

**MINUTES**  
**PENNYRILE AAAIL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**September 12, 2018**

The Pennyrile AAAIL Advisory Council meeting was held September 12, 2018 at the Pennyrile Area Development District, Hopkinsville, KY.

Determination of quorum. The following Council members were present:

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Ms. Patricia George**  
**Ms. Sherrie Turner**  
**Ms. Margaret Gilland**  
**Ms. Polly Schofield**  
**Ms. Barb Steele**  
**Mr. C.R. Long**  
**Ms. Gail Baldwin**  
**Ms. Betty Thorpe**  
**Mr. Joe Roney**  
**Ms. Brenda Johnson**  
**Ms. Nancy Camp**

**Caldwell County**  
**Christian County**  
**Crittenden County**  
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**Livingston County**  
**Lyon County**  
**Lyon County**  
**Muhlenberg County**  
**Todd County**  
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**SERVICE PROVIDER REPRESENTATIVES:**

**GUEST:**

Cindy Stonebraker – National League of POW/MIA Families

**STAFF:**

Mitzi Bumphus – PACS – Caldwell Co.  
Jenny Sosh – PACS – Crittenden Co./Livingston Co.  
Jennifer Burchett – PACS – Lyon Co.  
Rossia Schneider – PACS – Christian Co.  
Cheryl Spain – PACS – Muhlenberg Co.  
Iris Lawrence – PACS – Trigg Co.  
Charlotte Lyons – PACS – Todd Co.  
Angela Jarvis – PACS – Hopkins Co.  
Lindy Holloway – PACS

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order by Margaret Gilland followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There was not a quorum.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 6, 2018 and May 9, 2018 minutes as printed. The motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Margaret Gilland opened by introducing new council member, Joe Roney from Muhlenberg Co. Margaret mentioned the Todd County Senior Center was named Senior Center of the Year at the annual Pennyriple Advisory Council, Staff and Volunteer training in May and congratulated the center. Margaret provided information on the 2018 Pennyriple Senior Games that will be held September 17-19 at the Hopkinsville Parks and Recreation Center in Hopkinsville, KY and she encouraged everyone to attend.

Payton Kidd reported on the PDS program and stated that the program is an alternative to traditional HCB2 service delivery model under Medicaid Waivers. Payton mentioned that the program provides services and support to elderly individuals, children and adults with disabilities. It allows individuals to have more choice, flexibility and options regarding their in-home services. Payton discussed the cost comparison for keeping a client in his/her home verses assisted living or nursing home placement. Payton reported that there are 163 active PDS/HCB2 clients and 40 traditional HCB2 clients pending. Payton provided contact information for the program.

Payton discussed the Veterans program. He mentioned that the program continues to grow and stated that the purpose of the program is to keep veterans in their homes. Payton stated that the Pennyriple AAAIL currently serves as the HUB for 109 counties between Kentucky and Tennessee. Payton reviewed services offered through the program. Currently, the KY VDC program is serving over 39 active clients and provided a breakdown by agency in Kentucky and Tennessee. Payton stated that numbers are down and reported that the Marion Illinois VAMC has had a freeze on services for over a year. There was some discussion by the council on the referral process. Payton stated that all referrals are sent by the VA and that they determine eligibility. Payton provided contact information for the program.

Belinda reported on the fourth quarter of FY'18 for the National Family Caregiver Support Program. Belinda mentioned that the program primarily assists people with caring for disabled individuals 60 years old and over. She reported that respite care, supplemental services, support groups and caregiver trainings are services provided through the program. Belinda stated that access assistance served 72 clients and provided 368 units. Respite served 43 clients and provided 4,001 units. Supplemental served 37 clients and provided 104 units. Belinda provided information on the current support groups, time, dates and location of the meetings and educational trainings offered through the National Family Caregiver Program. Currently, the support groups have 18 unduplicated clients and provided 79 units. Belinda reported on services provided to Grandparents through the National Family Caregiver Support program for FY'18. She mentioned that access assistance served 17 clients and provided 68 units of service. Supplemental services provided 16 units and served 37 clients.

Belinda provided information on the Walk to End Alzheimer's Walk scheduled for September 29 at the Justice Center in Hopkinsville, KY. She mentioned that registration starts at 9 am and the walk will follow at 10 am.

