

Council on Aging Board Minutes Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Call to Order: Chair Marti Everts called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Peg Slaback, seconded by Char Levzow. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Nancy Arnold, Marti Everts, Dawn Fossum, Char Levzow, Daryl Porter, Mike Santucci, Peg Slaback, Pam Strom, Diane Tester, Supervisor Terry Thomas.

Excused: Jessica Day, Sonja Heiser

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben

Introduction of Visitors: None

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Chair Marti Everts expressed sympathy on behalf of CoA Board members on the passing of Ronnie Thomas and noted his many accomplishments on behalf of the community. He will be missed.

Approval of December 18, 2013 Board Minutes: A motion was made by Diane Tester, seconded by Daryl Porter to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

Updated Member Directory: An updated member directory was distributed. It was noted that the board is now three members short. An effort is being made to recruit members from the minority community.

Updated Board Terms: An updated list of board terms was distributed.

“Lighten Up” Project: Joyce Lubben reported that the ADRC of Kenosha County has received a two-year grant for Stage 2 of a research project that aims to reduce depression and improve well being among older adults and adults with physical disabilities. This will be an eight-week class that lasts for 90 minutes. The partners are Kenosha, Rock and Brown counties. At least 2-3 leaders need to be recruited and trained from Rock County. The expectation is that each county will hold at least three classes each year. The grant starts in April.

Old Business:

Long Term Care Workshop: Joyce Lubben distributed flyers for the Issues in Long Term Care workshop that will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. Assistance with distribution of the flyers is appreciated.

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Terry Thomas expressed thanks for the cards, phone calls, etc. in sympathy of the passing of Ronnie Thomas. He reported that assistance will be provided for enrolling under the Affordable Care Act at a fair to be held at the Rock County Job Center on Monday, January 20, 2014. He also stated that a resolution to provide county benefits for same sex partners is going through various county committees and will be voted on by the entire county board. Supervisor Thomas also reported that there are discussions underway regarding bringing Family Care to Rock County.

ADRC of Rock County: Dawn Fossum reported there were 609 calls during the past month. The majority of those were regarding public benefits.

Long Term Support Committee: There was no meeting due to bad weather. Mike Santucci provided statistics for the Long Term Support division.

Items for Future Agendas: It was requested that Jennifer Thompson attend a February or March meeting to discuss the ADRC, the nursing home diversion program and other issues.

Also requested was information on the upcoming memory screenings being done by the Alzheimer's Support Center at the Council on Aging.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Char Levzow, seconded by Nancy Arnold to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 9:55 a.m.

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