

**ELDERLY AND DISABLED**  
**LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**MARCH 13, 2024 @ JEWISH FAMILY COMMUNITY**  
**SERVICES 5080 W. BRISTOL RD. STE 3 FLINT MI 48507**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**FACILITATOR: RENE SHERWOOD**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**ATTENDANCE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS:**

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **ADA Certification process**
- **Membership vacancies**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Melinda Johnson - FY 2024 Vehicle Accessibility Plan**
- **Electronic Accessibility**
- **Updated Laptop**

**STATUS REPORT & SERVICE REPORT– Ed Burger from MTA Your Ride**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ELDERLY & DISABLED  
LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2024  
10:00 A.M. @ FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY  
1422 W COURT ST. FLINT MI 48503**

**FACILITATOR: RENE SHERWOOD**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Rene Sherwood called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pamela Reid, Rene Sherwood, Sabrina Bouchard, Robyn Johnston, Clara Blakely, Steven Low, Dru Hajec, Georgia Kitchen

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Shelly Bastilles, Breanna Turner, Gina DeShong, Tameka Duncan, Allison Gute

**STAFF PRESENT:** Edward Burger, Sheila Johnson, Traci Davis, Martina Burton, Misty Graves

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**GUESTS:**

**MINUTES:** Pamela Reid motioned to approve the January minutes and seconded by Clara Blakely. The motion carried, and the minutes were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- There were no updates with the ADA certification due to Gina DeShong not being present.
- Membership vacancies: Elderly disabled (3,) Members at large (1,) and Secretary (1) – Sabrina Bouchard was nominated by Rene Sherwood and seconded by Pamela Reid, the motioned carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- LAC accessibility – Rene has reached out to MTA for an updated laptop for use by LAC and Ed Burger stated that MTA would look into an OWL so that we can continue to have ZOOM access when needed.

**ROTATION OF MEETINGS –**

- Georgia Kitchen expressed that she would like to continue to have the zoom option available due to personal reasons but would continue to try and attend in person, all others in attendance agreed with rotating the meetings.

### **FSA INTRODUCTION & SERVICES:**

- FSA has (8) programs funded by the senior mileage. Some services are private pay, some are free.
- Foster Grand Parents – has been in operation since 1978 and works within the community, daycares, early head starts, daycare centers, elementary classrooms.
- Senior Companion – has been in operation since 1984 and works with adults in the community; primarily go in-home to alleviate loneliness and isolation, also help with getting them to doctor appointments, and grocery store trips. Participants must be fifty-five or older and volunteer at 20hrs per week. They also go into nursing homes to assist the activities director.

### **STATUS REPORT & SERVICE REPORT– Ed Burger from MTA Your Ride**

- Your Ride had a total number of 25,936 of ridership for the month of January. In conjunction Rides to Wellness had a total number of 12,603 of ridership for the month of January.
- MTA has realigned their resources meaning Your Ride and Rides to Wellness are combined. Traci Davis will be over both the Your Ride and Rides to Wellness Services. With the restructuring, MTA is working towards assisting the public more efficiently. We are adapting to what the community needs.
- New employee recruitment for Your Ride drivers and coordinators has been good. Fixed Route recruitment is improving.
- The dialysis service feedback received from the January meeting is currently being addressed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT –**

- **No public present**

### **MEMBER COMMENT-**

**Steve Lowe:** On Wednesday, February 28, 2024, the Flint Jewish Federation and The Detroit Coalition of Blacks and Jews in Unity has a special tour of significant historically and cultural sites for the Flint Black community; the group will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the Cultural Center.) Thank you to Clara Blakely for her assistance with putting the outing together and to MTA for the specially wrapped bus that is dedicated to Black History month; lunch will be provided, rsvp [ashleymusser@flinted.org](mailto:ashleymusser@flinted.org) or call 810-767-5922.

**Pamela Reid:** VAAA's annual meeting will be held on April 3, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Genesys Banquet Center. The cost is \$35 per person, everyone is

asked to RSVP by March 18, 2024. VAAA is still accepting sponsorships as well as Senior Power Day. The invites along with the sponsor form will be sent to Sabrina Bouchard.

**Robyn Johnston:** We are still recruiting for (20) Foster Grand Parents and (10) Senior Companions.

**Renee Sherwood:** VIP's marketplace is still active; we are asking for everyone's continued support. If you know of vendors that are currently seeking a location, please call Renee and 810-238-3671 ext. 102, the cost is \$1.25 per sq ft. VIP is celebrating 70 yrs. this year, congratulations! VIP & The Flint Genessee Group will be hosting a "Wine down" at the VIP Marketplace on Thursday February 22, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Lastly, we are recruiting job coaches, an office assistant, and woodshop volunteers.

**Georgia Kitchen:** Georgia asked that a notation be placed within her client file stating that she is now blind so that when utilizing our services, the driver knows to step out and look for her and/or other clients when arriving for their return rides to their scheduled locations. Traci thanked and assured Ms. Kitchen that her request will be taken care of, and she will reiterate to the drivers the procedure of stepping out and assisting the clients upon arrival.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will take place Wednesday March 13, 2024, at