



COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
November 15, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Pam Strom at 9:00 a.m. at the Council on Aging office, 3328 US Highway 51 North, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, seconded by Char Lezow. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Nancy Arnold, Jean Boyle, Jim Farrell, Dawn Fossum, Vicki Gobel, Sonja Heiser, Char Lezow, Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, Suzanne Rasmussen, Peg Slaback, Pam Strom, Aaron Thomas

Excused: Jo Ann Koltyk, Cherie Scholz-Baker, Chuck Wilson

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben, Lisa Lucas, Ryan Booth, Crystal Kreyer

Introduction of Visitors: Also present were Janice Turner (citizen), Vicky McCulloch (The Heights), and Ellen Wiegand (Beloit Meals on Wheels).

Approval of October 18, 2017 Advisory Board Minutes: A motion was made by Peg Slaback, seconded by Dawn Fossum, to approve the October 18, 2018 minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Jean Boyle shared an AARP article that spoke about the dollars saved with in-home care and the increased need for in-home caregivers. Joyce Lubben stated that the Wisconsin State Legislature recently approved a bill that lowered training requirements for certified nursing assistants.

Ellen Wiegand shared that the Rock County Girls' Night Out, to be held on November 15th at the Beloit Club, will benefit Beloit Meals on Wheels.

Staff Report:

Update on Health Promotion Workshop Schedule: Lisa Lucas distributed a draft flyer of the planned health promotion workshops in 2018. A couple of workshops are yet to be determined,

depending on schedules and grant approval. The Beloit Area Community Health Center is interested in having two Spanish speaking staff trained to lead Living Well and Healthy Living with Diabetes.

Update on Mobility Management: Ryan Booth reported that Wednesday Walks is completed for this year. With other things on his agenda for 2018 this program will be shifted to the Health Promotion Coordinator. Mr. Booth attended Latino community events in Janesville and Beloit. He participates in numerous job fairs to provide employment-related transportation information. In 2018 there will be a meeting of healthcare providers and transportation providers to determine what gaps there are in medical-related transportation and what transportation providers may be able to offer to meet those gaps. The trishaws for Cycling Without Age are expected to arrive in January. Also, the human services transportation plan will need to be updated in 2018. This past quarter Mr. Booth provided travel training to 275 individuals.

Introduction of New Transit Staff Member: Joyce Lubben introduced Crystal Kreyer, the new Transit Dispatcher/Scheduler. Ms. Kreyer has been with the Council on Aging for three weeks.

Changes in Elder Benefit Specialist Operations: Ms. Lubben shared that the Elder Benefit Specialist position at Senior Services will be ending around December 1, 2017. All referrals should go to Lachel Fowler at the Council on Aging office.

Old Business:

2018 Budget: Joyce Lubben stated the County Board of Supervisors made no changes in the County Administrator's 2018 recommended budget for the Council on Aging. Ms. Lubben shared a graph showing the breakdown of revenues and expenditures. The major change in 2018 for the Council on Aging will be the Elder Benefit Specialist position that will be covering the entire county instead of the southern portion. There was discussion that the department's monthly newspaper may be changing as the present format is not meeting our needs.

New Business:

Board Terms for 2018: Jean Boyle and Sue Rasmussen agreed to serve a second term on the advisory board. Jo Ann Koltyk has resigned from the board effective December 31, 2017. Nancy Arnold and Dawn Fossum have served their 2nd term on the board, leaving those two seats vacant.

Election of Officers for 2018: A motion was made by Jim Farrell, seconded by Sonja Heiser, to nominate Pam Strom as Chair for 2018. There being no other nominations, motion carried.

A motion was made by Aaron Thomas, seconded by Sonja Heiser, to nominate Chuck Wilson as Vice Chair for 2018. There being no other nominations, motion carried.

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors: None

ADRC of Rock County: Dawn Fossum reported that the Caregiver Comedy Night Out was held yesterday and was well attended. On Thursday, the third Annual Alzheimer's and Related Dementia Update will be held at the Job Center. There was discussion on the "wait list" for services and how the transition to Family Care is working.

Items for Future Agendas: Joyce Lubben stated that the county aging plan process for 2019-2021 will begin next year.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Nancy Arnold, seconded by Sonja Heiser; to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

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