

Council on Aging Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Marti Everts at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Supervisor Wayne Gustina, seconded by Char Levzow. Motion approved.

Roll Call:

Present: Nancy Arnold, Charlie Daniel, Marti Everts, Dawn Fossum,
Supervisor Wayne Gustina, Sonja Heiser, Char Levzow, Daryl
Porter, Mike Santucci, Peg Slaback, Pam Strom

Excused: Jo Ann Koltyk, Joe Scharenbroch

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben, Lachel Fowler

Introduction of Visitors: Also present was Marcy Berner-Reedy.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements: Sonja Heiser reported that she completed the Powerful Tools for Caregivers leader training along with Cori Marsh, Dementia Care Specialist.

Lachel Fowler stated that open enrollment for Medicare Advantage and Part D begins today and ends December 7, 2014.

Approval of September 17, 2014 Board Minutes: A motion was made by Daryl Porter, seconded by Sonja Heiser, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

Sit Less Update: Joyce Lubben reported that recruitment for this project was disappointing. Almost all participants came from a mailing. Only two participants saw the notice in the Beloit Daily News and no responses came from the radio ads. There are 8 participants in Beloit and 5 in Janesville.

Update on Lighten Up!: All workshops have now passed their fifth week. The leaders are positive about the workshop. Ms. Lubben shared a note from Amy Stricker, one of the leaders.

Mobility Management Hiring Update: Joyce Lubben stated that a new Mobility Manager has been hired. Heather Moore will start on October 27, 2014.

Rock County/Beloit Senior Fairs: Joyce Lubben reminded board members of the Rock County Fair. It was reported that the Beloit Senior Fair went well, however, attendance was down from last year. Mike Santucci stated the layout was good for vendors and attendees. Charlie Daniel reported that she spoke to more people and screened and tested more individuals than she ever has at a senior fair.

Caregiver Comedy Night: Joyce Lubben reminded the board of the Caregiver Comedy Night.

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Wayne Gustina stated that Josh Smith presented the 2015 recommended county budget to the County Board. The budget is very lean.

ADRC of Rock County: Dawn Fossum reported that the ADRC will be hiring a 9th Information and Assistance Specialist. They had over 900 calls this past month, mostly with questions regarding in-home services and public benefits from older adults. Cori Marsh, Dementia Care Specialist, will be training ADRC staff on how to best assist that population. There was discussion on how the closure of the Alzheimer's Support Center would affect services. The ADRC and the Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance will be collaborating programming, screening and testing in the Beloit area.

Long Term Support Committee: Mike Santucci shared that wait lists continue to go up. There is a great need for CBRF care. There are folks on this waiting list that will wait years before being served due to lack of funding for room and board at the CBRFs.

Items for Future Agendas: Joyce Lubben stated that there will be a public hearing on the s.85.21 application and a review of the County Aging Plan. Also, November is the month to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2015.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Supervisor Gustina, seconded by Pam Strom, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

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