

Council on Aging Board Minutes

Wednesday, February 16, 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 Robert Jensen, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Terry Burrington, 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

Excused: Phyllis Byrne, Hjordis Olson

Staff: Joyce Lubben, Ranee 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. Mr. Thomas also shared thoughts concerning the Governor's budget repair bill.

Ellen Trewartha shared information on a Lunch and Learn sponsored by the League of Women Voters on Consumer Scams Affecting Medicare Beneficiaries.

Approval of January 19, 2011 CoA Board Minutes: A motion was made by Shirley Sweet, seconded by Nancy Flood, to approve the January 19, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

Caregiver Coalition: Joyce Lubben stated that 19 people attended the first Caregiver Coalition in January. Members have chosen to meet every month. A handout was distributed regarding the Council on Aging's caregiver informational series.

Regional Public Service Commission Broadband Committee: Joyce Lubben reported that Julie Seeman is serving on a state-wide committee to look at expanding broadband throughout the State, especially in rural areas. Ms. Seeman is responsible for advocating for expanded broadband to assist older adults.

2011 Prevention Workshops: Joyce Lubben distributed a flyer that lists the schedule of the Council on Aging's prevention workshops for the year. This will assist with marketing in a timely fashion.

Mobility Manager Position: Joyce Lubben stated that interviews for the Mobility Manager are scheduled for Friday, February 18, 2011.

Transportation Study Focus Group: Joyce Lubben stated that the WISDOT focus group on transportation issues for the older population is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2011. This will be held at the Rock County Job Center. The surveys will be available until February 25, 2011. Joyce Lubben thanked Terry Burrington for the opportunity to speak on his radio show regarding this research.

Old Business:

Review of By-Laws: The by-laws were reviewed with proposed changes. Terry Burrington made a motion to approve the revised by-laws, seconded by Marti Everts. Motion carried.

New Business: None

Advocacy Issue: Joyce Lubben informed board members that due to their efforts and those of seniors across the state, the Governor is not proposing the elimination of Senior Care. There are other issues coming up that will affect older adults that will require advocacy.

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors – Supervisor Terry Thomas: Supervisor Thomas stated there are questions regarding what the Budget Repair Bill means for Rock County's proposed ADRC. He also reported that the EVAS Committee is moving forward with Youth in Government program. Six schools have responded, so far. The direction of the program is yet to be determined. The rail project between Milton and Madison will be completed.

Adjournment: Doris Thom made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Jensen. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

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