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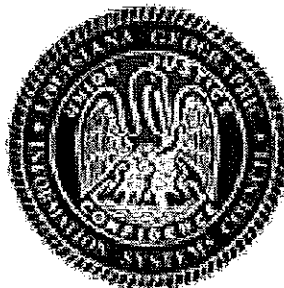
AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOUR-YEAR AREA PLAN

A Comprehensive Coordinated Service System for Older persons in Louisiana

Lafourche Area Agency on Aging

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(Fiscal Year 2016 – Fiscal Year 2019)

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(x) 4-Year Plan for July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019

() Area Plan Update for July 1, 20__ - June 30, 20__

() Area Plan Amendment (Date): _____

This Area Plan for programs on aging is hereby submitted for the Lafourche planning and service area. The Lafourche Area Agency on Aging assumes full responsibility for implementation of this plan in accordance with requirements of the Older Americans Act (OAA) and Regulations; laws and rules of the State of Louisiana; and policies and procedures of the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs.

This plan includes all information, goals and objectives, and assurances required under the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs Area Plan on Aging format, and it is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and correct.

Signature: Charlene Rodriguez Date: 12/17/14

Charlene Rodriguez, Area Agency Director

The Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council has participated in the development and final review of the Area Plan.

Signature: Annita B. Adams Date: 12/17/14 Chairperson, Area Agency
Advisory Council

The Board of Directors of the sponsoring agency has reviewed this plan and Submittal Page. It is understood that we are approving all sections of the Plan. We are satisfied that the plan is complete, correct, and appropriately developed for our planning and service area.

Signature: Hamstra Denton Date: 12/17/14 Chairperson, Board of Directors

Signature: Marilyn G. Pepper Date: 12/17/14 Secretary, Board of Directors

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Section 1

Mission Statement

The Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs' mission statement is "To serve as the focal point for the development, implementation, and administration of the public policy for the state of Louisiana, and address the needs of the state's elderly citizens."

Provide the mission statement which describes the purpose and overall goal(s) of the Area Agency on Aging.

It is the mission statement of the Lafourche Area on Aging to make this community, Lafourche Parish, responsive to the needs and interests of the elderly by providing good management, planning, organization and control, and thereby presenting itself to the community as an effective and useful force.

We think this four year area plan for Lafourche Area Agency on Aging bears proof of this statement. The budget implications are for goals and objectives set fourth in this plan may require partnerships and local funds. All services will be paid for through the Area Agency on Aging funds and local property tax.

Section 2

Description of the Planning and Service Area (PSA)

Provide a description of the physical and demographic characteristics of the PSA and the unique resources and/or constraints. Describe the service delivery system, challenges, successes in the local system development, public and private resources.

The Lafourche council on Aging, Inc. will ensure a comprehensive and coordinated system of services to all seniors in the PSA by surveying other area providers and updating its referral directory on an “as needed basis.”

The Lafourche Council on Aging, Inc. will continue to work with service providers and others in the community to better identify issues and needs that should be addressed. The Council on Aging, will coordinate services as needed.

Lafourche Council on Aging Inc., is mandated by the Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs to produce a four year “Area Plan” for aging services. The plan is required to: 1.) assess the present and projected needs of older adults, 2.) Establish local priorities in connection with State and Federal requirements, 3.) Develop appropriate objectives, and 4.) identify related minority, frail, those with the most economic and social needs as well as the frail and homebound clients. If approved by the Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs, the plan will become effective July 1, 2016. This Area Plan is designed by the Lafourche Area Agency on Aging and provides a workable structure to be used for serving the needs, met and unmet of the elderly of Lafourche Parish.

With this plan, Lafourche AAA advocates, plans and coordinates, develops and delivers a comprehensive system of services and programs for the elderly, as well as their caregivers and families. The AAA implements policy and planning efforts focused on ensuring that appropriate services and opportunities are available and provided to the current population age 60 and older; and to the increasing number of older persons in the future. In this role, the AAA is responsible for determining the demographic characteristics of Lafourche Parish’s elderly population, identifying and evaluating their needs.

Once services priorities have been determined, the AAA utilizes OAA funding and other existing resources to implement services that meet the needs of the elderly and family caregivers within the planning and service area. Ensuring an effective and efficient system of delivery, the AAA evaluates and monitors its contractors and services and provides technical and supportive assistance as needed. The Area Plan services as a management tool that guides the agency in service delivery.

Area Profile

1. Identify cities/towns designated as rural in the PSA. Describe population using the 2010 Census Data. (Include chart showing population data)

The Town of Golden Meadow has a total population of 2,101 with a total of 29 residing in the rural area, 2072 residing in the urban area.

Lafourche Parish has a total count of 4,104 people 60 plus living in rural area.

2. Identify cities/towns designated as urban in the planning and service area. Describe population using the 2010 Census Data. (Include chart showing population data)

There is three incorporated areas within Lafourche Parish are City of Thibodaux, Town of Lockport, and Town of Golden Meadow.

