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

Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments

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:	**Waccamaw Area on Aging**
Type of Waiver Requested	**Chapter 500, page 30, under M # 5 Group Dining**
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:	**Raymond G. Fontaine**

Name of site for waiver consideration if appropriate:	**Burgess Senior Center**
Provider/Contractor contact information if appropriate:	**Horry County Council on Aging PO Box 1693, Conway South Carolina 29526**

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.

We respectfuly request a waiver to allow Burgess Senior Center to open three days per week and not the five days as listed in Chapter 500 under Group Dining Nutrition Services.

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
The Burgess Senior Center is located within five miles of the South Strand Senior Center. The South Strand Senior center is open five days per week participants may attend South Strand Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays if they so desire.	**Citizens of the communtiy prefer a 3 day week. Funding is not available for expanding at this time. It is reasonably close enough to the South Strand Senior Center so that participants who want to attend a Senior Center five days per week may do so.**

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

The center is currently operating with very positive results.

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

Lack of atendance on Tuesdays and Thursdays, lack of adaquate funding.

How will you determine if this waiver will lead to service or programmatic improvements?	**The center has been operating 3 days per week for most of the time it has been in existance with positive results. PSA will follow the attendance and satisfaction levels of clients at this rural center as well as the level of meaningful programming. We will**

	work with the contractor in any additional local fundraising activities to increase service levels.

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?
As required, all monitoring procedures will be followed throughout the contract year to assure compliance.

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

Date

Tony Kester
Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging Director

✓ Approved

_____ 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.