

# MCOA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

MCOA is conducting a survey of its members to determine how we can better meet your needs. MCOA Regional Representatives have been asked to follow up with each community and collect responses from their region. We ask that the results remain confidential – unless a particular COA would like attribution.

## How can we make Membership Meetings more beneficial?

Since 2009, which of the following membership meetings have you attended?

February 2009 \_\_\_\_\_ June 2009 \_\_\_\_\_ September 2009 \_\_\_\_\_  
December 2009 \_\_\_\_\_ February 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

If you have not attended any meetings since February 2009, please list all the reasons that apply:

- Fridays are not convenient for me
- Location of meeting
- The topics have not been of interest to me
- I do not have staffing coverage
- The cost of the meeting is unaffordable
- Other (please explain)

If you attended any of the meetings, why did you attend?

- I was interested in the topics
- I enjoy networking with my peers
- The location is convenient
- Other (please explain)

Would you be more likely to attend an MCOA membership meeting if?

- There was both a morning and afternoon training
- The location was changed/rotated throughout the State
- The number of membership meetings was decreased to 3

Do you have suggestions for training topics?

## Fall Conference

Do you feel that the date of the Annual Meeting should be changed from the fall conference and scheduled as a part of one of the membership meetings?

Yes  No

Have you attended any of the last three fall Conferences:

- October 2009 Sturbridge Host
- October 2008 Sea Crest Resort, Falmouth
- October 2007 Sturbridge Host

If you have not attended any of these conferences, please list all the reasons that apply:

- Location of conference
- The topics have not been of interest to me
- I do not have staffing coverage
- The cost of the conference is unaffordable
- Other (please explain)

## **Communications: MCOA Website & Focal Points**

Did you receive five copies of the Focal Points and distributed them within your town to ‘town leaders’ (mayors, Selectboard, etc)                      YES                      NO

How often do you visit MCOA’s Website [www.mcoaonline.com](http://www.mcoaonline.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ daily  
\_\_\_\_\_ weekly  
\_\_\_\_\_ monthly

Do you encourage staff and board members to log on?                      YES                      NO

Have you advertised this website in your local COA newsletter?                      YES                      NO

## **Communications: NGA Kiosk Project On Civic Engagement and Workforce Development**

Recently MCOA has been working with EOEa and others to establish an online ‘focal point’ to provide information to older adults on civic engagement, employment services, available benefits, and lifelong learning opportunities. We asked local Councils on Aging to download these links onto a publicly accessible computer. Has your agency done this yet?                      YES                      NO

**If NO, why not?**

On a scale of 1 to 10 (With 1 being not at all, and 10 being very informative) how would you rate the information on this website? \_\_\_\_\_

On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being hardly at all, to 10 frequent use) how would you rate the number of older adults that utilize this resource? \_\_\_\_\_

How can we make this service better?

## **FY11 & FY12 Formula Grant Campaign**

Governor Patrick, the House and the Senate have all proposed adequate funding for FY11 that allows \$7/elder/YEAR as the Formula Grant. Can we count on you to seek and recognize many opportunities to publicly thank all of these elected officials for their support?                      YES                      NO

In FY12 the 2010 Federal Census results will apply to the Formula Grant calculations. We anticipate that the number of older adults age 60+ will increase by approximately 200,000 elders. To maintain a Formula of \$7/elder/YEAR we would need an additional \$1.4 million in line item #9110-9002. On our website’s home page at [www.mcoaonline.com](http://www.mcoaonline.com) there is a downloadable explanation of this issue listed as ‘Open Letter to the Legislature.’ If no more money is allocated, the Formula will be reduced to around \$5.50/elder. Most towns will see a decrease in the Formula allotment, especially towns with significant loss of elders; but even towns

with dramatic increase in population may only break even with the new lower Formula. Have you communicated your concern over this issue to your legislators?    YES                    NO

What was their response?

### **Evidence Based Programs**

Did you offer or advertise the opportunity for any of these Evidence-Based Programs in FY10: Healthy Eating, A Matter of Balance; and Chronic Disease Self Management.    YES                    NO

EOEA, DPH and MCOA encourage that every COA offer at least one of these programs in FY11.  
Comment:

### **Final Thoughts**

What else can MCOA do to meet your needs?

Do you have any Additional Comments?

### **Working Group Meetings**

MCOA will be broadening and upgrading our scope of trainings during FY11. If you have staff interested in any of the following Work Groups, please list their name and email. We also strongly suggest that they check [www.mcoaonline.com](http://www.mcoaonline.com) for additional resources and upcoming meetings.

#### **Print the Following Information Clearly**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
Volunteer Coordinators	_____	_____
Program and Activity	_____	_____
Outreach	_____	_____
Wellness	_____	_____