

Council on Aging Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Call to Order: Chair Robert Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

Roll Call:

Present: Phyllis Byrne, Laura Doll, Marti Everts, Nancy Flood, Robert Jensen, Polly Jones, Janet Kopp, Evelyn Propp, Shirley Sweet, Doris Thom, Supervisor Terry Thomas, Ellen Trewartha

Excused: Hjordis Olson, Joan Wilson

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben

Introduction of Visitors: None

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements: A copy of a Janesville Gazette article regarding Doris Thom was distributed. Ms. Thom was being honored as a Janesville pioneer in the women's labor movement.

An article was circulated regarding the gift card Robert Jensen won from Staples.

Joyce Lubben stated she received a response from Janesville City Manager, Eric Levitt, regarding the Senior Statesmanship Program. He is interested in working on a program for municipal government.

Approval of February 17, 2010 Minutes: Shirley Sweet made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2010 meeting, seconded by Supervisor Terry Thomas. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

1. Wisconsin Healthy Aging Institute: Joyce Lubben reported that the work of the task force for the Wisconsin Healthy Aging Institute (WIHA) is done and now the transition team is taking over. The WIHA will serve as the permanent home for two ongoing evidence-based prevention programs (Stepping On and Living Well with Chronic Conditions) and will promote other promising practices once they have been proven effective. WIHA will provide program oversight, develop products and services to support healthy aging, serve as the focal point for education and training on evidence-based programs, market and promote evidence-based programs, and advocate for and help shape public policy, and fund decisions related to the use of evidence-based programs to promote healthy aging. Beyond this, the exposure of WIHA will increase with presentations and publications on a national level, every community in Wisconsin will have access to evidence based prevention activities, and research will be supported to identify new evidence based practices.
2. Year-End Statistics: Joyce Lubben provided a summary of numbers of persons served and service units provided in 2009.

3. Parkinson's Support Group Presentation: The Parkinson's Support Group requested a presentation on the Stepping On falls prevention program. Ms. Lubben spoke to the group on March 3, 2010.
4. Prevention Workshops Update: A Stepping On workshop is being held in Beloit, starting April 8, 2010. This class is full. A Living Well workshop is being held in Janesville starting April 5, 2010. There is room in that workshop.
5. ADRC Update: Joyce Lubben answered questions regarding Family Care and the ADRC.
6. Transit Update: Joyce Lubben reported that John Solis, County Veterans Service Officer, received a voicemail informing him the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs will be placing one of their vans in Rock County to provide transportation for county veterans to and from the VA hospital in Madison. Once a DAV van moves into a county, that county loses eligibility for the WDVA Transportation Grant, which for Rock County is approximately \$2,000. Steve Skelly, Transportation Program Supervisor, attended a meeting held by the WDVA regarding this. Mr. Solis spoke out against it. Many veterans have indicated they will continue to ride with Rock County, even though it may cost them, so they don't have to remain in Madison the entire day for transportation home.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act: Joyce Lubben stated that the OAA reauthorization is up in 2011. Comments regarding OAA are due to the Administration on Aging by September 1, 2010. There was discussion regarding means testing for OAA services, the age limit and collapsing into one the Title III program funding.
2. April and July 2010 Meetings: A motion was made by Phyllis Byrne, seconded by Janet Kopp, to cancel the April and July Council on Aging Board and Nutrition Council meetings. Motion carried.

Reports:

1. County Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Terry Thomas stated he and other County Supervisors had a tour of the Juvenile Detention Center, which was very interesting.
2. Bureau Briefs: No report.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Laura Doll, seconded by Doris Thom, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

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