

COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, December 16, 2015

Call to Order: Chair Sonja Heiser called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Roll Call:

Present: Nancy Arnold, Jean Boyle, Marti Everts, Dawn Fossum, Sonja Heiser, Jo Ann Koltyk, Char Levzow, Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, Suzanne Rasmussen, Peg Slaback, Chuck Wilson

Excused: Pam Strom

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben, Lachel Fowler

Introduction of Visitors: Also in attendance were Jenny Schmidt and Cherie Scholtz-Baker.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Jenny Schmidt and Cherie Scholtz-Baker introduced themselves to the Advisory Board.

Chuck Wilson stated that the Beloit Salvation Army's toy and food basket give-away was starting today. Marti Everts stated that the same is occurring at the Janesville Salvation Army.

Jo Ann Koltyk reported that the AARP newsletter contains an article on caregiving in Wisconsin. The article may be found at aarp.org/wi.

Approval of November 18, 2015 Advisory Board Minutes: A motion was made by Chuck Wilson to approve the November 18, 2015 minutes, seconded by Peg Slaback. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

Update on Mobility Management Grant: Joyce Lubben reported that the 2016 grant that funds the Mobility Manager position has been approved.

Hiring for Transit Dispatcher Position: Joyce Lubben stated that interviews for the Transit dispatcher position will be held on Thursday of this week.

Update on Janesville Transit Paratransit Proposal: Joyce Lubben reported that the proposal to provide paratransit services for the City of Janesville Transit System was awarded to the Council on Aging. This contract will be in effect for up to five years. A contract will also be signed for paratransit services with the City of Beloit Transit System.

Report on Part D Enrollment and Benefit Specialist Activities: Lachel Fowler reported that 318 ¼ hours were spent assisting 240 clients explore their Medicare Part D options during the open enrollment period of October 15-December 7th. This resulted in a monetary impact of

\$327,524.25 to the clients assisted in Rock County. Monetary impact is defined as the value of benefits or services that are obtained or preserved for a client, as well as money that is saved or recovered for a client, with the help of an Elder Benefit Specialist.

Old Business:

New Advisory Board Members: Joyce Lubben stated that names have been forwarded to the Chair of the Board of Supervisors and they will likely be approved at the first meeting in January. She now has a waiting list of names.

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors: No report.

ADRC of Rock County: Dawn Fossum stated they continue to be busy with large numbers of "walk-ins." This may be due to family arriving for the holidays and seeing needs with parents, etc. They are making many referrals to the Dementia Care Specialist. The intern continues to work on the Language Enriched Exercise Program and Socialization project (LEEPS). Joyce Lubben stated she is now a member of the Aging Unit/ADRC Integration Task Force.

Long Term Support Committee: No report.

Items for Future Agendas: There was discussion on focusing on marketing Council on Aging programs in 2016 in order to fill workshops and increase visibility for services.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Jo Ann Koltyk, seconded by Dawn Fossum, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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