



COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting of the Council on Aging Advisory Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chuck Wilson at the Council on Aging office, 3328 US Highway 51 North, Janesville, Wisconsin.

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

Roll Call:

Present: Robert Borremans, Jean Boyle, Patricia Burhans, Sherril Gilbertson, Vicky O'Donnell, Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, Mark Richardson, Cherie Scholz-Baker, Janet Smith, Pam Strom, Janice Turner and Chuck Wilson

Excused: Vicki Gobel

Unexcused: Suzanne Rasmussen, Johnny Owens

Staff Present: Ryan Booth, Jenny McIlhone, Julie Seeman, and Linda Hardie

Introduction of Visitors: Terri Carlson, Risk Manager at Rock County Corporation Counsel

Approval of May 15, 2019 Advisory Board Minutes: A motion was made by Pam Strom, seconded by Jean Boyle, to approve the May 15, 2019, Advisory Board minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Chuck Wilson noted that on Saturday, June 22, there will be a ceremony to re-name the Portland Avenue Bridge in Beloit to honor Walter Knight. Robert Borremans, Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, and Chuck Wilson shared information on the contributions Knight has made to the City of Beloit. Knight, Beloit's first African-American city councilor, has been heavily involved (including leadership roles) in civic and charitable activities.

Staff Reports:

Elder Benefit Specialist/Director: Although Lachel Fowler was unable to attend the meeting, it was shared that Paula Schutt has been named the new Council on Aging Director. She will begin her duties on Monday, July 15. The appointment was in the Janesville Gazette.

Mobility Management Update: Jennifer McIlhone reported that she has done a lot of travel training recently. There were 17 participants in the first Wednesday Walk of the year, May 29, at Beloit College. The next Walk will be at Gibb's Lake. Jennifer will be teaching the AARP Smart Driver Class. The first one will be tomorrow (June 20). Cost is \$15 for AARP members; \$20 for non-members. Mark Richardson noted that some insurance companies offer discounts for successful completion of the Smart Driver Class. Cycling Without Age: there are now 16

potential pilots; additional pilot training will be held in July. Some needed maintenance on one of the bikes is being addressed. Jennifer recently returned from the National Training Institute in Alaska, where she was benefitted by a wealth of knowledge. She had applied for and received a grant which covered travel and lodging expenses for her trip. When asked by Cherie Scholz-Baker if the transportation flier had been updated, Jennifer confirmed that it has.

Health Marketing/Caregiver: Julie Seeman shared that the journaling class for caregivers was so well received that it was extended to six sessions, by request of the attendees! The next Powerful Tools for Caregiving class will be in late July. Two Family Caregivers Series classes will be held in July; Kids Quest! Camp will be coming up in August. This is a camp for children who have a loved one with dementia. Julie still has slots left for caregiver families. She can also help grandparents who are caring for grandchildren, etc. She is even thinking of starting a grandparent support group. The Janesville Senior Fair will be September 20, at the Holiday Inn Express; The Rock County Senior Fair will be October 1, in Beloit.

Transit Update: Ryan Booth reports that Bus #23 is still at Gordie Boucher. He is hoping to auction off Bus # 11 in the near future. Recently, there have been issues with the tablets; at times information has been relegated to paper. Ryan is actively recruiting drivers. One driver left Monday, June 17; two more drivers will be moving out of state. Minimum number of required training hours have now been met.

New Business:

Aging Plan discussion and progress report: Per GWAAR, the self-assessment is no longer needed for aging plan goals, because a representative from GWAAR will visit each local aging office to check on progress and offer assistance.

Other: With the appointment of Paula Schutt as Director, Lachel Fowler will return to her full time Elder Benefit Specialist responsibilities.

Old Business:

Update on ADRC/COA Integration: There will be a meeting on Friday, June 21, at 9am. Jerry Braatz will meet individually with ad hoc committee members both before and after this meeting. Mark Richardson, Chuck Wilson, Phil Owens, and Janet Smith are all on the committee. Per Vicky O'Donnell, it is expected that Human Services will occupy the old Pic 'n Save building by November 2020. Staff currently housed at the Health Care Center, Franklin Street office, and Long Term Support, will all be moving to the former Pic 'n Save location. Josh Smith has indicated that there will also be space allocated there for Council on Aging. The County intends to sell the current Job Center/ADRC building. Current CoA offices will likely be taken over by the Health Department.

Reports:

Aging Plan discussion and progress report: Per GWAAR, the self-assessment is no longer need for aging plan goals

County Board of Supervisors: no report

ADRC of Rock County, Vicky O'Donnell: ADRC hired a second disability specialist, Nicole. Melissa Kooyman will be replacing Steve Hare, who has recently retired.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mark Richardson, seconded by Jean Boyle, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.