the ability to have more choices, flexibility and options regarding their in-home waiver services. Payton reported that the PDS/HCB 2 has combined previous services into two with less restrictions. Payton provided information on the PDS/HCB 2 waiver changes associated with the program. Payton discussed the Medicaid Waiver Management Application system that was implemented on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. He stated that effective September 15, 2016 that the Department of Medicaid Services hired RN Assessors who began conducting the assessments and reassessments for the program. Payton discussed Conflict Free Case Management and reported that after September 15, 2016 that providers who provided case management are no longer allowed to provide waiver services to that individual unless the provider is the only willing and qualified provider in that area. He stated that family members can no longer be paid employees. Payton provided a cost comparison for assisted living or nursing home placement verses keeping clients in their home with PDS/HCB.

Payton provided an update on the Veterans program and mentioned that the program has expanded into the Purchase and Green River areas. Payton reported that the number of active clients have increased and that the program is currently serving 30-40 individuals.

Debra Cansler reported on the first quarter of FY'17 for the Kentucky Family Caregiver Support Program. Debra mentioned that 15 grandparents and 30 grandchildren were served through the program. Debra provided a breakdown by county of the number of grandchildren being served through the program. She stated that \$8,373 in supplemental funds had been allocated to grandparents in the program. Debra provided a list of items that the supplemental funds can be used for. Debra mentioned that funds are available and provided contact information for the program.

Bruce Carver reported on the first quarter of FY'17 for the National Family Caregiver Support Program. Bruce mentioned that the program primarily assists people with caring for disabled individuals 60 years old and over. He reported that respite care, supplemental services, support groups and caregiver trainings are services provided through the program. Bruce stated that access assistance served 54 clients and provided 181 units. Respite served 31 clients and provided 1,983 units. Supplemental served 20 clients and provided 28 units. Bruce provided information on the current support groups and provided information on the time, dates and location of the meetings and educational trainings offered through the National Family Caregiver program. Bruce mentioned that attendance is up in the support groups. Currently, the support groups have 27 unduplicated clients. Bruce reported on services provided to Grandparents through the National Family Caregiver Support program for the first quarter of FY'17. He mentioned that access assistance served 9 clients and provided 30 units of service.

Supplemental services provided 8 units and served 16 clients. Bruce mentioned that respite funds are available. He reported that the waiting list was recently updated and that the program should be able to serve additional individuals.

Cindy Tabor reported on the first quarter of FY'17 for the LTC Ombudsman Program. Cindy mentioned that the primary role of the Ombudsman is to advocate for residents in nursing facilities, investigate and resolve complaints made by residents or families and empower residents with information about their rights. Cindy stated that the Ombudsman office serves the nine county Pennyrire region with 32 facilities and 2,566 beds. She reported that the LTC Ombudsman office provided 339 consults to individuals and 31 to facilities. Cindy stated that 99 facility visits were completed. She mentioned that the LTC Ombudsman office participated in 20 facility surveys. Cindy mentioned that the LTC Ombudsman attended 14 resident council meetings. Cindy reported that the LTC Ombudsman office received 83 complaints. Cindy discussed the top three complaints; environment, choice and care. Cindy stated that the LTC Ombudsman office is in need of volunteers, friendly visitors and certified ombudsman volunteers. She mentioned that a Certified Ombudsman training will be provided in January and provided contact information for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer for the Ombudsman program.

Cindy provided an update on the 2016 Forgotten Angels project. Cindy reported that the LTC Ombudsman office provided Christmas bags to 228 individuals in personal care homes through the project.

Amanda Stokes reported on the first quarter of FY'17 for Title III, Homecare, Adult Day Care, Title V and SHIP. Amanda stated that Title III services served 490 clients and provided 27,673 home delivered meals. Title III congregate meals served 625 clients and served 17,131 congregate meals. Title III homemaking services provided 3,735 hours of homemaking services and served 231 clients. Amanda provided an update on the waiting list for the Pennyrire region. She reported that the top three services requested are for home delivered meals, homemaking and personal care services. Home delivered meals has 284 requests, homemaking 207 and personal care has 36.

Amanda reported that for the first quarter of FY'17 that the Aging & Disability Resource Center received 566 calls and completed 316 ADRC level 1 screenings. Amanda stated that most calls received were self-referrals. Amanda provided the ADRC 800 number for individuals to contact if interested in services offered through the Pennyrire AAAIL program.

Amanda reported on the MIPPA program. She stated that the Extra Help program offers assistance to low and limited income Medicare individuals in paying for monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription copay under the program. Amanda mentioned that 13 applications were completed from September 2016 through November 2016 with 9 LIS applications and 4 MSP applications. Amanda stated that the MIPPA program provided an outreach with brochures to 848 individuals.

Amanda reported that three senior centers have recently changed their operating hours. Effective August 17, 2016, the Muhlenberg County Senior Citizens Center will close at 3 pm on Tuesdays

and Thursday. Effective October 16, 2016, the Livingston County Senior Citizens Center will close at 2 pm Monday through Friday. Amanda stated that the Lyon County Senior Citizens Center will close at 2 pm Monday through Friday effective December 1, 2016. There was some discussion by the Council on the reason for changing the hours. Amanda stated that participation numbers are down in the afternoon. Amanda reported that the each senior centers continues to meet all multi-purpose criteria required by the state. Jill stated that the senior centers are well within the regulation of operations.

**NEWS BUSINESS:**

Jill Collins introduced new staff members, Charlene Johnson, Homecare case manager for Trigg and Christian counties. Brooke Lee and Alecia Jones, social services case managers with the PDS/HCB 2 waiver program.

Jill reported that no changes or revisions were proposed to the Pennyriple AAAIL Advisory Council bylaws and that they will remain as they are.

Jill provided an update on the Kentucky Veterans Program. She mentioned that it had recently expanded into the Purchase and Green River areas. Jill stated that an addendum was added for the additional counties and that additional information will be provided at the March AAAIL meeting. Jill stated that the program received the NADO Innovative Award, which recognizes innovative approaches to regional economic and community development.

Jill mentioned that the PDS/HCB 2 waiver program has seen some rapid expansion recently due to an increase in referrals and anticipates that the number will continue to rise. Jill stated that staffing will be adjusted at that point.

Jill stated that Bruce Carver will retire at the end of December and she wished Bruce well in his future mission work in Costa Rica and thanked him for his years of service at the PADD office. Jill reported that Belinda Babb will replace Bruce as the new Family Caregiver Coordinator.

Jill provided the Council with a hand-out of the Pennyriple AAAIL Advisory Council meeting dates for 2017. Jill mentioned that there were some scheduling issues with the PADD Board room for the September and December meetings, which resulted in the meetings not being held on the regular scheduled second Wednesday of the month.

Jill discussed the budget and stated that she expected to receive contract modifications after the first of year and will pass that information along as it is received.

William Turner, Christian County Historian provided a presentation on the Christmas traditions.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved.  
Meeting adjourned.