

COUNCIL ON AGING

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COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting of the Council on Aging Advisory Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Pam Strom 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 Sonja Heiser, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present:

Jean Boyle, Jim Farrell, Vicki Gobel, Sonja Heiser, Char Levzow,

Vicky O'Donnell, Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, Mark Richardson, Cherie Scholz- Baker, Peg Slaback, Pam Strom, Janice Turner,

Chuck Wilson

Excused:

Johnny Owens, Suzanne Rasmussen

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben, Jenny McIlhone, Julie Seeman, Lachel Fowler, Judy

Simonds

Introduction of Visitors: Also present were Robert Borremans, Patricia Burhans, Sherril Gilbertson, and Janet Smith.

Approval of November 15, 2018 Advisory Board Minutes: A motion was made by Char Levzow, seconded by Jean Boyle, to approve the November 15, 2018 Advisory Board minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None

Staff Report:

Interim Procedures: Joyce Lubben reported that Lachel Fowler has been appointed Interim Director of the Council on Aging until a permanent replacement is hired. She also stated that discussions will be held regarding the issue of integration between the ADRC and the Council on Aging. The Advisory Board will be kept apprised of these discussions.

Mobility Management Update: Jenny McIlhone reported that her main focus has been to increase access to information for organizations. She has responded to 33 consumer inquiries regarding transportation issues. Ms. McIlhone has scheduled presentations and is working on travel training. In preparation for a meeting with healthcare providers regarding transportation issues she has compiled a contact list. In response to Medicaid Transportation Provider complaints, she has been in contact with DHS, GWAAR, and Senator Ringhand's office to document and track these complaints.

<u>Health Promotion Update:</u> Judy Simonds reported that she is recruiting leaders and identifying potential locations for workshops. For 2019 she has scheduled three Powerful Tools for Caregivers, three Stepping On and one Healthy Eating workshop. She is working on scheduling Walk with Ease and Wednesday Walks. SSM Health will be hosting two workshops.

<u>Caregiver Activities:</u> Julie Seeman stated that the November and December caregiver events were not as well attended as hoped, but several caregivers did take advantage of the Care Partner Fun Day. The County has approved a "Lunch and Learn" for employee caregivers in January 2019.

<u>Elder Benefit Specialist Update:</u> Lachel Fowler reported that during Open Enrollment she served 410 individuals for a value of \$891,301. Of those, 129 were new people. She is looking at ways to serve more rural and minority populations.

<u>Transit Update:</u> Joyce Lubben stated that a new vehicle will be delivered soon. Also, the 2019 5310 application was approved for three additional vehicles. They should arrive at the end of 2019.

New Business:

<u>Appreciation to Members Concluding Their Terms:</u> Chair Strom and Joyce Lubben expressed their appreciation for those members whose terms are expiring; including Jim Farrell, Sonja Heiser, Char Levzow and Peg Slaback. All members thanked them for the time they have spent on the Advisory Board.

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors: None

ADRC of Rock County: Vicky O'Donnell stated there is now a plan to eliminate the wait list. Currently, the ADRC is not adding to the Family Care wait list.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chuck Wilson, seconded by Peg Slaback, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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