

surveys. There was an informal discussion on the needs of the elderly of the parish both met and unmet.

2. Briefly summarize comments of those in attendance at the meeting.

There were many compliments of the services available to seniors. They were very appreciative. Representatives from various community agencies were in attendance. There were comments of appreciation for present services being delivered such as meals on wheels, homemaker services, and transportation. Clients in the Ward 10 area were very appreciative of the van that was sent to meet their needs.

3. Indicate revisions made due to comments, if applicable.

N/A

4. Attach a copy of the attendance list indicating attendee's name, organization or group representing minority elderly person, rural elderly person, caregiver, and/or grandparent raising grandchild, etc. Mark as: Needs Assessment Community Meeting Record

Note: A separate Community Meeting Form is required for **each** meeting held.

Section 8

RESULTS OF PUBLIC HEARING

LAFOURCHE AREA AGENCY ON AGING

1. Complete the following record for all Public Hearings conducted on the proposed plan.

LOCATION	DATE	# 60 + ATTEND	# SERVICE PROVID.	# ELECTED OFFICIAL	# PUBLIC OFFICIAL	# OTHERS	TOTAL # ATTEND
LOCA 4876 Hwy 1 Mothouse, LA	6/18/14	6	5	1	0	0	12

Add more rows/pages as needed.

2. Briefly summarize comments of those in attendance.

Those who were in attendance were very grateful of where the Council on Aging was and how far it has progressed since the millage

3. Indicate needs identified through public hearings from the following:

Elected Officials.

City of Thibodaux Councilman was concerned with the Respite program. He was wondering why the Respite program was not meeting their goals. There are a lot of clients out there needing respite who is not receiving the services they need. There is a program with keeping good qualified employees.

Public Officials: N/A

Service providers including Entitlement Programs:

No comment

Service Recipients: None were present

Older individuals:

No comment.

Specify others, such as, caretakers:

There were no caretakers at the Public Hearing.

4. Summarize comments and indicate revisions made due to comments, if applicable.

The only comment or concern was the Respite program. We will work with the Contractor to see what could be done to meet the needs.

5. Specify methods and dates used in publicizing hearings.

Local Newspaper was sent public Service Announcement(Daily Comet & Lafourche Gazette) HTV 10 Local TV Station, KLRZ, local radio station. We also posted on the door at the main office as well as all senior citizens centers. Announcements were sent out on June 3, 2014.

6. Indicate the views of service recipients regarding general policy in the development and administration of the area plan.

Service recipients were very happy that we could provide the services to them in order to keep them as independent as possible and in their own homes vs Nursing homes.

This Area Plan is for the period of July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019. It includes all assurances and provisions required by the 1992 Older Americans Act Amendments. Lafourche Area Agency on Aging/ Council on Aging, Inc. operates under the provisions of the charter issued by the State of LA on November 7, 1973. Its purpose is to collect facts and statistics and make special studies of conditions pertaining to employment, financial status, recreation, social adjustment, and mental and physical health or other conditions affecting the welfare of the elderly in Lafourche Parish.

The Lafourche Council on Aging, Inc. held one public hearing. The Area Plan was made available for review and comment, along with the Louisiana Senior Needs Assessment Tally sheet showing the needs and a brochure of services the Area Agency on Aging/Council on Aging has to offer. The public hearing was conducted during the Board of Directors meeting. Outreach workers gave out tally sheets to institutionalized, homebound and disabled adults and were asked to fill them out and any questions or concerns to contact our office to be included in the public hearing.

Section 9

Identification of Priorities

Describe the Area Agency's planning cycle priorities derived from the Needs Assessment process. Explain how the agency will meet targeting mandates. List the factors which have influenced the agency's priorities; the Area Plan goals and objectives must relate to the priorities established in this section. Some factors may include resources, number of persons served, administrative changes, and service delivery constraints.

Priorities were:

- Knowing what services are available and how to get them
- Dental Care, Dentures, Eye care (eyeglasses) and hearing aids
- Preventing falls and accidents in homes
- Information or help apply for health insurance or prescription coverage.
- Someone I can call when I feel threatened or taken advantage of

Section 10

Area Plan Goals and Objectives

AAA's objectives must address Title IIIB, Title IIID, and Title IIIE services as follows: Access Services (Information and Assistance, Outreach, Assisted Transportation, and Case Management); In-Home Services (Home Delivered Meals, Chore, Homemaker, Personal Care, Home repair/Modification, Sitter, Telephoning); Health Promotion/Disease Prevention (Medication Management, Evidence-Based Wellness); Family Caregiver Services(In-Home, Group and Institutional Respite, Adult Day Care, Adult Day Health Care, Individual Care Support, Individual Counseling, Support Groups, Case Management, Outreach, Information & Assistance); Family Caregiver Supplemental Services (Material Aid, Personal Care, Sitter, Chore, Home-Delivered Meals, Home Repair/Modification); Ombudsman (Awareness and Partnerships); and Elderly Protective Services-EPS (Awareness and Partnerships).

