

## **Council on Aging Board Minutes** Wednesday, April 20, 2011

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Terry Thomas, seconded by Doris Thom, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Roll Call:**

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

Staff: Joyce Lubben, Rane Goodroad

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

**Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Ellen Trewartha stated that she shared Stepping On brochures with her pastor who was very interested, along with a number of members of her church.

Shirley Sweet brought articles from the Beloit Daily News on the Healthy Eating and Stepping On workshops.

Ronnie Thomas brought the current SHARE information. He announced that on the Saturday before Easter, National Mutual Benefit Insurance Company would be sponsoring an annual Easter egg hunt. Mr. Thomas also mentioned the May 13 and 14, 2011 mail carrier food drive.

Terry Burrington reported that he would be interviewing Julie Seeman on radio on Thursday, April 28, 2011. He also mentioned the Renaissance Expo being held on Thursday, May 5, 2011.

**Approval of March 16, 2011 CoA Board Minutes:** A motion was made by Robert Jensen, seconded by Joan Wilson, to approve the March 16, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

**Staff Report:**

2011 Prevention Workshops: Joyce Lubben stated that the two scheduled Stepping On Falls Prevention workshops had to be canceled. After they were canceled, a number of people called to inquire. Marketing these programs is an issue as it takes a lot of staff time.

Mobility Manager Position: Joyce Lubben reported that Scott Hennings has accepted the Mobility Manager position. He is working on Fridays, only, until May 23, 2011 when he will be full-time.

Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Broker: Joyce Lubben shared that she had participated in a conference call with transportation providers from three other states who use LogistiCare as

their Medicaid transportation broker. All of them have similar, negative experiences with LogistiCare. It appears a participating transportation provider will need to carefully negotiate the contract.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None

**Advocacy Issue:** Joyce Lubben distributed several handouts regarding federal funding for senior programs and the state Save Our SeniorCare (SOS) drive. She played a recording of a public radio interview by Stephanie Sue Stein regarding what is going on in the State on SeniorCare. Members were also given the notice of public hearing on the budget being held at Blackhawk Technical College.

**Reports:**

**County Board of Supervisors – Supervisor Terry Thomas:** Supervisor Thomas thanked everyone for their cards, etc. during his surgery. He added that there are other state issues that will affect the county, e.g. Income Maintenance, BadgerCare, and the redistricting of counties. He planned to attend the public hearing.

**Adjournment:** Ronnie Thomas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ellen Trewartha. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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