



COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting of the Council on Aging Advisory Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chuck Wilson at the Council on Aging office, 3328 US Highway 51 North, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, seconded by Patricia Burhans, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Robert Borremans, Jean Boyle, Patricia Burhans, Sherril Gilbertson, Vicky O'Donnell, Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, Mark Richardson, Cherie Scholz-Baker, Janet Smith, Pam Strom, Janice Turner and Chuck Wilson

Excused: Vicki Gobel

Unexcused: Johnny Owens

Staff Present: Ryan Booth, Lachel Fowler, Julie Seeman and Paula Schutt

Introduction of Visitors: Rob Wilkinson, GWAAR Advisory Council

Approval of June 19, 2019 Advisory Board Minutes: A motion was made by Cherie Scholz-Baker, seconded by Jean Boyle, to approve the June 19, 2019, Advisory Board minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Jean Boyle shared information on a dining site she visited and told of information available at the restaurant about the local aging unit. Julie Seeman had prepared a handout listing all the cooling sites available in Rock County. Pam Strom reported that the Clinton Senior Center had hosted a veteran's dinner recently and had 21 diners. There is not an age limit for the dinner and money collected was donated to Vet's Roll. Chuck Wilson reported that the Beloit Meals on Wheels recently held their recognition dinner for volunteers and there were 200 recognized. Patricia Burhans shared the WI Parkinson's Association held a program on June 28 and had 128 people attend. Lachel Fowler shared that board member, Suzanne Rasmussen, had recently passed away.

Staff Reports:

Elder Benefit Specialist/Director: Lachel Fowler reported that as of July 15, she is performing her EBS duties full time. Ms. Fowler reports that she is preparing for Medicare Open Enrollment, October 15 – December 5, and has put together 466 mailings to be sent out to residents she has helped in the previous year.

Mobility Management Update: Although Jennifer McIlhone was unable to attend the meeting, Ms. Fowler reported that Jennifer has been very busy with the Cycling Without Age program. Jennifer had an event with the Trishaws in Beloit on 7/16 with Adaptive Alliance and stated everyone had a fun time with the rides provided.

Health Marketing/Caregiver: Julie Seeman shared that in conjunction with the Dementia Care Specialist, she is offering a Kids Quest Day Camp on August 8. The class is available to children in grades 6-12 and have a parent, grandparent or loved one with dementia. Ms. Seeman is offering two Dementia Live experiences and is also scheduled to do a training with Volunteer Ombudsman. Ms. Seeman continues to steer the Rock County Senior Fair and announced the learning sessions will be: Mediation & Chocolate, Yoga Accessible for All and Boost Your Brain.

Transit Update: Ryan Booth reports that Bus #23 is still at Budget receiving finishing touches and should be back in service within the week. Bus 11 has been put up for auction and the Rock County Highway Shop is facilitating the sale. Tablets in the vehicles are still problematic and within the next month should either be fixed or replaced. Mr. Booth is in the process of training three new drivers.

New Business:

Introduction of Council on Aging Director: Paula Schutt started with the Council on Aging on July 15. Ms. Schutt comes to the COA with a passion for working with the elderly population and is excited to be a part of the COA team.

Other: Approval of April 1, 2019 Joint COA/ADRC Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mark Richardson, seconded by Janice Turner, to approve the April 1, 2019, Joint Meeting notes with noted change of Janet Smith was in attendance at the meeting. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Update on ADRC/COA Integration: Most recent meeting was held on July 15. General themes gathered by the mediator were shared and the committee was asked to break into smaller groups and discuss themes and potential questions to ask counties that have and have not integrated. Ms. Fowler noted the agenda and minutes for the meetings are available on the Rock County website under the government tab. Ms. Fowler also noted the next meeting will be held on August 21 at 1:30 at the Council on Aging and the meeting is open to anyone that would like to attend.

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors: no report

ADRC of Rock County, Vicky O'Donnell: Disability Specialist, Nicole Zimmerman and Supervisor, Melissa Kooyman began work with the ADRC on July 15.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, seconded by Mark Richardson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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