Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging
State Waiver Form
Waiver: W-001

By signing the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging's (LGOA's) State Waiver Form, the

Santee Lynches

Planning and Service Area

has determined that there is a need within its planning and service area to waive an existing LGOA policy and procedure to better serve the needs of its region.

Older Americans Act (OAA) Section 305(a)(1)(C) authorizes the LGOA to set policies to deliver aging services in South Carolina and states that the LGOA "be primarily responsible for the planning, policy development, administration, coordination, priority setting, and evaluation of all State activities related to the objectives of this Act." The OAA and the South Carolina Code of Laws are the foundation of the aging service delivery system across the State.

In accordance with the OAA, the LGOA has established written policies and procedures to administer aging services and programs in South Carolina. The procedural protocols set by the LGOA to deliver aging services are based on Federal and State Law. However, the LGOA acknowledges that the Planning and Service Area (PSA) could determine that there may be an extenuating circumstance regionally which results in a PSA generating a waiver.

State Waivers, which allow the PSA to operate outside the written policies and procedures of the LGOA, will not be accepted if it is determined that the waiver conflicts with the OAA or South Carolina law. A State Waiver is for up to a one-year period, terminating on June 30th. The LGOA reserves the right to invalidate waivers that amend its policies and procedures at any time.

The PSA and its Executive Director assume all legal responsibility and liability for the procedural and operational practices associated with this waiver, and will be held accountable for any consequences that might result from this waiver being enacted. The multiple parties associated with the State Waiver are required to follow all established LGOA policies and procedures for data collection in order to accurately track and record client data. The PSA will be responsible for fulfilling all other areas of LGOA policies and procedures operations not covered by this waiver.

The LGOA will not reimburse the PSA for unearned funding: Performance outcome requirements set through contractual agreements in the planning and service area are the legal responsibility of the PSA. The PSA is responsible for ensuring that its service providers/contractors earn their funding in accordance to the OAA and LGOA policies and procedures. If it is determined that funding is not being earned, or that data is not being accurately tracked, the PSA will be expected to execute a thorough review of the service provider's/contractor's operations which could result in a thirty (30) day Corrective Action Plan to bring the multiple parties into OAA and LGOA compliance.

PSA Requesting Waiver:	**Santee Lynches PSA**
Type of Waiver Requested	**Mininum Group Dining Service Waiver Request**
Date the Waiver is Requested to cover:	

Is this a waiver consideration on behalf of the PSA or the Provider/Contractor?	**Provider/Contractor**
Name of Provider/Contractor Director if appropriate:	**Kershaw County Council on Aging**

Name of site for waiver consideration if appropriate:	**Bethune Senior Center**
Provider/Contractor contact information if appropriate:	**Bruce Little (803) 432-8173** **bruce@kershawcoa.org**

What type of waiver is being requested? Please specify what action plans and protocol steps the PSA has taken to assist the Service/Provider Contractor to comply with the requirements of the OAA, AoA and LGOA and the duration of the assistance given.

Request for a waiver to serve less that the required minimum number of Group Dining meals as denoted in LGOA Policy & Procedures Manual, Chapter 500, Section M.5.a.

Please state what specific challenges the PSA and Service Provider/Contractor encountered and why they were unable to successfully perform the requirements of the PSA, AoA, OAA and LGOA which necessitated the need for this waiver.

Challenges	Reason Unable Perform the Requirement
Agency records indicate that 1 Jan., - 31 Jun., 2013 average daily attendance at the Bethune Senior Center was 19 persons. Attendane has hovered at the 19-20 level for some period of time. Challenges: Numbers (the Bethune area is very rural); Locating clients within an affordable riding distance to the center; KCCOA transportation cost.	**The COA has worked to provide more interesting, engaging, and educational programs that will attract Seniors to the center on a daily basis. Positive performance in this area is ongoing. Location a client population is a huge hurddle. Transportation is cost prohibitaive. Partnerships are hard to develop - they're virtually non-existant.**

What do you anticipate the positive results or benefits of the waiver will be if granted?

Kershaw County Council on Aging will continue to be able to provide nutritional value to deserving area Seniors as well as provide a Senior "community center" for social engagement , relaxation, and comradery.

What do you anticipate the negative consequences of not granting the waiver will be?

The nutritional and social needs of Bethune area Seniors that KCCOA currently serve will go unmet until another resource is planned, organized, and executed. This could take an unnecessary amount of time our Seniors do not have. Credibility of the Senior services program will have been dealt a severe blow in that area.

How will you determine if this waiver will lead to service or programmatic improvements?	**Currently the COA's staff meets weekly to evaluate its programs and services. Attendance is an agenda item. Related performance matters are discussed in a monthly meeting at the AAA.**
What steps will the PSA take to ensure that the Provider/Contractor adheres to the contracts signed with the PSA to provide services, functions, and activities required for OAA and LGOA funding, in addition to this waiver?	
Through monitoring, contract compliance, unscheduled visits and customer service survey.	

Additional comments or information needed to support waiver request:

By signing this document, I certify that the waiver will be implemented as described above in this State Waiver Form.

Planning Service Area Director

8/27/2013
Date

Approved

Tony Kester
Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging Director

_____ Not Approved

9-5-13
Date

The waiver form should be sent to:

Gerry Dickinson, Policy Manager
Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging
1301 Gervais Street, Suite 350
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

All Approved State Waivers will be listed on the LGOA website, per Section 210 of the South Carolina Aging Network's Policies and Procedures Manual regarding State Waivers.