

Council on Aging Board Minutes

Wednesday, September 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 Ronnie Thomas, seconded by Doris Thom. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Phyllis Byrne, Terry Burrington, Nancy Flood

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben, Terri Pass

Introduction of Visitors: None

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements: Terri Pass shared flyers regarding Medicare Part D enrollment and requested assistance in disseminating this information.

Marti Everts shared a list of businesses that give a senior discount.

Ronnie Thomas shared information on the Share program.

Mike Santucci provided information on the Rock County Senior Fair to be held at Marshall Middle School on October 28, 2011. The Beloit Senior Fair is scheduled for October 4, 2011 at Central Christian Church.

Approval of August 17, 2011 CoA Board Minutes: Supervisor Terry Thomas stated there was an error in the minutes. They should read "...Rock County will hold the contract for our 7-county consortium." A motion was made by Shirley Sweet, seconded by Hjordis Olson, to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2011 meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

Update on Mobility Management: Joyce Lubben provided an update on the Wednesday Walks series. The number of participants is growing with 18 being the largest group. Scott Hennings is in the process of developing a travel training program for those persons who are new to public transit or need assistance in learning how to use public transit. Scott Hennings and Steve Skelly have developed a fixed route service for the communities of Evansville, Edgerton and Footville/Orfordville that would provide transportation to Janesville with several drop-off sites. This will be called the Rock County Community Shuttle.

2012 Budget: Joyce Lubben stated there likely will be a few programmatic changes in 2012 as a result of the budget situation. Along with cutbacks in the nutrition program, fees for Specialized Transit will increase.

Old Business:

Update on LogistiCare Medical Assistance Transportation: Joyce Lubben stated that complaints coming to Specialized Transit regarding LogistiCare have decreased. It is uncertain why this is, but state-wide some areas have improved, but overall the situation has not improved.

New Business:

CAARN Project: Joyce Lubben reported she is working with the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources on a project that uses collaborative efforts of the educational/research community and a public service agency to address an issue that affects older adults. The issue that is being look at for a potential program in Rock County is obesity in older adults.

Caregiver Conference: Joyce Lubben announced that a Caregiver Conference will be held on November 10, 2011 at the Rotary River Center in Beloit from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The keynote speaker is Mary Pierce.

“Share the Care” Station: Joyce Lubben announced that the Rock County Caregiver Resource Network is working to become a Share the Care Station. The purpose of a station is to promote and provide information, coach those who need assistance to get a Share the Care group going, offer local resources and referrals as necessary, and report local group activity. There is a training on Friday, October 21, 2011.

Advocacy Issue:

State and Federal Legislative/Funding Updates: No update.

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors – Supervisor Terry Thomas: Supervisor Thomas announced that the Rock County Board of Supervisors approved the building of a new 120-bed nursing home to replace Rock Haven. The project will cost approximately 30 million.

Supervisor Thomas stated that the re-districting plan was approved. He noted that voters need to look at their wards as some have been renumbered.

Supervisor Thomas stated that he is planning to hold the November EVAS Committee meeting at UW-Rock. There will be a tour of the facility so all are welcome to attend.

There was discussion regarding the new Voter ID law.

Adjournment: Hjordis Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marti Everts. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Minutes not official until approved by the Council on Aging Advisory Board.