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## Council on Aging Minutes 10/19/2000

**Members Present:** Kathy McMahon, Harry McCabe, Richard Murray, Mildred Hurd, Harry Barber, Phil Mercandetti, Mary Dodge

**Members Absent:** Alex Moschella

**Others Present:** John Jope (COA Executive Secretary), Maureen Jackson (COA Clerk/Secretary)  
 Patsy Kraemer (Director of Human Services), Greg Leonardos (Board of Health),  
 Jackie Keshian (COA Nurse), James Toyias, DMD (Volunteer Dentist at COA Monthly Dental Clinic)

**Quorum Identification/Call to Order:** Kathy McMahon, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.  
 A quorum of 7 was present

**Minutes of September 28 Council Meeting:** It was MSV to accept the minutes

### **Public Forum:**

**Executive Secretary's report:** John reported the plans for the Attorney General's "Home Safety and Financial Fraud" presentation at the Town Hall on November 9 are going well. The COA board has been invited to attend. Presentation should be very informative. John also reported that after attending annual MCOA Conference that senior centers are going to have to change the way they will provide services in the future. New and different approaches will have to be made for the upcoming baby boomer generation. John will talk about this matter at a later date. John reported the flu clinic will take place in November and that a "flu hot-line" has been set up at the Council on Aging and it is regularly updated as new information comes in. Lastly, John reported that Veterans Services decided to stay where they were and Fuel Assistance will start at the COA on November 1.

### **STANDING REPORTS**

**Finance Committee:** Richard reported committee hasn't met. Asked John if anything new. John reported the COA has received the final distribution to the Sevoyan Fund in the amount of \$3,684.45. Also COA has received \$51,600 from Formula Grant, which are funds from the state to supplement the nurse and social worker's salary.

**Policy & Procedure Committee:** (tabled)

**Needs Assessment Committee:** Mary reported that tonight she passed out final draft that would be going into the senior bulletin (newsletter). Still need to find out about printing them. Collections sites would be at senior housings. Need help in organizing info in computer when the surveys come back. Harry M. made a motion to approve draft as printed. Richard seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**Assisted Living Task Force:** (tabled)

**Minuteman Home Care:** (no report)

**COA representative to ASA:** (no report)

**STANDING REPORTS** (continued)**ASA representative to COA:** (no report)**Sevoyan Bequest Committee:** (tabled)**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****4. Exec. Secretary's memo "Agency Goals" dated May 18:** (tabled)

**5. Board vacancy:** Harry M reported someone had called him and said they had called the Town Manager's office and was told there wasn't a vacancy on the COA board. Possibly Janelle hadn't sent a letter of resignation to the Manager and the Board of Selectmen. Mary D. suggested when they do get a new board member, have them meet the board ahead of time instead of walking in cold like she did and not know anyone. John suggested board orientation package for new members with mission statement, policies & procedures and past 6 months of minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**6. Request for Sevoyan subsidy for a "Specialized Dental Program":** Harry McCabe made a motion to table Item 6, Richard seconded the motion for discussion and suggested the board listen to hear what the people who came tonight have to say. Harry M. withdrew motion. A discussion followed regarding how seniors are forced to neglect oral care to the high costs. Board of Health plans to get dentists in town to meet and get their ideas, suggestions, etc. How to supplement the cost of dental care for those in need. Talk with our legislatures at the state level to lobby and change Medicare rates so dentists will provide Medicaid funding services. Mildred made a motion for the SBC Study Committee to make it a priority to look into a dental program. Motion was seconded. Vote was unanimous

**7. Transportation Program review:** Harry McCabe made a motion to table Item 7, Richard seconded the motion for discussion. John stated they knew that when they dropped the C.E.S.I. contract, transportation revenues would drop between 40 to 50 thousand dollars a year. Also knew there was enough money in the fund to carry us through this year. Need to start planning on what services we can and should be delivering on that reduced income. It was MSV to table the Transportation Program Review until next month.

**8. Review of COA Town Day activities:** John reported Town Day went okay with all things considered. Next year is the 35th Anniversary of the COA and it would be nice to be on Mass Ave. if we have the coverage. Kathy and Harry M. will meet to discuss plans for Town Day next year.

At 9:00 PM it was MSV to take the Sevoyan Bequest Committee off the table.

Also at 9:00 PM, Harry M. made a motion to recess the Council on Aging Board and sit as the Sevoyan Bequest Committee. Richard seconded. Vote was unanimous.

At 9:35 PM the Council on Aging meeting resumed.

**STANDING REPORTS**

**Sevoyan Bequest Committee:** Harry M. moved on behalf of the Sevoyan Bequest Committee that the Council approve the recommendations of the SBC and endorse the Charles P. Sevoyan, D.M.D. Scholarship Program and Fund for signature as amended to read: The Charles P. Sevoyan, D.M.D. / Council on Aging Scholarship Program and Fund. Harry B. seconded. Vote was unanimous.

It was MSV to adjourn at 10:20 PM.

**The next meeting will be Thursday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m.**

