

COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Call to Order: Chair Sonja Heiser called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A moment of silence was held in memory of Daryl Porter.

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

Roll Call:

Present: Nancy Arnold, Jean Boyle, Supervisor Wayne Gustina, Sonja Heiser, Jo Ann Koltyk, Char Lezow, Suzanne Rasmussen, Peg Slaback, Pam Strom, Chuck Wilson

Excused: Marti Everts, Dawn Fossum, Jan Kinnaman

Staff Present: Joyce Lubben, Ranee Goodroad, Lachel Fowler, Molly Nolte

Introduction of Visitors: Also present were Patty Hansberry, Bob Harlow, Larry Rogers, Lorraine Gibson, Julie Smith, Teresa Van Zandt

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Jo Ann Koltyk reported that some of the participants of the Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop attended the Art & Relaxation caregiving event and spoke very highly of their experience. She also spoke on the new trend of adult coloring books. She will write an article on these new books.

Ranee Goodroad passed out a volunteer sign-up sheet for the volunteer appreciation event to be held on September 30, 2015.

Nancy Arnold reported that the Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop in Edgerton is going well with seven people participating.

Approval of August 19, 2015 Advisory Board Minutes: A motion was made by Nancy Arnold, seconded by Jean Boyle, to approve the August 19, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

Mobility Manager Report: Molly Nolte provided a summary of activities she was involved with. Those include Wednesday Walks, travel training, Dementia-Friendly Communities, advocacy on the non-emergency medical transportation issue, and AARP's driving programs. There was discussion on the misuse of handicapped parking spaces.

Long Term Care Workshop: Joyce Lubben distributed flyers on the upcoming Long Term Care workshop. She requested assistance from advisory board members with marketing the event.

S.A.F.E. Training with Janesville Police Department: Joyce Lubben reported that she has arranged with the Janesville Police Department to hold the S.A.F.E training at the Council on Aging office on November 12, 2015 from 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Fall Senior Fairs Volunteer Sign-up: Lachel Fowler passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet for the Rock County Senior Fair. Anyone interested in volunteering for this event may contact her.

Public Hearing: 2016-18 Rock County Plan for Older Adults: A public hearing was held on the 2016-18 County Plan for Older Adults. Larry Rogers asked where the plan could be obtained. Lorraine Gibson had concerns about those individuals living in the downtown area and where they obtain food. Also, many of the stores are getting so big and parking is far from the entrance. She also has concerns regarding obtaining assistance for small jobs in the home.

Old Business:

Discussion/Review of County Aging Plan: Joyce Lubben and the Advisory Board members reviewed the draft plan. The final plan will be brought to the October meeting for final approval.

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors: No report.

ADRC of Rock County: No report.

Long Term Support Committee: Nancy Arnold obtained a report from Jennifer Thompson stating that 10-15 people are taken off the Community Options Program waiting list every month. There is no COP funding left this year for assisting living. They are anticipating significant COP cuts in 2016.

Items for Future Agendas: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Supervisor Wayne Gustina, seconded by Peg Slaback, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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