



COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday November 20, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting of the Council on Aging Advisory Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chuck Wilson at the Council on Aging office, 3328 US Highway 51 North, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Robert Borremans, seconded by Mark Richardson to approve the agenda with noted change. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Tom Brien, Vicki Gobel, Vicky O'Donnell, Mark Richardson, Janet Smith, Pam Strom, Janice Turner and Chuck Wilson, Sherril Gilbertson, Patricia Burhans, Jean Boyle, Sherry Schultz Baker, Chuck Wilson, Robert Borremans

Excused: none

Unexcused: none

Staff Present: Paula Schutt, Julie Seeman, Lisa Messer

Introduction of Visitors: Sue McGinnis, Debbie Kraus, Grinnell Hall, Beloit, Jennifer Thompson ADRC.

Approval of October 16, 2019 Advisory Board Minutes: A motion was made by Pam Strom, seconded by Tom Brien, to approve the October 16, 2019 Advisory Board minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: none

Staff Reports:

Elder Benefit Specialist: no report from Lachel.

Mobility Management: No report

Transit Update: No report

Caregiver Support Specialist Update – Julie reported that she is having a Caregiver Appreciation Lunch on Wednesday, December 11 from 11 am – 2 pm at Glen Erin. She tried a workshop in

October but did not get a good response. As of today, she has 11 people sign up. She also reported she still has NFCSP funds available.

Health Marketing/Caregiver: Lisa has met with numerous people in the month she has been on the job. She has had a chance to review the Community Health Improvement Plan from the Health Department. She reports that a number of the programs the COA Offers fit well with community needs. Lisa also distributed a sheet with the programs offered by the COA, as well as a sheet with her background information. The sheet explains her role as Health Promotion Coordinator. She feels the biggest need at this point in time is locating future leaders for the upcoming programs and getting them trained.

Lisa reported that we are partnering with UW Wisconsin for the Stand Up and Move more classes. Joyce Lubben was instrumental in assisting in the beginnings of this program in Rock County. Chuck Wilson commented that many industries are moving toward offering stand up desks to employees. Jennifer Thompson commented that Rock County is looking at having stand up desks as an option for employees in our new building.

New Business: Paula reported on the election of officers for 2020. Jean Boyle was elected as Chair and Mark Richardson was elected as Co-Chair.

Old Business: Update on the ADRC/COA Integration. Jean Boyle, Mark Richardson, Janet Smith and Chuck Wilson attended the last Integration Meeting. At this meeting a Committee Recommendation was made in favor of integration. Chuck Wilson commented that the success of any organizational change is directly related to how well it is rolled out. Jean Boyle stated that she hopes there is equity of people's input from both the COA and ADRC. Janet Smith stated she had voted against it. She could not see a compelling reason for voting in favor of it. She feels that both the vote and the decision were pre-mature. She believes that co-location will be a solution to a lot of what is needed. Mark Richardson stated he agreed with Janet. He has not been able to receive an answer from anyone on what the benefits of integration will be. He felt the vote at the November meeting violated Roberts Rules of Order.

Board Membership Report – Three people are coming off the board in December. Three people need to be replaced. We need a total of 5 people. Paula asked that if anyone else knew of anyone who would be interested to please talk to them. Chuck Wilson said he announced it at the Volunteer Recognition meeting and also announced it at all the Dining Centers. It was suggested we review By-Laws in 2020. Tom Brien asked that the Board receive copies of the By-Laws before the next meeting. It was agreed they would be discussed in December and voted on in January.

Robert Borremans said that back in January the Board was asked to vote on the 2019 Aging Plan. He asked for a report on where the process was with the plan.

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors: Tom Brien said the Board just finished up the Budget season. The EVA Committee agreed to add \$5,000 to Beloit Meals on Wheels. Also the UW Extension position that had been eliminated was re-instated. Chuck Wilson explained the importance of the work done by The Beloit Meals on Wheels.

ADRC of Rock County, Vicky O'Donnell: No Report.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mark Richardson, seconded by Jean Boyle to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes not official until approved by the Council on Aging Advisory Board.