

## **Minutes of Board Meeting of December 10, 2012**

Board Members Present: William Cobham, President, Yaw O. Adjei-Koranteng, Elizabeth Cadigan, Lois Carra, Carmela Schipani

Staff Present: Lisa Castagna; Susan Pacheco; Emma Watkins

Minutes from November 13, 2012 meeting were accepted.

Elizabeth Cadigan a new board member was introduced.

Directors update: Susan was named Executive Director of the Council on Aging on November 12. The Director of Client Services position is vacant, to be rewritten for posting in the new year.

There is a possibility of a reduction in 9C funding for elder services. The governor will announce midyear cuts. From 2010 based on population COA has been reimbursed \$6.25 to \$7 per senior. In 2013, the \$7 per senior reimbursement will be \$101,710. The reduction could be \$216,000 from all COAs with Cambridge possibly facing a \$3500 cut. Prescription Advantage a program which helps many has been reduced by \$550,000 and will eventually go away. Mass Health and nursing homes will face cuts. Level funded or not Susan will keep Ellen Semonoff in the loop. The small fund for substance abuse \$5000 may be reallocated to keep instructors and transportation.

Client Services: Medicare open enrollment ended December 7<sup>th</sup>. Alicia Johnson our SHINE staff member is getting direct referrals from Social Security. The Senior Center had a fire alarm resulting in outreach with the fire department.

Liz Seelman chairs the Hoarding coalition partnering with Jesse Vetter of Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership for technical expertise. They have worked with Yaw and others in Cambridge senior buildings. An amazing example: The coalition was called when a condo plumbing problem was actually a public health hazard. The police called the fire department for backup and they found the owner unconscious and in critical condition. Noting the condition of the home, a video was taken to add to the owner's chart and alert Protective Services upon release.

There will be a training on 1/16 with Jesse Vetter on Hoarding 101 here at the Senior Center.

North Cambridge: 2050's Fall Bazaar raised \$800. There is a holiday party on December 11<sup>th</sup> and dessert social on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The knitting group was honored on November 13<sup>th</sup> for their donation of 80 hand knit hats for the 2013 homeless census. Vincent also plans to take part in the census.

Citywide: As part of LGBT outreach, there has been an exercise group at 2050. Lisa Krinsky has provided 2 trainings to staff. We have hosted 2 events, a jazz concert and country line dance and dinner. A bereavement group for LGBT is scheduled over the next 8 weeks.

The Citywide holiday party and Concert at CRLS are both on December 13. Transportation to the concert was offered but there were no takers.

The Diabetes workshop, in partnership with the Margaret Fuller House starts January 7<sup>th</sup>. The workshop will be a combination of fitness, cooking class, and nutrition instruction. Bill is very excited about the program.

Old business: Yaw will get back to a possible candidate for a Mandarin English interpreter.

Respectfully Submitted  
Lisa Castagna

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 14, 2013 11:00 am**