



COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, December 21, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Roll Call:

Present: Nancy Arnold, Jim Farrell, Sonja Heiser, Jo Ann Koltyk, Char Lezvow, Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, Sue Rasmussen, Cherie Scholz-Baker, Peg Slaback, Pam Strom, Aaron Thomas, Chuck Wilson

Excused: Jean Boyle, Dawn Fossum, Jenny Schmidt

Staff Present: Lachel Fowler, Joyce Lubben, Julie Seeman

Introduction of Visitors: None

Approval of November 16, 2016 Advisory Board Minutes: A motion was made by Peg Slaback, seconded by Pam Strom, to approve the November 16, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Jo Ann Koltyk shared information on the Gale Courses offered through the Hedberg Library. They are free online courses on many different topics.

Cherie Scholz-Baker shared information on *The Guardian*, an online newsletter on the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources' website.

Staff Report:

Mobility Manager Position: Joyce Lubben reported that Ryan Booth has started as the Mobility Manager effective December 12, 2016. He is currently being trained and has begun scheduling programs for 2017.

Transportation Coordination Committee Easter Seals Grant Application: Joyce Lubben stated a grant is being submitted, on behalf of the Transportation Coordinating Committee, to Easter Seals. The grant would provide funds to "increase and improve independent mobility for people with disabilities and older adults through the development of transportation coalitions." Ten communities within seven states are eligible to apply for this grant.

Health Promotion Coordinator Interviews: Joyce Lubben reported that interviews will be held the last week of December for this new position. It is hoped that someone will be hired early in January 2017.

Advocacy Efforts: Lachel Fowler noted the “behind the scenes” advocacy done by Board members during the open enrollment season. She thanked those who had spread the word about her services and open enrollment. Julie Seeman shared items that the Council on Aging purchased with AFCSP funding that will be distributed through the Arrowhead Library system for caregivers. These items help distract people who have dementia and provide support for caregivers.

Social Media Accounts: The Council on Aging now has a Facebook account. This account and the Council on Aging’s website were demonstrated to Board members.

New Business:

Election of Chair for 2017: A motion was made by Char Lezvow, seconded by Cherie Scholz-Baker, to nominate Pam Strom as Chair. No other nominations were made. Motion carried.

Election of Vice-Chair for 2017: A motion was made by Peg Slaback, seconded by Nancy Arnold, to nominate Chuck Wilson as Vice-Chair. No other nominations were made. Motion carried.

Chair Heiser and Vice-Chair Lezvow were thanked for their work over the past two years as the Board’s officers.

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Norvain Pleasant reported he visited Grinnell Hall for their Thanksgiving dinner. He had a good experience there.

ADRC of Rock County: No report.

Items for Future Agendas: Jim Farrell will extend an invitation to Fire Chief Randy Baker to discuss the upcoming policy of charging when called out to assist with a fall.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chuck Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

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