

## **Council on Aging Board Minutes Wednesday, December 21, 2011**

**Call to Order:** Chair Janet Kopp called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Doris Thom, seconded by Ellen Trewartha. Motion carried.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Terry Burrington, Phyllis Byrne, Marti Everts, Nancy Flood, Robert Jensen, Polly Jones, Janet Kopp, Mike Santucci, Shirley Sweet, Doris Thom, Ronnie Thomas, Supervisor Terry Thomas, Ellen Trewartha, Joan Wilson

Unexcused: Hjordis Olson

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben, Scott Hennings

**Introduction of Visitors:** Also present were Daryl Porter and Marcy Berner-Reedy.

**Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Ronnie Thomas reported that his organization was able to raise \$6,000 to purchase food packages for low-income in Rock County.

Janet Kopp and Joyce Lubben expressed their thanks to those members who are leaving the advisory board due to expired terms. Their participation has been highly valued.

**Approval of November 16, 2011 CoA Board Minutes:** A motion was made by Ronnie Thomas, seconded by Joan Wilson, to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

**Staff Report:**

County Board Approval of New Members: Joyce Lubben stated that the County Board approved the appointments of Daryl Porter, Nancy Toubl, Mary Roehl, and Diane Tester to serve as members of the advisory council effective January 1, 2012.

Addressing Elderly Mobility Issues in Wisconsin: Scott Hennings presented a summary of the "Addressing Elderly Mobility Issues in Wisconsin" study that was done by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the National Center for Freight & Infrastructure Research & Education. The study showed that:

- The Rock County senior population (age 65 and older) will increase by 73% by 2035.
- Seniors in Rock County use the county transportation program more often than the State average.
- Weekend transportation is still considered difficult to access.

The study makes 13 recommendations.

Strong Women Training: Joyce Lubben stated an information meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 13, 2012 to inform possible participants of the program. The meeting will be held at the Council on Aging office. The workshop will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, starting March 5, 2012 and lasting 12 weeks.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** The 2012 treat scheduled was distributed.

**Advocacy Issues:** Joyce Lubben distributed information on the State's request for a federal extension for SeniorCare, a summary of how senior programs fared in the 2012 "Megabus" funding bill, and the theme for Older Americans Month.

There was discussion regarding what can be done with the OAA theme, "Never Too Old to Play." Supervisor Terry Thomas requested that this item be on upcoming agendas.

**Reports:**

County Board of Supervisors – Supervisor Terry Thomas: Supervisor Terry Thomas stated his appreciation to the many volunteers who help make county programs run, including those who served on the CoA Advisory Board. He recognized that with smaller budgets, many county departments could not do their work without the assistance of volunteers. Supervisor Thomas also welcomed the new members.

Long Term Support Committee: Mike Santucci will share a report after the January 2012 meeting.

**Adjournment:** Robert Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Doris Thom. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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