



COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday July 21, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting of the Council on Aging Advisory Board was called to order 9 a.m. by Vice President Sherrill Gilbertson. All present were participating via ZOOM or the telephone.
- B. Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Janice Turner and seconded by Karen Ferguson to approve the agenda.
- C. Roll Call:**
- Present: Janice Turner, Tom Brien, Vicky O'Donnell, Karen Ferguson, Sherril Gilbertson, Patricia Burhans, Rena Dewar, Vicki Goebel, Debbie Kraus, Sue McGinniss,
- Excused: Pam Bostwick, Jack Kooyman, Chuck Wilson
- Unexcused: none
- Staff Present: Paula Schutt, Lisa Messer, Ryan Booth, Lachel Fowler, Jenny McIlhone Hannah Soukup, intern.
- D. Introduction of Visitors:**
- E.** Approval June 16, Advisory Board minutes. After a correction was noted in the minutes to correct Chuck's name, a motion was made by Tom Brien and seconded by Vicky O'Donnell to accept the minutes with the noted correction.
- F. Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements** – Pat Burhans thanked Cori Marsh and Paula Schutt for the continued support of the Parkinson's Support Group. Sherril Gilbertson thanked Lisa Messer and Debbie Kraus for their help in arranging her Mind Over Matter class and Stepping On.
- G. Monthly "This is Good to Know" Report** - Paula gave a synopsis on how many people each day it takes to run the meal program and get meals to the seniors. The people involved include two full time and one part time office staff, five dining center managers, and 12 drivers PER ROUTE. This is just with county staff. There are a number of people involved at Best Events who prep, cook and pack meals. Out of the 200 meals a day that are prepared, two thirds of them are home delivered and one third are grab and go meals. There is ALWAYS a need for drivers to deliver.

H. Staff Reports:

1. **Mobility Manager** – Jennifer reported that Mobility Management works hand in hand with WAMM. Jennifer is on the Board of Directors and is part of its strategic planning process. WAMM lobbies and supports all forms of transit in Wisconsin including public transit, taxi's, etc. Wednesday Walks is off to a good start and with four months left in the season there have been 250 participants so far. Cycling without age has been very popular this season and runs on Fridays, by reservation from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. APTIV has been very active with this program this year. A number of people have used the Tri-Shaw as a way to celebrate birthdays for seniors. One 95 year old client had his whole family (kids, grandkids, etc) bring their bikes and ride along behind him as he got a ride. Jenni has worked with Cori Marsh and given rides for those attending the Dementia Café. AARP is planning on scheduling Smart Driver Courses for this fall.
2. **Executive Director** – Paula announced Julie's July 9 retirement. Teena Monk Gerber has been hired to take over Julie's duties. Nutrition Clerk Mary Barret is also retiring on September 1. Paula and Linda are currently going through applications. Paula announced the 3 year Aging plan's goals are due to GWAAR this coming Friday. The AMP Book Club in Spanish is set to be offered September 30th – October 28th. We are partnering with Jefferson County and the Hedberg Public Library. Paula is also working on the budget which is due in July. We have been notified we will be receiving ARPA money. (American Rescue Plan Act). We will be sent half of the money in January 2022 and half in January 2023. We have until 2024 to spend it and there is a \$5,000.00 limit on capital purchases.
3. **Transportation Supervisor** – Ryan reported an average of 97 trips per day in June using an average of 8 buses per day. In June, the highest number of trips was 119 and the lowest was 72. We are allowing a larger number of passengers on the vans at this point, however mask wearing is still required. Drivers still do detail cleaning.
4. **Caregiver Specialist** – retired, no report
5. **Elder Benefit Specialist** – Lachel published her August schedule and she is back full force in the community at this point. She said it is good to be back out again and visiting with people. She did report that Hufcor employees have been very confused as to what is actually happening with their employment status since the company is moving to Mexico.
6. **Health promotion Coordinator** – Lisa Messer reports she has 20 people on the waiting list for Stepping On and both summer workshops are full. She has 25 people signed up for workshops within the next two months. She has requests from Grinnell and Evansville to hold workshops. The Mind Over Matter program and the Stepping On program is getting leaders trained virtually. Across the state a lot of leaders are lost due to job loss. Lisa reports we are very lucky to have all the leaders we do have. Sherry's Mind Over Matter Class was full in Beloit.

Sue McGinnis asked if the money we were going to be receiving from GWAAR is something we will be able to retain and use for COA programs with the upcoming integration. Paula explained that there are strict designations for each program and guidelines on how the funding can be used.

I. New Business: No new business

J. Old Business – Paula talked about the Employee All Staff meeting scheduled on August 24th. There will be two sessions (Am and PM) so everyone can attend. August 26 will be the ribbon cutting for the public.

K. Board Membership Report Reports

1. County Board of Supervisors, Tom Brien –no report

2. ADRC of Rock County, Vicky O'Donnell – Reported that the ADRC is open and have been since July 6. They are partially staffed. The job center is open as well.

L. Adjournment: Paula reminded the board there will be no meeting in August due to the move. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by (?) and seconded by (?) . Motion carried. *Minutes not official until approved by the Council on Aging Advisory Board.*

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