Category: IIIB

Narrative: How is goal related to an unmet need as determined by the Needs Survey?

Knowing what services are available and how to get them was one of the top unmet needs determined by the needs survey.

Goal Statement:

To take action to increase the awareness of all services available and how to contact the proper agency to receive the services needed.

Rationale: How will goal alleviate the need referenced above?

By making presentations though out the parish, and advertising on billboards will make more people aware of the services in order to help those people in need.

Objective 1.1

To put out flyers at all churches to let the seniors know what is available and to work with pastors and priests to make them aware of what programs we offer.

Completion date: 7/2016

Objective 1.2

Work with dialysis Centers, Home Health Agencies, and Doctors offices to make them aware of services available to Seniors

Completion date: 7/17

Objective 1.3

Public Service announcements on local radio, local newspapers (articles) and local television stations on what is available to clients.

Completion date:

On going though out four year area plan.

Category: _____

Narrative: How is goal related to an unmet need as determined by the Needs Survey?

Dental Care, Dentures, Eye Care (eye glasses) and hearing aids was the second most need in the survey.

Goal Statement: To take action to increase the availability of help as many as possible for those who cannot afford dental care, eye care and hearing aids.

Rational: How will goal alleviate the need referenced above? The goal will assist those in need with doctors or agencies that could help them pay for the eye glasses, eye visit, dentures and hearing aids.

Objective: 1.1

Make the public aware of the health care services available to those who are un insured in our parish.

Objective 1.2

Work with LSU Eye Center, local Lions Club, for help with eye exams and eye glasses.

Objective 1.3

Work with Ear Nose and Throat doctors to assist with hearing aids. Work with Teche Action Clinic for dentures.

Completion Date:

7/18

Category:

Narrative: How is goal related to an unmet need as determined by the Needs Survey?

Preventing falls and accidents in homes was the number three unmet need of the survey.

Goal Statement: Our goal is to keep as many clients as we can as independent as possible in their own homes and out of the Nursing Homes.

Rational: How will goal alleviate the need referenced above? Outreach worker, will assess each home when she goes to assess each client. She may give them tips on preventing falls. If homemaker or meal deliverer sees a situation he or she may tell the client to be careful because of a certain situation. Make them aware of certain thing that may cause them to fall.

Objective: 1.1

Give tips like picking up throw rugs

Objective 1.2

Contact different agencies like VFW, Rotary Club, United Way, Woodmen of the World etc. to see if could assist with ramps for clients who can no longer climb steps.

Objective 1.3

Contact cripple children's hospital to see if they can assist with walkers and wheel chairs for those who can not afford them.

Completion Date: 6/19

Category:

Narrative: How is goal related to an unmet need as determined by the Needs Survey?

Our fourth most important unmet need was help apply for health insurance and prescription drug coverage.

Goal Statement: to keep clients as healthy as possible and in their own homes and out of Nursing Homes.

Rational: How will goal alleviate the need referenced above? Clients and agencies will be made aware of the health insurance and prescription drug coverage available to seniors.

Objective: 1.1

Public Service announcements will be made to make everyone aware of what is out there and available to them.

Objective 1.2

Assist anyone 60 years of age or older apply for the best plan for prescription drugs

Objective 1.3

Work with local agencies for those who are not on medicare for the Obama Plan

Completion Date:

7/17

Category:

Narrative: How is goal related to an unmet need as determined by the Needs Survey?

Our fifth most important unmet need is someone to call when I feel threatened or taken advantage of.

Goal Statement: To make everyone feel safe in their own home and get them to call someone they could trust to assist them.

Rational: How will goal alleviate the need referenced above? Work with local Sheriff's Office along with Elderly Protective Services to keep client safe in their homes.

Objective: 1.1

Work with local Sheriff's Office and District Attorney office for presentations at local Senior Centers

Objective 1.2

Make clients aware of different scams as they occur

Objective 1.3

Work with clients and sheriff's office for weekly program are you ok call

Completion Date: 7/17

Section 11

LAFOURCHE AREA AGENCY ON AGING

SUMMARY OF SERVICES UNDER THE AREA PLAN

Mark all services to be administered under the Area Plan by funding source

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED	III B	III C	III D	III E	SENIOR CENTER	LOCAL FUNDS	IN KIND	OTHER FUNDS
Adult Day Care/Health								
Assisted Transport								
Case Management								
Chore								
Congregate Meals		X						
Home Delivered Meals		X						
Homemaker	X							
Information & Assistance	X							
Legal Assistance	X							
Nutrition Counseling								
Nutrition Education		X						
Outreach	X							
Personal Care				X				
Transportation	X							
Counseling								
Crime Prevention Services								
Home Repair/Modification								
Material Aid	X							
Medical Alert	X							
Placement Services								

Recreation							
Telephoning							
Utility Assistance	X						
Visiting							
Wellness							
Respite			X				
Sitter							