

PASC Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2021

Call to order

President Bobbi Manges called the meeting to order at 10:08am on July 28, 2021. This was a virtual meeting via Zoom.

Attendance

Bobbi Manges, Michael Dunn, Linda Thompson, Tammy Miller, Melissa Weigle, Toni Mathis, Tami Boylan, Susan McIntyre, Pat MacKenzie, Bill Pierce, Vickie Burgess, Michele Haynes, Bridget Dennison, Rose Richardson, Kim Rollinson, Anita O'Connor, Rachael Kiwak, Ericka Miller-Driscoll, Lisa Krout, Renee Cunningham, and Joyce Hardman. Roy Afflerbach and Hank Annoni also attended.

Vacancies

There is one opening in the NE Region; three openings in the NW Region; and one at large vacancy.

Minutes

Linda Thompson motioned; Ericka Miller-Driscoll seconded. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Mike is resigning from his position at Lifespan. Anita has offered to be treasurer on a short term basis. Bill has offered to assist Anita and learn the treasurer's role and responsibilities.

Mike shared that the bank balance at the end of June is \$35,206. Donations received have been covering expenses. He feels the advocacy letter was successful. The monthly statement will come at the end of the month. Tammy asked if the option of online payment has helped and what are the fees for online payment. This will be monitored as we move forward.

A question was asked if Anita, holding an at-large position on the PASC Board, is eligible to be an officer. The PASC by-laws state "any active board member is eligible to hold an office." Pat MacKenzie made a motion to accept Anita O'Connor as Treasurer; Sue McIntyre seconded. Motion to approve Anita as treasurer was unanimously approved.

NISC Report

Bill shared that the Leadership Collaborative has not met. He offered to step down from the NISC Representative position, if Rose Richardson, NISC alternate representative, would step up to fill that position.

There is no specific Senior Center Month theme. Bill believes that the theme will be the same as Older American Month- "Communities of Strength".

Rose agreed to serve as the NISC representative. There is no alternate representative at this time.

Any PASC Board member interested in serving as the alternate NISC representative, please contact Bobbi.

President's Report

Bobbi spoke with Jill about offering a session at the conference to discuss a breakfast program. Jill confirmed that there is money for a breakfast program. It is possible to get reimbursed for three meals a day. Lisa K. asked if anyone other than Lancaster County is offering this breakfast program. Several centers have a grant funded program, but none are offering the breakfast program through their AAA. Bobbi asked centers to share their breakfast menus.

Advocacy Report

Roy shared a short report due to the legislature being out of session.

- The 2021-2022 PA State budget is sort of a 'hold as you have been' type of budget.
- The Department of Aging received \$59 million in federal funds from the Older American Act funding.
- Bobbi asked if the \$2 million senior center grant program will be competitive this year or if it will be portioned to all centers like this past year.
- Linda T. asked if the money being distributed to AAA's will follow the old ACL funding formula or the new funding formula. Roy does not think the new formula has been confirmed yet.

Bobbi thanked Roy for all his work on behalf of PASC.

Roy's full report is attached.

Board Discussion

Regional Reports

Central- had a virtual meeting, most centers are opening in some capacity, except White Rose. Had a discussion about offering a breakfast program.

NE- Rachael shared that they had a zoom meeting just to get to know each other. This is her first meeting. They shared issues that the centers are having.

NW- no report

SE- Bill's organization co-sponsored a bill board encouraging vaccinations. Center in the Park opened last week with a modified program. Center in the Park also held an event and earned \$400 for PASC. They planned a meeting for August 3 to discuss a plan to move forward. Centers are having trouble keeping employees.

SW- Suggested a session on 'how to get people back'. Also asked about the pros and cons of takeout lunches in the future.

Regional report forms attached.

Committee Reports

Legislative- Bill shared that he received \$3,350 from the advocacy letter. Mike received additional donations.

Membership- Sue shared that we have 15 new PASC members this year.

