

Council on Aging Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 16, 2011

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

Approval of Agenda: Ronnie Thomas, seconded by Hjordis Olson, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Nancy Flood, Mike Santucci

Staff: Joyce Lubben, Rane Goodroad

Introduction of Visitors: In attendance was Marcy Berner-Reedy.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements: Ronnie Thomas brought information for the SHARE program and a program that raises money for non-profit organizations. Chair Kopp asked that members be aware of the open meetings law and that one person speak at a time.

Approval of February 16, 2011 CoA Board Minutes: A motion was made by Robert Jensen, seconded by Ellen Trewartha, to approve the February 16, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

2011 Prevention Workshops: Joyce Lubben distributed brochures on the upcoming Stepping On Falls Prevention and Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshops. Ms. Lubben stated she has been certified as a Master Trainer for Stepping On.

Mobility Manager Position: Joyce Lubben reported that the Mobility Manager position is still open, as it was not filled during the last round of interviews.

Transportation Study Focus Group: Joyce Lubben reported that 13 individuals attended the DOT Transportation Study Focus Group meeting. Attendees had varied transportation needs, so a lot of information was gained.

Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Broker: Joyce Lubben shared that she and Steve Skelly attended a meeting held by LogistiCare, the new Wisconsin Medicaid transportation broker. They will be analyzing the materials to determine whether or not Specialized Transit will become a MA transportation provider.

Old Business: Revised by-laws were distributed.

New Business: None

Advocacy Issue: There was discussion on the proposed budgetary changes for Senior Care, Family Care Expansion, the Income Maintenance program, and transportation. There are also proposed federal cuts for the Older Americans Act Programs, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly, and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors – Supervisor Terry Thomas: Supervisor Thomas stated that the County Board is still waiting to hear what happens with the State budget. The Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee passed two resolutions: Proclaiming National County Government Month April 2011 – “Service Our Veterans, Armed Forces, and their Families” and Wisconsin Veterans Benefits Funding, supporting any and all efforts (except for deficit spending) to provide additional state funding to forestall any Veterans Trust Fund insolvency within the next biennium, including, but not limited to, the exploration of permanent state funding for WDVA and the veterans programs and benefits that WDVA oversees.

Adjournment: Doris Thom made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marti Everts. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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