

## **Council on Aging Board Minutes Wednesday, June 16, 2010**

**Call to Order:** Chair Robert Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Terry Thomas, seconded by Janet Kopp, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

### **Roll Call:**

Present: Marti Everts, Nancy Flood, Robert Jensen, Polly Jones, Janet Kopp, Hjordis Olson, Evelyn Propp, Shirley Sweet, Doris Thom, Supervisor Terry Thomas, Joan Wilson

Excused: Phyllis Byrne and Ellen Trewartha

Unexcused: Laura Doll

Staff: Joyce Lubben

**Introduction of Visitors:** Marcy Berner-Reedy, Beloit Meals on Wheels

**Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** None

**Approval of May 19, 2010 minutes:** Shirley Sweet made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2010, meeting, seconded by Joan Wilson. Motion carried.

### **Staff Report:**

1. Update on Stepping On: Joyce Lubben reported that the Beloit workshop is done with a good number having completed the course. Olympian Village is interested in hosting a workshop. Blasé Strobl has requested that a workshop be held in the Evansville area. A number of calls have come from the Janesville area. Julie Seeman will be trained as a leader to help out with these workshops. Ms. Lubben stated that more leaders are needed.
2. Emergency Planning for Special Needs Populations: Joyce Lubben reported she attended a workshop put on by FEMA on emergency planning for special needs populations. She is serving on a sub-committee for Emergency Management on this subject. Handouts are being developed on personal emergency preparedness to be distributed at the fall senior fairs.
3. Report on NFCSP Training: Joyce Lubben stated that she and Julie Seeman attended state training on the National Family Caregiver Support Program.

Topics included in the training were coalition building, regulation updates, innovative programming, and marketing.

4. GWAAR AmeriCorp Grant: Joyce Lubben stated that GWAAR's application for an AmeriCorp grant was not funded.

### **Old Business:**

1. Caregiver Coalition Grant: Joyce Lubben reported that a core group is working on developing a caregiver coalition development event. Contact has been made with Mary Britnal-Peterson. She has been instrumental in assisting with caregiver coalition building around the state and is willing to work with Rock County.
2. Update on Rock County ADRC and Family Planning: Joyce Lubben stated that staff from county administration, developmental disabilities board, human services and Council on Aging have met a couple of times to start the ADRC planning process. A team of staff visited ADRCs in Racine and Kenosha counties. A "blue ribbon planning committee" is being formed that includes stakeholders and advocates. Carolyn Brandeen and Rob Wilkinson have agreed to represent the older adult population. Supervisor Terry Thomas will serve as the representative from the County Board of Supervisors.

### **New Business**

1. Senior Companion Program: Joyce Lubben provided a synopsis of the status of the Senior Companion Program and the reasoning behind the termination of agreement between the Corporation for National and Community Service and Senior Services of Rock County inc. As a result, the County has withheld further payment in support of the Senior Companion Program. A group of agency representatives will soon be looking at how this gap in service may be filled.

### **Reports**

1. County Board of Supervisors Report: Supervisor Terry Thomas reported that he voted to put the issue of an elected or appointed coroner to a referendum on the fall ballot. The RSVP recognition dinner will be held on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. The Hall of Honor induction will also be held on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Hjordis Olson, seconded by Janet Kopp, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

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