

COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, July 20, 2016



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

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

Roll Call:

Present: Nancy Arnold, Jean Boyle, Dawn Fossum, Sonja Heiser, Jo Ann Koltyk, Char Lezow, Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, Suzanne Rasmussen, Jenny Schmidt, Cherie Scholz-Baker, Peg Slaback, Pam Strom, Chuck Wilson

Unexcused: Jim Farrell, Aaron Thomas

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben, Lachel Fowler, Julie Seeman

Introduction of Visitors: Also present was Steve Hare, ADRC and Ellen Wiegand, Beloit Meals on Wheels.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Chuck Wilson shared that he was the DJ for the picnic at Grinnell Hall Senior Center. Everyone had a really good time and asked that he return.

Ellen Wiegand stated that yesterday was the annual meeting of Beloit Meals on Wheels. They celebrated their 45th anniversary.

Sonja Heiser shared she attended a concert with bands that are comprised mostly of retired adults. This was held in Dane County.

Julie Seeman shared information on the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Approval of April 20, 2016 Advisory Board Minutes: A motion was made by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, seconded by Chuck Wilson, to approve the April 20, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Update on Rock County Transition to Family Care: Steve Hare provided an update on the migration to Family Care and IRIS. There are now close to 700 individuals enrolled in either Family Care or IRIS. The ADRC is at 173% of their goal at this time. They need to have 918 individuals enrolled by November 1, 2016. It is estimated that 90% of the enrollees have chosen to go with one of the Family Care MCOs and 10% have chosen IRIS. Their next step is to work on the waiting list of approximately 425 people which will take approximately three years

Staff Report:

Rock County Senior Fair: Julie Seeman and Lachel Fowler provided information on the Rock County Senior Fair and distributed a list of volunteer tasks.

Report on Elder Benefit Association Meeting: Lachel Fowler reported that information was shared on “active shooter” and health literacy at the Association meeting. She will be attending a National Medicare Training workshop in Chicago, sponsored by the Regional Center for Medicare Services office.

Caregiver Annual Event: Julie Seeman provided information on the annual caregiver event, “Art and Relaxation to be held on August 25, 2016 at the Welty Environmental Center. There will be three sessions: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon; 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.; and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Elder Justice Video: Julie Seeman stated that a video will be shown at the next Partnerships for Older Adults Committee meeting titled “An Age for Justice: Confronting Elder Abuse in America.” Committee members asked that this be on the August agenda.

Update on AARP Safe Driving Classes: Joyce Lubben reported that Molly Nolte has completed three classes and has four more scheduled. They have all been at capacity and the next two are already full.

Travel Barrier for Industries for the Blind: Joyce Lubben shared that Molly Nolte and the Transportation Coordinating Committee are working to advocate on behalf of participants of Industries for the Blind. When they moved to a different location it caused transportation barriers for those individuals.

Wednesday Walks Update: Wednesday Walks has been a great success so far this year. The walks have been at capacity and participants seem to have enjoyed them.

Issues with Food Caterer: Joyce Lubben shared that, due to experienced staff leaving Best Events, there have been issues with food quality and quantity. Rane Goodroad and our contracted dietary staff have been working with Best Events to solve these issues.

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Norvain Pleasant stated that he recently visited Grinnell Hall and felt the atmosphere was very pleasant and the food was good.

ADRC of Rock County: Dawn Fossum stated that, in addition to what Steve Hare had presented, the staff is very busy.

Long Term Support Committee: No report.

Items for Future Agendas: Items requested for the August meeting were the Elder Justice video, an update on the food caterer and the Senior Fair sign-up sheet.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, seconded by Peg Slaback, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Joyce Lubben