Public Relations- Tammy reported that the online membership form is working. There is a fillable form and a payment button. Tammy, Judy and Mike receive a notification when someone completes the process. Tammy can add an option to print the membership form to be mailed with a check.

The PASCpulse website has 2 passwords: on the home page:

The "member login" tab- the password is members

The "Board info" tab- the password is PASCBoard2021

The committee is creating a sponsorship packet to support the cost of the website. It is important to drive people to the website for information. Send special events of your center or center opening information to Tammy to be included on the website as well as Facebook.

Professional Development- Lisa K. reported that the committee has planned an in-person conference for Oct. 6,7 at the Penn Stater Hotel in State College. The main essence of this conference is to get people back together. The committee sent out a survey to PASC members and had quite a bit of positive response. The committee met with hotel management, we can cancel up to 4 days before the conference with no deposit or cost liability. Speakers are also willing and able to switch to virtual if needed.

Other conference details include: already have 6 sponsors/ vendors and P4A will reimburse the cost of the two speakers. Asking PASC Board members if anyone would like to lead a roundtable discussion.

Bill shared a concern that the conference is now in person rather than the virtual option as discussed at the last meeting. Linda also shared she was a little confused. Tammy also understood it would be virtual, but glad that there is an option to switch back to virtual. Melissa asked what the payoff of in person vs virtual is. Bobbi explained the profit projected is about three times what the April virtual conference was.

Lisa K. added that at the time of May and June things seemed to be opening up, along with the survey results the committee thought this was a good way to go. The hotel offered a very liberal package with no financial obligation in case of cancelling.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that if committees make any changes from what was discussed at the Board Meetings, they should bring it back to the full PASC Board for feedback and to keep the Board members informed.

Old Business

Region openings: NW- 3 openings; NE 1opening; At Large 1 opening

Website update: refer to the Public Relations committee report.

New Business

The next PASC Board meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 5. It will probably be a virtual meeting during the day. Regions and Committees are encouraged to meet in advance.

Adjournment

Lisa Krout motioned; Anita O'Connor seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Hardman
PASC Secretary

PASC POLICY NOTES

July 14, 2021

WDC Notes

House committees are considering appropriations within their jurisdictions this week. National Respite Coalition is asking for \$14.2 million for the Lifespan Respite Care Program for FY 2022.

General belief among staff and experienced observers is no budget will be achieved by September 30th and we will see continuing resolutions into the next fiscal year, as has become common practice in recent years.

The current debt ceiling authorization expires July 31st. If legislation adopting a new ceiling is not achieved the Treasury will begin exercising "extraordinary measures" to avoid default of federal obligations.

On June 24th the Better Care Better Jobs Act was introduced in the Senate ([S.2210](#)) and the House ([H.R.4131](#) with a different title). The bills include \$400 Billion for Medicaid HCBS; Makes the 10% FMAP bump and HCBS protection against spousal impoverishment permanent. There are no Republican sponsors on either bill.

National Association for Home Care and Hospice (NAHC) reports "Choose Home" bills will be introduced this year. This legislation would create a new funding pathway "to keep Medicare beneficiaries out of skilled nursing facilities".

Here is a link explaining the Senate Democratic plan to enact by reconciliation a \$3.5 Trillion human services infrastructure act to accompany the \$1 Trillion bi-partisan hard infrastructure act being negotiated: [Senate Democrats reach \\$3.5 trillion budget deal. - The Washington Post](#)

Harrisburg Notes

As stated in a previous separate budget report, the Legislature has passed a \$40.8 Billion budget which included all the appropriations it intends to pass this year, including the annual \$2 million line for senior centers, carrying forward most of the \$7.3 billion from the federal American Rescue Plan Act for use in future budgets. As also noted, the Department of Aging is scheduled to receive approximately \$59 million in additional Older Americans Act (OAA) funds, some of which it intends to apply to mitigating the losses eighteen AAAs will suffer under the implementation of a new Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF).

