



EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes – June 21, 2016

Call to Order. Chair Richard called the meeting of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, in Conference Room, N-1, fifth floor, Courthouse East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Pleasant, Richard, Owens, Zajac and Schulz.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Joyce Lubben, Director of Council on Aging; John Solis, Veteran Service Officer; and Ranee Goodroad, Nutrition Program Supervisor, Council on Aging.

Others Present: Kristin Fillhouer, Campus Administrator, UW-Rock County.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Owens moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Pleasant. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes – May 12, 2016. Supervisor Pleasant moved approval of the minutes from May 12, 2016 as presented, second by Supervisor Owens. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information. Supervisor Schulz said that she spoke with Shawna March, Senior Programming and Facilities Director for Creekside Community Center, and asked her to report on the status of community participation at the meal site. Ms. March had a scheduling conflict for today's meeting but will attend our July meeting.

A. Hall of Honor Ceremony set for 6 P.M., Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at Hyatt Smith Hall.

Review of Payments. The committee accepted the report.

Resolution.

Amending the Council on Aging Budget to Adjust Title III, NSIP, State 85.21 and State Health Insurance Program Allocations.

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2016 does hereby amend the 2016 Rock County Council on Aging budget as follows:

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Ms. Lubben stated that there were some changes to the NSIP fund amounts on the first page of the resolution. NSIP funds increased since she initially generated the resolution.

Supervisor Owens moved approval of the above resolution with amendments, second by Supervisor Zajac. ADOPTED.

Department Reports.

Veterans Office-Discussion and Direction on a Resolution Recognizing Service and Sacrifice of Vietnam Veterans. Mr. Solis said that it is the anniversary of the Vietnam War and other counties around the state are putting together resolutions to recognize Vietnam Veterans. He asked if this committee would want to support a resolution recognizing the service and sacrifice of Vietnam Veterans? The committee stated they would support a resolution. Mr. Solis will prepare the resolution.

RSVP-Annual Recognition Dinner. The dinner was held on Thursday, June 16 at the Moose Lodge. Mr. Solis served as the entertainment again this year. Mr. Solis reported that there was a good turnout.

Council on Aging.

Integration of County Aging Units and ADRC's. (Aging and Disability Resource Center). Integration of ADRCs and Aging Units has been in discussion for several years. The State Bureau on Aging and Disability Resources asked the Aging and Disability Professional Association of Wisconsin to develop a team to explore this issue. Joyce Lubben was a member of that team. The team discussed five key areas of integration: 1) Culture & Customer Experience 2) Funding Complexities 3) Marketing & Outreach 4) Organizational Structure and 5) Potential Barriers & Opportunities for Improvement. Ms. Lubben provided a handout that contains the task force's recommendations to the State. Rock County would follow the Single County model on the recommendations handout. There was discussion on the changes that could occur, one example, routing all phone calls through a single phone number for the ADRC when transportation clients are used to a direct phone number. One benefit to the integration would be that counties that are integrated are able to draw more federal funding for aging programs by time reporting. Council on Aging currently does not have the ability to do this. Supervisor Zajac asked for this item to be put back on the July agenda so committee members have a chance to read through the handout provided and bring back any questions at that time.

Year-to-Date Statistics for Evansville Congregate Site. Ms. Lubben put together a comparison for all sites for 2015/2016. The committee reviewed the comparison handout.

Evansville statistics: 2015 Total Meals served: Congregate-2,265
Home delivery-2,248
1/1/16-5/31/16: Congregate-442
Home delivery-1,354

Note: Both 2015 numbers are based on five days a week. 2016 congregare numbers are based on two days a week. Home delivery in 2016 is still five days a week.

Ms. Lubben projects that congregate attendance may reach 1,061 by the end of 2016 and home delivery may reach 3,250. Clinton and Evansville attendance numbers are very similar. Clinton has no other options in their community unlike Evansville. Workshops are well attended in Clinton as well. Supervisor Schulz requested population numbers in each community. Ms. Lubben will bring these numbers to our next meeting.

Annual Caregiver Event. Ms. Lubben provided a handout on the 2nd Annual Caregiver event which is scheduled for 8/27/16 at the Welty Environmental Center/Big Hill Park. There are three different session times for registrants to choose from. Caregivers, their family and friends can register online at www.co.rock.wi.us/aging or obtain a registration form by calling 608-758-8455.

Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program. Ms. Lubben reported that this program recently moved from Long Term Support (LTS) to Council on Aging. It has been going well. The state legislature recently increased funding by \$1.5 million. We will be able to spend these funds on respite for caregivers.

Senior Farmers' Market Voucher Program. Ms. Goodroad provided a handout on the program. This is funded by the USDA and helps approximately 489 households in our community. It will also bring in over \$12,000 to local produce vendors. The purpose of the program is to provide fresh produce to low income seniors. The number of vouchers available is limited and are distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Senior Centers in the area advertise the voucher program in their newsletters. Information is also placed in local newspapers. When seniors pick up their vouchers, they are also provided a food resource guide for reference. Interested seniors can call Rock County COA Nutrition Program at 608-757-5474.

Health Promotion Workshops. Ms. Lubben provided a handout on programs available in the community. Some of the programs offered are: Stepping On, Living Well with Chronic Conditions, Powerful Tools for Family Caregivers, Lighten UP! Your Life, and Healthy Eating for Successful Living in Older Adults. Interested individuals can call Council on Aging at 608-757-5472 for more information.

Mobility Management Activities. Ms. Lubben said that Molly Nolte, Mobility Manager, has been busy planning "Wednesday Walks". All events are full. They have coordinated these walks with a meal site visit in order to promote the congregate sites. Ms. Nolte has held three AARP safe driving courses. All courses have been full with 15 participants each. There are two more courses scheduled for this summer and Ms. Nolte will be scheduling more for the fall. Ms. Nolte has been working on travel training. The Industries for the Blind recently moved their site on the North side of Janesville and there is now a bus transportation barrier. Ms. Nolte has been talking with Janesville Transit System (JTS) to try and come up with a solution. There are currently 30 businesses in Rock County that have been trained on the Dementia Friendly Initiative. The businesses proudly display a purple sticker in their window stating such. This training is available to any business in Rock County. Ms. Nolte is one of 25 people in the nation that has been chosen to attend the 2016 Walking College. This is a private non-profit program which teaches the benefits of a walkable community.

UW Colleges Update. Ms. Fillhouer introduced herself and explained some of the reorganization that occurred over the past few months. UW Colleges has thirteen 2 year campuses which have recently been regionalized. UW Rock County is part of the Southwest Region. Everyone has been adapting to the change and ‘working through the kinks”. They do know that there are some areas that were cut that will be reviewed again soon. These three areas are: Faculty Staff Compensation, IT, and Advising. Ms. Fillhouer sees the campuses now working as one institution. UW Rock County currently met with Blackhawk Technical College (BTC) and signed an MOU (memorandum of understanding) for their nursing program. They currently have a BTC partnership for the Bachelors of Arts and Science degree. UW Rock County will be renewing a MOU with UW-Platteville for their Engineering program. UW Rock County had 140 graduates in May. Ms. Fillhouer said that this is a great number of graduates.

Adjournment. Supervisor Zajac moved adjournment at 5:03 P.M., second by Supervisor Pleasant. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt
Human Resources Secretary

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