3. Describe significant differences among cities/towns/communities in the PSA as relates to availability of services, resources, populations, economy, etc.

The northern Lafourche elderly residents utilize the services provided at a higher rate than the elderly residents in the southern parts of the parish. Identical services are provided, but different rates of participation are noted.

Focal Points

1. For the purpose of assuring access to information and services for older persons, the area agency shall work with the community agencies and officials in the PSA to ensure that focal points are available in each community. Define "community" for the purposes of focal point designation.

The Lafourche Council on Aging works with community agencies and elected officials in the PSA to ensure that all resources are available to clients that need them.

2. List community focal points within the PSA (include addresses) as reported on the NAPIS State Program Report. Attach maps of the PSA and indicate all Focal Points.

	Community Served	Name and address of Focal Point	Services Provided	Services Coordinated with other Agencies
1.	Golden Meadow Citizens Center	102 Ena Drive Golden Meadow, LA 70357	M, UA, R, TR, W, T	
2.	Cut Off Senior Center	West 56 th St. Ave. D Cut Off, LA 70345	M, UA, R, TR, W, T	
3.	Larose Senior Center	307 East 5 th Street Larose, LA 70373	M, UA, R, TR, W, T	
4.	V. H. Boudreaux Senior Center	131 Barataria Street Lockport, LA 70374	M, UA, R, TR, W, T	
5.	Raceland Senior Center	206 Senior Citizens Drive Raceland, LA 70394	M, UA, R, TR, W, T	
6.	Andrew Johnson Senior Center	201 Mazerac Street Bayou Blue, LA 70364	M, UA, R, TR, W, T	
7.	Gheens Senior Center	147 South Leon Drive Gheens, LA 70355	UA, R, TR, W, T	
8.	Wilbur Tauzin Ward 6 Sr. Ctr.	1531 Hwy 20 Thibodaux, LA 70301	M, UA, R, TR, W, T	
9.	Thibodaux Senior Center	1229 Canal Blvd. Thibodaux, LA 70301	M, UA, R, TR, W, T	
10.				

M=meals

T=telephone

UA=utility assistance

R= recreation

TR=transportation

=wellness

SEE ATTACHED SERVICE AREA

Summary of the Needs Assessment

Provide an explanation of the needs assessment process and results. Describe how the survey was distributed and to whom. Did specific groups have similar responses? What were some comments received from respondents? Describe some conclusions determined from survey results.

A needs assessment survey was completed utilizing the Senior Needs and Services Survey, and assessment tool provided by the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs. The process involved dissemination of this survey to residents. Surveys were distributed throughout Lafourche Parish in the local establishments, senior centers, Board of Directors, Advisory Board, Chamber of Commerce, doctors offices, Parish President, Councilmen, Mayor in Town of Golden Meadow, Town of Lockport, City of Thibodaux, including Councilmen, local churches, commodity distribution sites, United Way, and local churches.

Of those responding to the Senior Needs and Services Survey, please note the following:

Ages

25-60 = 24

61-70 = 99

71-80 = 157

80+ = 175

135 Males 320 Females

The agency needs survey was sent throughout Lafourche Parish including all doctors at Thibodaux Regional, Oschner St. Anne Hospital, and Lady of The Sea Hospital, all Dialysis Centers, Mental Health Centers, Food Stamp Office, Chambers of Lafourche and the Bayou Region etc. Nine Community needs assessments were returned.

Description of Priority Groups

Provide a clear and concise description of target groups in your PSA. How will the needs assessment impact elderly persons: with greatest Economic and Social need, at risk for institutional placement, with limited English proficiency, with cognitive disorders, residing in rural areas, Minorities, Native Americans, and other vulnerable populations?

Concentration of greatest Economic and Social need, at risk for institutional placement, with limited English proficiency, with cognitive disorders, residing in rural areas, Minorities, Native Americans and other vulnerable populations: The needs of the older population in Lafourche Parish living alone and without adequate informal support are being served by Lafourche Area Agency on Aging/Lafourche Council on Aging by either direct services or referrals with follow up. The Area Plan needs of older persons living alone and without adequate informal support will be met by notifying senior citizens of services through word of mouth, local newspapers, flyers, local TV stations, local communication system through the Sheriff's office which reaches all senior citizens throughout Lafourche Parish which

also reaches the clients of greatest Economic and social needs, at risk for institutional placement, with limited English proficiency, with cognitive disorders, residing in rural areas, minority, Native Americans and vulnerable populations.

Outreach is available to target older persons with the greatest economic need or social need with particular attention to low-income individuals and older persons with serve disabilities. The system established for evaluation of clients is the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs Assessment Tool, and is designed to categorize service delivery criteria for each service giving priority in the delivery of services to older individuals who are frail, homebound by reason of illness or incapacitating disability, or otherwise isolated and older individuals with greatest economic or social need.
