

Council on Aging Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Call to Order: Chair Marti Everts called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Supervisor Terry Thomas, seconded by Daryl Porter to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Nancy Arnold, Charlie Daniel, Marti Everts, Sonja Heiser, JoAnn Koltyk, Char Levzow, Daryl Porter, Mike Santucci, Joe Scharenbroch, Peg Slaback, Pam Strom, and Supervisor Terry Thomas

Excused: Jessica Day, Dawn Fossum and Diane Tester

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben, Justin Svingen

Also Present: Jennifer Thompson, Marcy Berner-Reedy

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements: Peg Slaback shared the latest newsletter from the Alzheimer's Support Center. It was noted that Jennifer Thompson and her husband participated in the Center's "Dancing With the Stars" Fundraiser.

Chair Everts noted that this would be Supervisor Terry Thompson's last meeting with the Council on Aging. She thanked him for all his support.

Approval of March 19, 2014 Board Minutes: A motion was made by Pam Strom, seconded by Sonja Heiser, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

NEMT Transportation: Justin Svingen provided an update on the issues with the Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation program and shared the resolution adopted by the County Board of Supervisors requesting an audit by the Legislative Audit Bureau. Supervisor Thomas stated he had received a response from Representative Debra Kolste.

TCC Update: Justin Svingen stated that the Transportation Coordinating Committee has developed sub-committees to work on the areas identified in the TCC plan. The purpose of the sub-committees is to develop relationships with community partners, so that public input is encouraged.

Long Term Care Workshop: Joyce Lubben announced that the next Long Term Care workshop has been scheduled for 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2014. Location is yet to be determined.

Presentation to UW-Whitewater Students: Joyce Lubben stated that she and Julie Seeman were invited to present information on the aging network to a social work class at UW-Whitewater. It was suggested that these presentations could be made to more educational institutions.

Faith Expo: Joyce Lubben shared that the Council on Aging was asked to participate in the upcoming Faith Expo at the Pontiac Convention Center at 6:00 p.m. on April 30, 2014.

LightenUp! Project: Joyce Lubben stated that this project is coming along. JoAnn Koltyk, along with two other individuals, will be trained as leaders in early May.

Silver Alert Bill: Joyce Lubben reported that the Silver Alert Bill was passed and signed by Governor Walker. There was discussion on the Project Alert system that is administered by the Sheriff's Office. The Council on Aging has provided funding to purchase these units. Ms. Daniel suggested writing a letter to Governor Walker thanking him for signing the bill. She will draft a letter from the board.

New Business:

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Rock County: Jennifer Thompson provided an overview and update on the Long Term Support Division as well as the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Terry Thomas thanked the advisory board for all their work. He noted that many county programs would not be able to provide service without the work of many volunteers. The advisory board members thanked him, again, for his support over the years.

Items for Future Agendas: Since time ran out before Jennifer Thompson could respond to questions, it was suggested she be invited back to the May meeting.

JoAnn Koltyk suggested encouraging older adults to better their mental and physical health by engaging in gardening or other outdoor activities.

Sonja Heiser brought to the attention of board members an issue she has experienced with retail fraud.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Daryl Porter, seconded by Joe Scharenbroch, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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