

Council on Aging Board Minutes Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Call to Order: Chair Robert Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Janet Kopp, seconded by Laura Doll, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Laura Doll, Marti Everts, Robert Jensen, Polly Jones, Janet Kopp, Evelyn Propp, Shirley Sweet, Supervisor Terry Thomas, Joan Wilson

Excused: Phyllis Byrne, Hjordis Olson, Nancy Flood, Ellen Trewartha and Doris Thom

Staff: Steve Skelly, Terri Pass, Julie Seeman, Ranee Goodroad

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

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements: Marcy Berner- Reedy announced that the national Meals on Wheels (MOW) Association is promoting senior nutrition on a national basis by having people sign tablecloths which will be brought to the national conference in Atlanta and displayed in an area park.

It was also announced that the agendas and minutes of Rock County COA advisory board meetings are posted on the Rock County government website.

Approval of March 17, 2010 minutes: Laura Doll made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2010, meeting, seconded by Supervisor Terry Thomas. Motion carried. The April meeting was canceled.

Staff Report:

1. Impact of Healthcare Reform Act: Terri Pass, Benefit Specialist, distributed a timeline outlining implementation of certain healthcare provisions. The timeline was reviewed, highlighting important dates.
2. Need for SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) volunteers: Terri Pass stated that volunteers are needed to assist with SHIP activities such as presentations to the community and distribution of materials.
3. Caregiver Coalition Grant: Julie Seeman, Information and Assistance Specialist, reported that the Rock County COA received a \$5,000 grant from GWAAR (Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources) to form a coalition for those

interested in caregiver issues. Actions will include forming a core committee, identifying stakeholders, hiring a meeting facilitator, and surveying needs resulting in the formation of a caregiver coalition.

4. Update on Transportation Issues: Steve Skelly, Transportation Program Supervisor, announced that Van Galder Bus Service is no longer providing transportation for KANDU. As a result, the metro bus companies and Rock County Specialized Transit is providing more transportation to KANDU clients.

A new transit mini-bus able to accommodate three wheelchairs has been ordered.

5. AoA Alzheimer's Grant: Ranee Goodroad reported that the Wisconsin State Unit on Aging submitted a grant application to the Administration on Aging (AoA) for a three-year project to improve the well-being of people with Alzheimer's disease and their family caregivers. If funded, the Alzheimer's Support Center and the Council on Aging will be local partners to implement the evidence based program, *Language Enriched Exercise plus Socialization Intervention*. The program uses volunteers and student interns to implement an exercise program and language enhancement tools to slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease in the very early stages.
6. GWAAR AmeriCorps Grant: Ranee Goodroad reported that GWAAR has submitted an application for an AmeriCorps grant. If funded, Rock County COA would be the local grantee and would receive funding for an AmeriCorps volunteer to work on promoting health education and marketing an emergency preparedness plan for older adults in Rock County.

Old Business:

1. Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act: Ranee Goodroad distributed copies of a PowerPoint presentation highlighting key points in the reauthorization of OAA (Older Americans Act). Anyone who would like to comment on the reauthorization may attend a hearing to be held on June 17, 2010, in Juneau County.
2. Update on Rock County ADRC and Family Planning: Joyce Lubben is attending a meeting of the County Administration and staff from Human Services, Developmental Disabilities Board and COA for a question and answer session with State staff.

New Business

1. County Statesmanship Program: The program has been scheduled for Thursday, September 23 and Friday, September 24 at Rotary Gardens. Anyone interested in helping to plan and organize this event should contact Joyce Lubben.

Reports

1. County Board of Supervisors Report: Supervisor Terry Thomas reported that several changes have been implemented at the juvenile detention center. He also announced changes in the EVAS committee including County Supervisor Thomas as the new chair. Other EVAS Committee members are Supervisors David Innis, Wayne Gustina, Katie Kuznacic, and Marvin Wopat.
2. Bureau Briefs: The newsletter from the Wisconsin Bureau on Aging & Disability Resources was distributed.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Laura Doll, seconded by Shirley Sweet, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

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