Cindy Tabor reported on FY'18 for the LTC Ombudsman Program. Cindy mentioned that the Pennyriple Ombudsman serves the nine county Pennyriple region with 31 facilities and 2,566 beds. She stated that the primary role of the Ombudsman is to advocate for residents in nursing

facilities. Cindy reported that 413 facility visits were completed and the LTC Ombudsman office received 285 complaints with a resolution rate of 72.55%. She reported that the LTC Ombudsman office provided 1,227 consults to individuals and facilities. Cindy stated that the LTC Ombudsman office participated in 122 facility surveys and attended 26 resident council meetings. Cindy discussed the profile of a LTC resident and mentioned that 60% have no visitors. She stated that the LTC Ombudsman office is in need of volunteers, friendly visitors and certified ombudsman volunteers. She provided information on the three different types of volunteers and the number of training hours required.

Cindy provided information on the 2017 Forgotten Angels project and stated that 230 residents in Personal Care Homes were served. She reported that planning is underway for the 2018 Forgotten Angels project and stated that angels will be available for adoption in November. Cindy discussed items requested and stated that snacks and soft drinks are popular items with the residents.

Cindy discussed World Elder Abuse Awareness Day activities that were held on June 15, 2018. Cindy mentioned that the Hopkins/Muhlenberg Elder Abuse council held a food drive in conjunction with Older Americans Month for May and WEAAD in June. She reported that the council collected non-perishable food items and distributed 250 bags to seniors in the Hopkins/Muhlenberg area. Cindy stated that the Tri-County Elder Abuse council celebrated WEAAD by collaborating with Hopkinsville Parks and Recreation for "Movie in the Park". The council distributed marketing supplies and information on elder abuse at the event. Cindy mentioned that there are three elder abuse chapters in the Pennyrile region and provided dates and times of the meetings.

Amanda Stokes reported on year end totals for FY'18 for Title III and Homecare. Amanda stated that Title III services served 580 clients and provided 98,551 home delivered meals. Title III congregate meals served in the senior centers five days a week served 758 clients and provided 57,976 meals. Title III homemaking services provided 13,873 hours of homemaking services and served 285 clients. Amanda reported that 5,727 hours of service were provided through Case Management and that 659 clients were served.

Amanda reported that for FY'18 the Aging & Disability Resource Center received 2,074 calls and completed 980 ADRC level 1 screenings. Amanda stated that most calls received were self-referrals at 879. Amanda provided the ADRC 800 number for individuals to contact if interested in services offered through the Pennyrile AAAIL program.

Amanda provided information 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 33 applications were completed from October 2017 through August 2018 with 9 LIS applications and 24 MSP applications. Amanda stated that the MIPPA program provided an outreach with brochures to 1,669 individuals.

Amanda provided an update on the waiting list for the Pennyrile region. She reported that the top three services requested are for home delivered meals, homemaking and personal care services. Home delivered meals has 298 requests, homemaking 250 and personal care has 65.

**NEWS BUSINESS:**

Jill Collins mentioned that September is National Senior Center Month and that the Pennyrile AAAIL will promote the event on the PADD's website and Facebook page.

Jill discussed the 2020 Census and stated that it is extremely important that everyone fill out and return their census. She reported that all the Pennyrile AAAIL's funding and allocations are connected to the census. Jill stated that committees will be formed to partner with other groups to assist individuals with the census.

Jill reported that Shannon Gadd is the new Commissioner at DAIL.

Jill mentioned that the VA program continues to expand and that the Pennyrile AAAIL will meet with the Memphis VA in September in hopes of forming a partnership with them.

Jill stated that the 2018 Pennyrile Senior Games will be held September 17-19 at the Hopkinsville Parks and Recreation Center in Hopkinsville, KY.

Jill reported that Miranda Bivins was placed in the agency last year through the AmeriCorps program and that she was hired September 1 as a Social Services Case Manager with the Pennyrile AAAIL. Jill introduced Cindy Stonebraker, the new AmeriCorp member who will be with the agency for the next year providing assistance to the Pennyrile AAAIL staff.

Jill provided an update on the FY'19 service reduction plan for the Pennyrile AAAIL. Jill stated that there is a \$3.2 million statewide budget reduction, which will result in a cut of \$141,000 to direct services in FY'19. Jill stated that the Pennyrile AAAIL was required by DAIL to submit a service reduction plan for FY'19 and that it was approved by DAIL on July 26 and implemented on August 1. Jill mentioned that the Kentucky Caregiver Program will no longer be offered and that there will be a freeze on HDM and HM services throughout FY'19. She stated that Homecare HM services were reduced from weekly to every other week. Jill stated that further reductions are expected next year and suggested council members to contact their legislators to educate them on the benefits of aging services.

Cindy Stonebraker, Kentucky State Coordinator with the National League of POW/MIA Families provided a presentation on the National League of POW/MIA Family organization.

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