

Council on Aging Board Minutes **Wednesday, February 17, 2010**

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

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

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Phyllis Byrne

Unexcused: Evelyn Propp

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben, Ranee Goodroad

Introduction of Visitors: None

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements: Shirley Sweet shared that a Clinton resident, Fred Wagner, wrote a column that was printed in the opinion section of the Wall Street Journal.

Joyce Lubben passed out a flyer from the League of Women Voters regarding a presentation on the Elder Economic Security Standard Index to be held at noon on April 14, 2010 at the downtown Janesville M&I Bank.

Joyce Lubben stated that a Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop is scheduled for Mondays, starting April 5 through May 10, 2010 at the Council on Aging office.

Approval of January 20, 2010 Minutes: Shirley Sweet made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting, seconded by Polly Jones. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

1. Senior Statesmanship Program for City Government: Joyce Lubben stated she followed up on Council members' request to make contact with city officials regarding a Senior Statesmanship Program that focused on city government. To date, she has not received a response.
2. Emergency Management Planning: Joyce Lubben reported she is making progress in developing an emergency management plan by becoming educated on the issue. She is attending a workshop on Long-Term Power Outage for Special Populations as well as another Emergency Planning for Special Needs Communities workshop.

She has made contact with Rodney Oksuita regarding emergency plans for nutritional needs of the elderly.

3. Stepping On Workshop: Joyce Lubben stated that a falls prevention workshop is scheduled for Thursdays, starting April 8 – May 20, 2010 in Beloit. New leaders are needed for both Living Well and Stepping On.
4. Powerful Tools Workshop: A brochure on the Powerful Tools workshop was distributed. This workshop is scheduled for Wednesdays from March 10 through April 21, 2010 at the Council on Aging office.

Old Business:

1. BeaconWeb Update: Janet Kopp reported she has been assisting Julie Seeman in updating information for BeaconWeb. She stated it is a big job and would like to see additional committee members assist with this task. Shirley Sweet, Marti Everts, and Ellen Trewartha volunteered to assist.

New Business:

1. Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act: Joyce Lubben stated that the OAA reauthorization is up in 2011. The Administration on Aging is hosting listening sessions around the country to gain input on this reauthorization. There are also additional ways to provide input by going on the AoA.gov website.

Reports:

1. County Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Terry Thomas stated that maintenance issues are being addressed at the Juvenile Detention Center. A resolution has been submitted to change the county coroner position to that of a medical examiner. A seminar is being held at Rotary Gardens on Best Practices in Community Policing.
2. Bureau Briefs: Joyce Lubben distributed a newsletter from the Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources that provides updates on activities and programs that are overseen by this state agency.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Doris Thom, seconded by Laura Doll, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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