



**COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**Wednesday Feb 17, 2021, 9:00 a.m.**

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting of the Council on Aging Advisory Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chuck Wilson. All present were participating via ZOOM or the telephone.
- B. Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Tom Brien and seconded by Pat Burhans to approve the agenda.
- C. Roll Call:**  
Present: Janice Turner, Patricia Burhans, Rena Dewar, Tom Brien, Karen Ferguson, Vicky O'Donnell, Debbie Kraus, Sherrill Gilbertson, Vicky Gobel, Jeff Didelot, Chuck Wilson, Pam Bostwick, Jack Kooyman  
  
Excused: Sue McGinniss, Jeff Didelot  
  
Unexcused: none  
  
Staff Present: Paula Schutt, Lisa Messer, Lachel Fowler,
- D. Introduction of Visitors:** Angie Sullivan GWAAR and Ellen Wiegand Beloit Meal on Wheels
- E.** Approval of January 20 Advisory Board minutes. A motion was made by Tom Brien and seconded by Karen Ferguson. Motion carried.
- F.** Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements – Ellen Wiegand announced that Beloit Meals on Wheels was celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Their March for Meals Campaign for this year is at Culvers in Beloit on Monday March 1. On March 17 they are partnering with Mary's Catering from South Beloit and the South Beloit Business Men's Hall to offer a Corned Beef and Cabbage Fund Raiser. Chuck Wilson also shared that the VA Clinic in Janesville has begun to offer vaccines to vets. If interested, please call the VA in Madison to register. Tom Brien said there is also a vaccine clinic located at Black Hawk Technical College.
- G.** Monthly "This is Good to Know" Report - Paula reviewed a list of aging terms that are commonly referred to in the Aging Network.

**H. Staff Reports:**

1. Caregiver Specialist - Julie was not in attendance but Paula reminded the committee about the upcoming play Steering Into the Skid.
2. Director: Paula reported that her first Virtual AMP class is going to begin tomorrow. She has also been working with Jennifer Thompson on the integration process. Both she and Jennifer will be speaking via ZOOM with several Counties in WI that have integrated. They have prepared a list of questions to ask each of them. Paula also asked for volunteers from the Board to come and help organize and pack up the storage closet before our move this summer.
3. Elder Benefit Specialist – Lachel is working on homestead tax credits and she is at Grinnell on Thursdays and Fridays. Maintenance built a “guard” for her to put up on the table when working with people and Grinnell has things in place as well for personal protection. Lachel reported she did the clients at Riverview Heights remotely. Scoville is scheduled for the middle of March. She has also been working with a number of people who are wanting to retire.

There was a short discussion on who at the COA had been able to receive their vaccine.

4. Mobility Management – Jennifer was not in attendance but Paula shared the snow shoe flier Jennifer had created and talked a bit about that event.
  5. Transportation Supervisor – Ryan was not at the meeting.
  6. Health Promotion Coordinator - Lisa shared her flier on the Living Well With Chronic Conditions class that is going to begin on March 9.
- I. New Business:** Angie Sullivan from GWAAR presented information on the 3 year Aging Plan that Rock County is beginning to work on. The plan covers 2022-2024. She explained how it worked and what goes into creating the plan. The plan covers the work the agency will do in the next three years to fill needs of Rock County residents. She discussed a variety of ways to contact underserved groups.  
**Lachel asked if the ADRC has their own aging plan.** Angie said it is not the same, they have something they work on with their state entity. This particular plan concentrates on Older Americans Act Services.
- J. Old Business** – Paula reported that the transit drivers are now getting tested once per week for COVID.

**K. Board Membership Report Reports:**

1. County Board of Supervisors, Tom Brien reported that Rich Bostwick has been appointed as County Board chair, with Wes Davis as Co-Chair. There is also a new director that has been hired for Rock Haven as well as a new director of the Health Dept.
2. ADRC of Rock County, Vicky O'Donnell: nothing to report.

**L. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Tom Brien and seconded by Debbie Kraus to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. *Minutes not official until approved by the Council on Aging Advisory Board.*

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