



COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Pam Strom at 9:00 a.m. at the Council on Aging office, 3328 US Highway 51 North, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Char Lezow, seconded by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Nancy Arnold, Jean Boyle, Jim Farrell, Dawn Fossum, Sonja Heiser, Char Lezow, Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, Suzanne Rasmussen, Peg Slaback, Pam Strom, Aaron Thomas, Chuck Wilson

Excused: Jo Ann Koltyk, Jenny Schmidt, Cherie Scholz-Baker

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben, Lisa Lucas, Julie Seeman, Ryan Booth

Introduction of Visitors: None

Approval of July 19, 2017 Advisory Board Minutes: A motion was made by Peg Slaback, seconded by Chuck Wilson, to approve the July 19, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Sue Rasmussen shared an article regarding the Grinnell Hall participants who are making fidget mats. Julie Seeman passed around a volunteer signup sheet for the Rock County Senior Fair.

Staff Report:

Health Promotion Updates: Lisa Lucas provided information on Walk with Ease. The first Sip and Swipe workshop is full. Additional tutors for that workshop are needed. She is working on developing the 2018 workshop schedule. Ms. Lucas is now attending the Public Health Equity Alliance of Rock County meetings. She presented information about the workshops on the radio last week.

Family Caregiver/Dementia Friendly Communities Updates: Julie Seeman shared information on the caregiver events scheduled for October's Caregiver Month as well as the Dementia Friendly recognition celebration on October 6, 2017 for businesses that have been trained as dementia friendly.

Information on Dementia and Hearing Loss: Joyce Lubben provided an article from AARP regarding a study correlating hearing loss and dementia. Cori Marsh, Dementia Care Specialist, reached out to other colleagues for their input on the research. There have been credible

studies suggesting a relationship between the two but nothing solidifying what the relationship is.

Mobility Management Updates: Ryan Booth stated there are three Wednesday Walks remaining for the season. Discussion followed on expanding those walks for next year. Mr. Booth has been providing individual and group travel training and will be holding this training at the Hedberg Library and with the Beloit School District. He will be holding a CarFit event at the Rock County Senior Fair and needs volunteers. Mr. Booth will be attending the Latino Community Fair.

Transit Updates: Joyce Lubben stated that most of the federal Janesville Transit triennial review items have been satisfied. A 2018 grant application has been submitted for the replacement of three of the transit vehicles and well as the grant application for mobility management.

New Business:

Cycling Without Age: Joyce Lubben reported that a resolution was passed by the EVAS Committee to approve the purchase of two trishaws. The resolution will go before the Finance Committee and then to the full County Board in September.

Federal/State Budget Updates: Joyce Lubben distributed a chart with the latest federal budget proposals affecting programs for older adults. The House Appropriations Committee met on July 19 and approved level funding for most Title III & Title VI OAA programs, as well as the Senior Corps programs within the Corporation for National and Community Service. They also cut all funding for the SHIP (as did the President in his budget) and cut funding for the Senior Community Service Employment Program by 25% (\$100 million) and Elder Justice programs by 14%.

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors: No report.

ADRC of Rock County: Dawn Fossum shared information on the October 14, 2017 Caregiver Bootcamp. The third Alzheimer's and Related Dementia update will be held in November at the Job Center. A caregiver holiday event will be held at the Rosewood Theatre. A Transitions Fair is being held on October 18, 2017. The ADRC's Change Project is an effort to be more inclusive in serving all populations.

Items for Future Agendas: None.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, seconded by Jean Boyle, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

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