

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

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

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Char Lezvow, seconded by Dawn Fossum, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Nancy Arnold, Jean Boyle, Jim Farrell, Dawn Fossum, Sonja Heiser, JoAnn Koltyk, Char Lezvow, Sue Rasmussen, Cherie Scholz-Baker, Peg Slaback, Pam Strom and Chuck Wilson

Excused: Amanda Reseburg

Unexcused: Supervisor Norvain Pleasant, Jenny Schmidt

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben, Lachel Fowler, Molly Nolte, Julie Seeman

Introduction of New Members: New advisory board members Jim Farrell and Cherie Scholz-Baker were introduced.

Introduction of Visitors: Also present was Susan Powers, Council on Aging Intern.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Pam Strom stated she had received a letter from State Senator Jennifer Shilling that SeniorCare has been approved through 2017.

A new directory of board members and listing of board terms were distributed.

Approval of December 16, 2015 Advisory Board Minutes: A motion was made by Jean Boyle, seconded by Peg Slaback, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

New Transit Dispatcher/Scheduler: Joyce Lubben introduced Shelly Hopp as the new Transit Dispatcher/Scheduler.

Assistance with Homestead Tax Credit: Lachel Fowler described the services she provides regarding Homestead Tax Credit. Last year, the two Elder Benefit Specialists provided 187.5 hours of service to 268 clients, bringing back \$114,682 in benefits.

Dementia Friendly Communities Training: Molly Nolte explained what the Dementia Friendly Communities Initiative program is and its goal to make Rock County as dementia friendly as possible. She informed members that she had been trained as a dementia friendly trainer to train transportation providers in the community and added that Rock County has been

recognized by the state for its work with transportation agencies specifically. Janesville and Beloit transit systems have completed their training, and the volunteer drivers for RSVP in Beloit and Janesville will be trained in February. Prospective projects for 2016 will be the Janesville Farmer's Market, emergency services personnel, Culver's, Dunkin' Donuts, Rock County Transit, the Council on Aging staff, and others. Suggestions from the members included training Van Galder and the Janesville City Council.

Year-End Report: No report.

Old Business:

Marketing of Health Promotion Workshops: There was discussion on how best to advertise the health promotion workshops this year. It was determined that packets of information will be developed for board members to distribute.

Update on Family Care in Rock County: Joyce Lubben reported that State Assembly passed Family Care in Rock County. It will now go to the Senate for approval. July 1, 2016 is still the target date.

New Business:

Impending State Legislation Impacting Older Adults: A handout was distributed describing three bills that are in process at the state legislature that will affect older adults and persons with disabilities. The Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network is in opposition to two of the bills and supportive of one.

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors: No report.

ADRC of Rock County: Dawn Fossum reported JPEC presented "You Must Remember This" with 50-70 people in attendance all four nights. The ADRC will be participating in a Health and Insurance Fair on January 29, 2016. The State is now requiring additional tracking on all calls and services provided to clients.

Long Term Support Committee: Nancy Arnold reported that there were 98 on the wait list. The 2015 budget will be balanced. The CLTS program served 29 additional children.

Items for Future Agendas: The Board will make packets of information with Health Promotion workshops. Jo Ann Koltyk wondered if public places are informed of, and have plans for an active shooter scenario.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Pam Strom, seconded by Chuck Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.