

Council on Aging Board Minutes Wednesday, August 18, 2010

Call to Order: Chair Robert Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Janet Kopp, seconded by Doris Thom, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Laura Doll, Marti Everts, Robert Jensen, Polly Jones, Janet Kopp, Hjordis Olson, Evelyn Propp, Shirley Sweet, Doris Thom, Supervisor Terry Thomas, Ellen Trewartha, Joan Wilson

Excused: Phyllis Byrne and Nancy Flood

Staff: Joyce Lubben, Ranee Goodroad, Julie Seeman

Introduction of Visitors: Marcy Berner-Reedy, Beloit Meals on Wheels, Rob Wilkinson

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements: Shirley Sweet shared information on the Emergency Medical Information packet that is sponsored by the Wisconsin Retired Educators' Association in and around the Beloit area. This information may be used by emergency medical personnel.

Joan Wilson requested an update on the status of the Senior Companion Program. Copies of the newspaper articles pertaining to this issue were shared.

Approval of June 16, 2010 minutes: Joan Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2010, meeting, seconded by Polly Jones. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

1. Update on Stepping On/Burden of Falls Report: Joyce Lubben stated that workshops are scheduled in Evansville and at Village East in Beloit. Julie Seeman has been trained as a Stepping On leader. The "Burden of Falls" report from research conducted in Wisconsin was shared. It shows that Rock County has a high incidence of deaths and injuries from falls.
2. Emergency Planning for Special Needs Populations: No report.
3. Medicare Diabetes Grant: Joyce Lubben reported that the Council on Aging will assist the Rock County Public Health Department should they receive a grant that will make available a diabetes risk assessment tool for adults age 65 and older. These assessments will be available at the senior fairs.

4. Caregiver Coalition Grant: Julie Seeman reported that the Council on Aging received a grant from GWAAR to develop and strengthen a caregiver coalition. A caregiver survey is being widely distributed throughout the County in an effort to collect data and caregivers and their needs. Results of the survey will be presented at a caregiver coalition-building workshop. This data will provide direction for the caregiver coalition, insights to employers and basis for grant applications.
5. Transportation Update: Joyce Lubben reported that due to an article on the Janesville Gazette on transportation issues, she received an e-mail encouraging submission of a New Freedom grant. The grant will pay for the cost of a Mobility Manager for the county.

Old Business:

1. Update on Rock County ADRC and Family Planning: Supervisor Terry Thomas stated that the ADRC Steering Committee had their first meeting, which provided an overview and planning update for members. This committee will meet on the first Wednesday of each month, through the end of the year. The State has requested that Rock County postpone Family Care until January 2012, resulting in the postponement of the ADRC opening until around November 2011. However, planning will continue through the end of 2010.

New Business

1. Falls Senior Fairs: A reminder of the dates for the fall senior fairs was given. The Beloit Senior Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at Central Christian Church. The Rock County Senior Fair will be held on Friday, October 29, 2010 at Marshall Middle School.
2. 75th Anniversary of Social Security: Rob Wilkinson provided a cake from AARP in celebration of the 75th anniversary of Social Security. He stated that AARP is focusing on lobbying to keep Social Security the way it is now.

Reports

1. County Board of Supervisors Report: Supervisor Terry Thomas stated that Southern Railway purchased a load of new rail to replace the rail that runs between Milton and Madison. These 26 miles of new rail was purchased with federal stimulus dollars. Supervisor Thomas also stated that the jail renovation is on schedule.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Janet Kopp, seconded by Doris Thom, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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