

Council on Aging Board Minutes
Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Call to Order: Chair Janet Kopp called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Doris Thom, seconded by Ronnie Thomas, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Terry Burrington, Phyllis Byrne, Marti Everts, Nancy Flood, Polly Jones, Janet Kopp, Hjordis Olson, Mike Santucci, Shirley Sweet, Doris Thom, Ronnie Thomas, Supervisor Terry Thomas, Ellen Trewartha, Joan Wilson

Excused: Robert Jensen

Staff: Joyce Lubben

Introduction of Visitors: None

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements: Joyce Lubben stated that there will be no July meeting for the Council on Aging Advisory Board.

Approval of April 20, 2011 CoA Board Minutes: A motion was made by Shirley Sweet, seconded by Nancy Flood, to approve the April 20, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

Staff Report:

2011 Prevention Workshops: Joyce Lubben stated that postcards were mailed out in the Beloit area by the Wisconsin Arthritis Program resulting in an overwhelming response. As a result of receiving 33 registrations a second workshop has been added. A leader from Dane County will be assisting with the second workshop.

Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Broker: Joyce Lubben shared that Nick Osborne, Steve Skelly and she met with a representative from LogistiCare. There are still questions to be answered and more analysis to be done. A motion was made by Mike Santucci, seconded by Terry Burrington to increase passenger fees and pursue private funding to retain the current Specialized Transit system. Mike Santucci amended the first motion, seconded by Doris Thom that the passenger fee increase not exceed one dollar. Motion carried.

Retirement of Specialized Transit Dispatcher/Clerk: Joyce Lubben reported that Judy Cech has retired after being employed at the Council on Aging for over five years. Sherry Muth has been hired to fill the position. She is an internal employee from Economic Support and will begin effective May 30, 2011.

Caregiver Coalition: Joyce Lubben stated that the Caregiver Coalition is still developing with good interest from participating agencies.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Documentary film "Consider the Conversation" by Mike Bernhagen and Terry Kaldhusdal;
www.considertheconversation.org; Council Members were encouraged to attend the June Rock County Partnerships for Older Adults meeting where this film will be shown.

Advocacy Issue: Joyce Lubben stated that there was no new news regarding SeniorCare other than that there is good interest among legislators to retain SeniorCare in its current state.

Reports:

County Board of Supervisors – Supervisor Terry Thomas: Supervisor Thomas stated that there are still questions to be answered regarding the ramifications of not opening an Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Supervisor Thomas shared that the Joint Finance Committee cut transit aid by half. The Milton to Madison rail will be completed by mid-summer. There will be no improved rail from Janesville to Avalon. He believes improving the rail system would create more jobs if the rail system were more efficient.

Supervisor Thomas stated that Eva Arnold and Rob Wilkinson are this year's Hall of Honor Inductees.

Supervisor Thomas reported that federal funding for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program will be cut by 20% with the grant cycle running only nine months instead of 12.

Supervisor Thomas shared that County pre-budget meetings will begin soon.

Adjournment: Hjordis Olson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marti Everts. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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