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# INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the board members Cajun Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Lafayette, Louisiana

#### Dear Members:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by Cajun Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (CAAA) and Evangeline Council on Aging, Inc., solely to assist you with respect to the reported number of service units performed by the Evangeline Council on Aging, Inc. during the three month reporting period ended October 31, 2019 for the Title III B and III E programs funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services — Administration on Aging to the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs. Evangeline Council on Aging, Inc.'s management is responsible for reporting the number of units for the programs previously mentioned. This agreed-upon engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in the report. Consequently, we make no representations regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Our procedures and findings are as follows:

## INQUIRIES RELATING TO THE TITLE III B AND III E PROGRAMS

The following inquiries were conducted by having the client complete a questionnaire:

• Are services provided throughout the Parish for the Homemaker, Information & Assistance, Transportation, Wellness, and Respite?

Response: Homemaker, Information & Assistance, Transportation, Wellness, and In-Home Respite are offered throughout the Parish.

• Is a written description of the various programs available to the public?

Response: Yes.

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Are consumer rosters maintained for each program?

Response: Yes, rosters are maintained in the SAMS programs.

Are waiting lists maintained for the Homemaker and Respite programs?

Response: Yes, for Homemaker. Waiting lists are not maintained for the Respite programs.

Are worksheets used to record the amount and type of services provided to each consumer regarding the Homemaker and Respite programs?

Response: Yes, worksheets are used to record the amount and type of services provided for Homemaker and Respite programs.

Do Homemaker personnel prepare meals, run errands, assist with shopping, etc.?

Response: Yes, Homemaker personnel will run errands and assist with shopping.

Is there a policy for Homemaker and Transportation consumers to file grievances?

Response: Yes, there is a policy for consumers to file grievances for Homemaker and Transportation.

Is an Information & Assistance resource file maintained? If so, how often is the resource file updated?

Response: Yes, it has been three years.

Is a phone log maintained for the Information & Assistance program of the consumers who call and the service/assistance requested?

Response: Yes.

What form of documentation is available to verify consumers have received Information & Assistance and Wellness services?

Response: LILA Assessment forms.

(We were provided the logs and consumer rosters for the three months ended October 31, 2019. We compared the totals per the consumer logs to the SAMS report provided by CAAA. See Table A on page 3 for a summary of results from the procedures performed.)

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## • Is a trip log maintained for Transportation?

Response: Yes.

(We were provided the logs and consumer rosters for the three months ended October 31, 2019. We then compared the totals per the consumer rosters to the consumer logs and SAMS report provided by CAAA. See Table A following for a summary of results from the procedures performed.)

TABLE A
UNITS PROVIDED

Program	Type of Service	Units per CAAA	Units per Monthly Logs	Difference Noted
III B	Homemaker	520	520	-
III B	Information & Assistance	184	184	-
III B	Outreach	5	5	-
III B	Telephoning	1,330	1,330	-
III B	Transportation	1,125	1,125	-
III E	Information & Assistance	55	55	-
III E	In-Home Respite	679.5	679.5	-
III E	Sitter Service	162	162	-

Based on our procedures, we did not note any differences in the number of units per the monthly logs and the units reported to CAAA for any program.

• Are procedures in place for participants to make reservations for Transportation services?

Response: Yes.

• With regards to consumer assessments, (1) are assessments of consumers conducted for Title III programs, (2) are initial assessments conducted timely, and (3) are consumers re-assessed annually?

Response: Yes, all consumers receive an initial assessment prior to receiving services under the Title III programs and each consumer is re-assessed annually.

#### PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE TITLE III B AND III E PROGRAMS

1. Obtain a schedule of units provided during the three month period ending October 31, 2019.

We obtained the Agency Summary Report from CAAA for the reporting period of August 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019.

## 2. Determine how the council verifies the number of units provided.

Daily service logs are maintained to monitor the units provided among the various programs. The information from the individual logs are summarized monthly and entered into the SAMS computer program. As noted in Table A on page 3, we compared the number of units provided per the Agency report to the council's logs and rosters.

# 3. Obtain unit cost information and agree to contract with Cajun AAA and the SAMS report.

We obtained unit cost information from the council's contract with CAAA and compared the amount per the contract to the SAMS report and to the amount reimbursed. The results of our procedures are noted below:

Program/Service	Unit Costs per Contract with CAAA	Amount Reimbursed by CAAA
Frogram/Service	WILLICAAA	Uy CAAA
Title III B		
Homemaker	\$14.53	\$14.53
Information & Assistance	21.84	21.84
Transportation	2.49	2.49
Outreach	16.14	16.14
Telephoning	2.13	2.13
Title III E		
Information & Assistance	13.54	13.54
In-Home Respite	9.12	9.12
Sitter Service	8.51	8.51

Based on our procedures, there were no differences noted between the unit cost noted per contract and the amount actually reimbursed to the council.

4. Select a sample of sixty (60) consumers from the population of consumers receiving services during the three month period ended October 31, 2019.

We obtained a summary of consumers receiving services during the three months ended October 31, 2019 from the SAMS file submitted to CAAA and systematically selected a sample of sixty consumers.

5. <u>Utilizing the sample selected above, (1) verify that an assessment has been performed within the past twelve month period preceding the three month period being evaluated and (2) trace the number of service units provided per the SAMS report transmitted to CAAA to the individual monthly rosters and daily service logs.</u>

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Based on the procedures performed, we noted the following:

### Assessments:

• Three consumers were not re-assessed within the previous twelve month period as of October 31, 2019.

## Units of Service:

• The following chart summarizes our sample selected and results noted.

	Type of	Number of Consumers		Units of Service per Sample	
Program	Service	Population	Sample	CAAA	Support
${ m III}{ m B}$	Homemaker	65	9	30	30
${ m III}{ m B}$	Information & Assistance	184	19	19	19
III B	Transportation	89	9	40	40
III B	Telephoning	26	8	158	158
${ m III}{ m B}$	Outreach	5	3	3	3
III E	Information & Assistance	55	3	3	3
III E	In-Home Respite	100	5	15	15
III E	Sitter Service	41	4	8	8
	Totals	565	60	276	276

There were no differences noted between units on the SAMS report transmitted to CAAA and the daily logs maintained by the Council.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the reporting of service units provided. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board members and management of Cajun Area Agency on Aging, Inc. and Evangeline Council on Aging, Inc. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

# Darnall, Sikes & Frederick

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July 9, 2020

Shannon Broussard Cajun Area Agency on Aging P.O. Drawer 60850 Lafayette, LA 70596-0850

Dear Mrs. Broussard:

I am writing this letter in response to the finding by Darnall, Sikes, and Frederick with regards to services relating to the Title III and IIIE programs.

It was found that 3 consumers were not reassessed within the previous twelve month period as of October 31, 2019.

Upon review of the files, the following adjustments have been made:

- One such client was hospitalized during the time of his re-assessment. Once he/she returned home, the reassessment was overlooked. That has since been noted on the individual activity file
- Pulling of monthly assessments will be double checked to make sure no files are left unchecked.
- Personnel were lax in changing dates of reassessment on files, so some files were overlooked.

There have been some personnel changes made just prior to and since the audit. Hopefully, any careless errors will be remedied with the changes in personnel and the system.

Should any other documentation be required, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Lisa DeRouen

**Executive Director**