



COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday October 16, 2019

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

Approval of Agenda: Paula noted one change on the agenda. Janet Zander, who was supposed to do a phone report on the Care Act, had a death in her family and will not be giving the report this month. A motion was made by Mark Richardson, seconded by Pam Strom to approve the agenda with noted change. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Tom Brien, Vicki Gobel, Vicky O'Donnell, Mark Richardson, Janet Smith, Pam Strom, Janice Turner and Chuck Wilson, Sherril Gilbertson, Patricia Burhans, Jean Boyle

Excused: Sherry Schultz Baker, Chuck Wilson, Robert Borremans,

Unexcused: none

Staff Present: Paula Schutt, Lachel Fowler, Julie Seeman, Ryan Booth, Lisa Messer

Introduction of Visitors: Ellen Wiegand, BMOW, Pat Burhans introduced Sue McGinnis

Introduction of Health Promotion Coordinator – Paula Schutt introduced Lisa Messer. Lisa Shared that she will be working 16 hours a week. She has a background as a Registered Dietician and worked with the COA from 1999-2004 as their consulting dietician.

Approval of September 18, 2019 Advisory Board Minutes: A correction was made to the Transit update section the report. Mark Richardson was mistakenly identified as Tom Richardson. Correction noted and made. A motion was made by Janet Smith, seconded by Pat Burhans, to approve the September 18, 2019, Advisory Board minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: none

Staff Reports:

Elder Benefit Specialist: no report from Lachel. She is in the middle of Open Enrollment.

Mobility Management: Jennifer was not present but she left a written report that Paula read. For Outreach she travel trained a group of Girl Scouts on October 10 and also worked with an individual who needed assistant learning to ride the bus with anxiety. The last Wednesday Walk is at Skelly's on October 23rd. CarFit held two classes for the year. Smart Driver courses will increase their price by \$5.00 in 2020. Jennifer worked with Corp Counsel to create an agreement with Kelly House. The agreement enables them to keep one of Rock County's Tri-Shaws stored at Kelly House. They may use it at their discretion. Two upcoming Tri Shaw events at Palmer Park and Kelly House on 10/17 and at Kandu on 10/25. The TCC held a workshop to address issues with medical transportation in Rock County. Jennifer attended a WIPTA Conference where they discussed AARP livable communities.

Transit Update: Ryan reported we had a vehicle involved in an accident on Oct. 3. Parts to repair it will have it out of commission approximately four weeks. It was asked how many buses we have and Ryan reported we have 12. Two are kept in Beloit.

Caregiver Support Specialist Update – Julie talked about events coming up. There is a Grocery Shopping Online Class presented by the Hedberg Public Library, as well as a one act memory care play being sponsored by the ADRC, called Steering into the Skids. Julie said there was a Skills Workshop planned but only 5 people signed up for it so it was cancelled. Julie has two main programs. NFCSP (National Family Caregiver Support Program) she is serving 50 people but has room to serve 80. In the AFCSP (Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program) she can provide an amount of \$2,000 per family. In her Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program she had 9 families enrolled.

There was a discussion on how people tend not to look for our programs until they need them and then they do not know where to look.

Health Marketing/Caregiver: Lisa Messer announced that if anyone knew of any person who might be interested in being a facilitator or peer support person to let her know. Jean asked Lisa to give the Board a list on when the trainings are for the different classes.

New Business: Nomination and Voting on 2020 Chair and Vice Chair. Jean asked if there were any nominations for Chair. Jean Boyle was nominated. Sherrill nominated Pat. Jean Boyle nominated Mark for Chair. He asked to table it for when Vice Chair is nominated. Jean Boyle was voted in for Chair.

Nominations opened for Vice Chair. Pat Burhans nominated Mark Richardson. There were no other nominations and Mark accepted.

Old Business: Update on Integration Meetings. Mark Richardson talked about the Focus Group Process that was conducted. Three out of the six had to be cancelled due to lack of people signing up. He felt the results were up in the air. The facilitator asked staff to outline the positives and the negatives of the other Counties reports. It was mentioned that there was not a significant cost saving to integration. It was asked who makes the final decision. Paula explained that the Integration Committee makes a recommendation to the County Board who votes on it.

Board Membership Report – There was a board membership report last month. Chuck Wilson and Pam Strom and Cherie Scholz-Baker are going off the board. We need a replacement for

Johnny Owens. If anyone has any possibilities of people who might be interested in being on the board please bring them to the November meeting

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors: Tom Brien said the Board is in the middle of budget process.

ADRC of Rock County, Vicky O'Donnell: Explained what I & A does. The majority of the staff that works at ADRC are I & A Specialists.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Pat Burhans, seconded by Janice Turner 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.