

**COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, April 20, 2016**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Char Levzow at 9:00 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Chuck Wilson, seconded by Jean Boyle, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Jean Boyle, Jim Farrell, Dawn Fossum, Jo Ann Koltyk, Char Levzow, Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, Cherie Scholz-Baker, Pam Strom, Chuck Wilson

Excused: Nancy Arnold, Sonja Heiser, Sue Rasmussen, Jenny Schmidt, Peg Slaback

Unexcused: Aaron Thomas

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben, Julie Seeman, Lachel Fowler

**Introduction of Visitors:** None

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:** Jo Ann Koltyk reported she dropped off the health promotion folders at Edgerton Outreach and they would like additional dementia friendly information. The staff at Mercy West suggested sharing the information with the Mercy Cancer Center. Ms. Scholz-Baker will drop the information off to them.

Pam Strom stated the Clinton Women's Club had two individuals who appreciated the information shared regarding caregiving.

Char Levzow stated she is enjoying the Stepping On workshop and feels it is helping her.

Chuck Wilson shared that on May 7, 2016 the Beloit Farmers' Market begins, the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a 5K walk/run, and there is a Mother's Day plant sale at Preservation Park.

**Approval of March 16, 2016 Advisory Board Minutes:** A motion was made by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, seconded by Jo Ann Koltyk, to approve the March 16, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.

**Staff Report:**

Alzheimer Family Caregiver Support Program Update: Julie Seeman provided information on the AFCSP. There is now a waiting list for services, however, the State will be issuing new contracts for additional funding around July 1, 2016.

Share the Care: Julie Seeman reported she is hosting a meeting to promote "Share the Care." The purpose of Share the Care is to pull together a person's natural supports into a structure of care. This meeting will be held on May 5, 2016 at the Council on Aging office.

Update on Health Promotion Workshops: Members provided feedback on where they distributed folders and the response they had. There have been no registrations as a result of the folders. Joyce Lubben reported she is working on developing a .4 position that will be responsible for promoting and supporting the health promotion workshops.

Mobility Management Activities: A written report was submitted by Molly Nolte. (see attached)

Elder Benefit Specialist Update: Lachel Fowler reported that during the period from January 1 through April 18 the Elder Benefit Specialists served 435 people, provided 513 hours of legal benefit assistance, provided information to 49 individuals using 100 hours. The impact of their service was to bring into the County \$150,630 in state benefits and \$337,000 in federal benefits. The EBSs filed 288 Homestead Tax Credits that had a state impact of \$116,361.

#### **Old Business:**

Status of Family Care: Joyce Lubben reported that the Managed Care Organizations have begun to hold meetings with service providers. She will be submitting applications to be a provider for home delivered meals, transportation, and other services clients may need. She has also met with the IRIS provider.

#### **New Business:**

Move of Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources to Division of Public Health(BADR): Joyce Lubben reported that the Wisconsin Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and BADR (which oversees the county aging units and the Aging & Disability Resource Centers) will move from the Division of Long Term Care to the Department of Public Health.

Aging Empowerment Conference 2016: Living a Self-Determined Life: Information on this conference will be coming soon. Scholarships will be available and Joyce Lubben will forward information as soon as she receives it.

Reauthorization of Older Americans' Act: Joyce Lubben reported that, after many years of operating on a continuing resolution, this act was finally passed by Congress and signed by President Obama.

#### **Reports:**

County Board of Supervisors: No report.

ADRC of Rock County: Dawn Fossum reported they are continuing to screen those on the wait list. Current clients will be transitioned to Family Care by July 1, 2016. Those new to services are being put on a wait list and will be screened for eligibility after November. The bumping process is now complete.

Long Term Support Committee: No report.

**Items for Future Agendas:**

Future Meeting Dates: There will be no June meeting as staff will be attending the Health Aging Summit.

Advance Planning Presentation: Joyce Lubben was approached by an organization wanting to present information on advance planning. Board members felt this might be better as a presentation for the public.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Jean Boyle, seconded by Dawn Fossum, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

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