



**COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, January 18, 2017**

**Call to Order:** The January 18, 2017 meeting of the Rock County Council on Aging Advisory Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Pam Strom at the Janesville Fire Station, 303 Milton Avenue, Janesville, Wisconsin.

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

**Roll Call:**

Present: Jean Boyle, Jim Farrell, Dawn Fossum, Sonja Heiser, JoAnn Koltyk, Char Levzow, Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, Jenny Schmidt, Cherie Scholz-Baker, Peg Slaback, Pam Strom, Aaron Thomas

Excused: Nancy Arnold, Sue Rasmussen, Chuck Wilson

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben, Ryan Booth, Lisa Lucas, Stevie-Lyn Zenke

**Introduction of Visitors:**

**Approval of December 21, 2016 Advisory Board Minutes:** A motion was made by Jo Ann Koltyk, seconded by Sonja Heiser, to approve the December 21, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:** None

**Staff Report:**

Mobility Manager Introduction and Update: Ryan Booth introduced himself as the new Mobility Manager and provided an update of the projects he is working on; including Wednesday Walks, AARP Safe Driver training, individual travel assistance, advocating for Medicaid passengers, and working on marketing materials.

Health Promotion Coordinator Introduction and Update: Lisa Lucas introduced herself as the new Health Promotion Coordinator.

**New Business:**

Fire Chief Randy Banker: Fire Chief Randy Banker provided information on the policy behind the \$200 charge for "lift assist" calls. This charge is for facilities that have care providers (nursing staff) on hand and is a national trend for fire departments. The cause for this charge is due to the reluctance of either entity to bear the cost of liability. Chief Banker stated that the majority of "lift assist" calls end up being transported to the hospital. The City of Janesville estimates this

will bring in \$9-10,000 in revenue. In comparison to other municipalities, the Janesville Fire Department fees are at the lower 1/3 of the scale. Chief Banker estimates that they recover approximately 53% of their billing from private pay, the Veterans Administration and Medicare. He stated that they made around 1,000 ambulance trips to Madison/Milwaukee/Rockford through their transfer program.

**Reports:**

County Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Norvain Pleasant noted the Transportation Coordinating Committee submitted an Easter Seals planning grant, with the Council on Aging being the fiduciary entity.

ADRC of Rock County: Dawn Fossum stated that December and January continued to be busy for the ADRC with working on transferring people from the waiting list to Family Care. They are making good progress. The Long Term Support unit is now officially disbanded.

**Items for Future Agendas:** Suggested items included advocacy on banning cell phones that are a major cause of accidents (per Chief Banker), the need for the Hepatitis C vaccine, information on Veterans benefits, and update on the health ranking of Rock County.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Jean Boyle, seconded by Peg Slaback, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

*Members were provided a tour of the Fire Station following the meetings.*

Minutes submitted by Joyce Lubben.

*Minutes not official until approved by Advisory Board.*