In addition to the 2021-22 budget the following bills were acted upon:

H.B.464 updating the Family Caregiver Support Act is [Act 2021-20](#)

H.B.1429 defining financial exploitation in the Criminal Code is [Act 2021-48](#).

H.B.1431 prohibiting social media posting without consent is [ACT 2021-49](#)

[H.B.1428](#) Providing Patient Care Monitoring in LTC Facilities awaits Senate action.

[H.B.1430](#) amending the Older Adult Protective Services Act remains in the House.

The Department of Human Services has accepted the letters sent by a bi-partisan majority of the legislators in the House and Senate as a new formal protest to the DHS decision to open negotiations with MAXIMUS to assume the functional assessment function now performed by AAAs and has extended its time to decide the protests into September.

The Senate returns to session September 20th and the House returns September 27th.

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COMMITTEE REPORT FOR: Southwest Region

DATE: 5/20/21

Committee Members Present

Bill Pierce
Pat MacKenzie
Antia O'Connor

Sue McHenry
Denise Cunningham
Rose Richardson

Tasks to be completed:

Action item	Due date	Who is responsible
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Host Virtual Group Happy Hour with dedicated speakers	5/20/21	Bill
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Host Presentation: The Covid Vaccine Considerations for employers with Mary Roseblum	6/2/21	Denise Sue
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Long-term goals

Goals	Due date	Progress
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Bring new board members on	ASAP	
Attract other centers in region to PASC	ongoing	

Accomplishments

Held 2 zoom events - successfully - Very engaging
Virtual get togethers will continue meetings
Concerns

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COMMITTEE REPORT FOR: CENTRAL REGION **DATE:** 7/20/2021

Committee Members Present

Tammy Miller Melissa Weigle Lisa Krout Lisa Paulson

Joyce Hardman Linda Thompson

Tasks to be completed:

Action item	Due date	Who is responsible
Planning session for October Regional meeting @ Penn Stater	Sept. 1, 2021	Linda

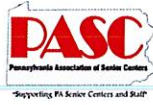
Long-term goals

Goals	Due date	Progress
Gather more information on Recovery Act \$\$ and using for meal reimbursement especially breakfast (PDA staff)		

Accomplishments

Concerns

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COMMITTEE REPORT FOR: CONFERENCE COMMITTEE **DATE:** JULY 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bobbi	Pat	Kim R
Joyce	Bridget	
Lisa	Becky	

Tasks to be completed:

Action item	Due date	Who is responsible
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Based on a recent survey, planning for an in- person conference at Penn Stater

Penn Stater- no deposits or payment if we cancel due to pandemic

Speakers include: David Bindewald- divergent thinking

Jeffrey Frantz- first step to better teamwork

Round table networking; breakfast program

Long-term goals

Goals	Due date	Progress
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There are options to switch to an online conference or cancel

Accomplishments

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COMMITTEE REPORT FOR: PR_COMMITTEE **DATE:** 7/26/2021

Committee Members Present

Tammy Miller, Chair
Tami Boylan

Anita O'Connor

Linda Thompson

Tasks to be completed:

Action item	Due date	Who is responsible
Online Membership Form & Payment Completed on Website	Completed	
Website Engagement-ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE LINKED TO THE WEBSITE	2021	Committee/Board
Calendar of events		All
Develop a fillable PDF for centers to submit their COVID stories to present at conference	August 30, 2021	Anita/Tammy
Ask centers to upload photos to Google Drive to create a video to be shown at the conference		
Ask centers to send info on their center openings to Tammy to be placed on the Facebook page		

Long-term goals

Goals	Due date	Progress
Create a communication plan for membership	2022	
Develop a sponsorship form and menu to get for-profit sponsors to cover cost of website	2022	

Accomplishments

Membership and conference forms are now on website with payment option

Concerns