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Media Advisory

Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging approves FY 2017-FY 2019 Multi Year Plan for local Area Agency on Aging

DAAA will launch a new conceptual model for health and wellness

Detroit, MI– For many seniors, the thought of having services that can assist them in aging gracefully are too far and few. After years of working, taking care of their families and their communities, it is time for us to take care of them. The Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA) has decided to do just that....take care of the seniors in their community. DAAA uncovered startling findings as it relates to seniors in its award winning “*Dying Before Their Time*” Report released in 2003 and updated in 2012. DAAA has addressed chronic diseases, premature death, poor access to primary care and excess hospitalizations/ER visits through a variety of strategies. These strategies include the following:

- Piloting of three different types of Community Wellness Centers- social, recreational, hospital based
- Integration of wellness into congregate meal sites, and
- Implementation of the Community Support Coordination model at six community wellness centers.

On Friday, August 19, 2016 this information along with a detailed Multi Year Plan (MYP) and Area Implementations Plan (AIP) for Region 1A, Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA) for fiscal years 2017-2019 was presented to the Michigan Commission on Services and was approved.

During FY 2017-FY2019 the DAAA will support the Community Wellness Service Centers (CWSC) through the following strategies:

- Community Health & Wellness Department – Expanded staffing with health expertise
- CWSC partner Meetings/Advisory Board
- Training/Webinars
- Technical Assistance & Support
- Social Marketing Support

The key outcomes of the MYP include:

- Increase access to community resources
- Improved health status of older adults through nutrition, health promotion and disease management
- Reduce caregiver burden
- Increased community resources for health and well-being
- Positive community impact through partnership building
- Implementation of social marketing campaign to improve the health of seniors in region 1A

About DAAA

DAAA is a private, non-profit agency that serves older persons age 60 years and over, adults with disabilities and caregivers in the City of Detroit, the five Grosse Pointes, Hamtramck, Harper Woods and Highland Park. Services are funded through the federal Older Americans Act of 1965 as amended and state Older Michigianians Act funding as well as other resources. All Area Agencies on Aging throughout the State of Michigan and across the country are responsible for developing a multi-year area plan every three years which highlights services to fund, program development and advocacy strategies and other details. This plan is updated annually.

For more information or a copy of Dying Before Their Time, contact the Detroit Area Agency on Aging at 313-446-4444

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