

**MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING ON  
JANUARY 4, 2008, AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS ROOM, IOWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DODGEVILLE, WI.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Geri Peterson, at 1:04 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION OF MEETING:** Judy Lindholm reported that the meeting had been posted and certified as required by law. A motion to approve the certification was made by Ron Benish and seconded by Mildred Swedlund. Motion carried without negative vote.

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Bob Kellerman, Director of AgeAdvantAge, was introduced to the Commission on Aging Board and the Board in turn introduced themselves to Bob and told what area they represented.  
Roll call was taken by Betty Walsh

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ron Benish, Carol Brown, Lorraine Drews, Lorraine Fritsch, Margaret Peat, Geri Peterson, Phyllis Reddell, Phil Roberts, Mildred Swedlund.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lorraine Jones, MaryClaire Murphy, Rosalie Zweifel, Cecile McManus.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Judy Lindholm, Betty Walsh, Alvina Sturz

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Robert Kellerman, Executive Director of AgeAdvantAge.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Eva Kraak, Jack Jinkins

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Phil Roberts and seconded by Ron Benish to approve the agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Phil Roberts reported that in the SUN Report the rent for the Arena Manor should have been \$140.00 and it was \$105 for the VFW, however that was going to go up also. With the above correction a motion was made by Phil Roberts and seconded by Ron Benish to approve the minutes. Motion carried without negative vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Judy Lindholm reported the expenses for December including vouchers 1329 through 1352 totaling \$31,627.08 and income including vouchers 1353 through 1357 totaling \$1,619.20. She then handed them out for the Board to review.

**85.21 GRANT:** Judy reviewed the 85.21 Grant with the Board. She explained that the bus schedule was staying basically the same. It is primarily for the elderly and disabled and there is a suggested donation, however others can ride the bus if there is room but

they would be expected to pay a fare. Judy reported that we have changed some of the policies in the Driver Escort Program. We have increased fees the highest fee was 100 to 150 miles, the client would pay \$14.00 instead of \$12.25. All the rest of the fees were increased by \$0.25 to \$.75. The other policy that was changed was if a person goes only one way they would still have to pay for the round trip. These policies have been changed because of the high gas prices. We intend in the future to update our policies further for the Driver Escort Program. A discussion ensued. After the discussion a motion was made by Phil Roberts and seconded by Margaret Peat to approve the 85.21 Grant. Motion carried without negative vote. This will be sent in before the deadline of January 31, 2008.

**BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT AND TRAINING:** Alvina Sturz handed out the Benefit Specialized Report for December and reviewed it with the Board. Bob Kellerman reported that the State has developed a computerized plan called SAMS which is required. Bob Kellerman stated the State is required to have the SAMS system because of the Federal mandate.

**COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS:** There were no County Agencies available to give a report.

**SUN REPORT:** Judy Lindholm reported that at the last SUN meeting there had been an agenda item to review and possibly change the split of administrative costs between Lafayette and Iowa County. This split has been practiced since 1992 when SUN reviewed many of its financial policies. At that time it was proposed and adopted that the split was 52% Iowa County and 48% Lafayette County. At some point it was decided that this split should be reviewed every 6 months and changed according to the board's desires. In the years that followed this review occurred and there were some modifications made. However, these changes were temporary and the split for the majority of time remained 52/48. It is now being proposed that the split be changed to 55/45 increasing Iowa County's portion by 3%. Although Judy is not opposed to this change she did question why, if based on the allocation, Iowa County should pay an increased proportion when our C1 & C2 allocation has dropped by \$13,414 since 2005 and Lafayette County's allocation had increased by over \$2,000. She feels that more information needs to be determined and that this should be reviewed once a year when we are working on our budgets. A discussion ensued about the funding for Iowa and Lafayette Counties. The SUN Board will be meeting on January 8, 2008 and hopefully this will be discussed.

**AREA AGENCY REPORT:** MaryClaire Murphy gave her report for the December meeting she attended. A copy of her minutes are on file at the Commission on Aging Office.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT:** Margaret Peat reported she has not had another meeting since our last meeting.

At this time Bob Kellerman, Executive Director of AgeAdvantAge, which is our Area Agency on Aging for Iowa County, was asked to come out and give us more information about what is going to be happening at the State and Federal levels. Bob stated that

consolidation of the four Area Agencies on Aging Organizations coming together would bring consistency which is not the case now. Bob reported that the long term care system in Wisconsin is undergoing major changes which means aging units are going to need to change also. He reported on an assessment survey targeted to solicit input has been pre-tested and as soon as the final revisions are made it will be sent out to aging units/ADRC Directors.

Bob reported that there is much confusion about the connection between the AAA reform and long term care reform. He stated there will be a message sent out to educate stakeholders about this confusing relationship in January. Bob reported taskforce members have decided to form a Board of Directors to help launch the new agency. Bob reported there is a new name selected for the combined agencies called the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging and Disability Resources. Bob stated this is going to happen whether we want it or not and he has no idea who will be the new Executive Director and he is not sure about his part in this new structure. Bob stated the next meeting of the Taskforce is scheduled for January 17, 2008, in Madison. A discussion ensued and no one is sure what will happen next. Ron Benish asked if we had to go along with these plans and Bob stated it is mandated.

**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT AND TRAININGS:** Betty Walsh handed out the Transportation Report for the month of December and reviewed it with the Board. Betty reported that we have had some problems with the bus and she has been in contact with Wisconsin Bus regarding the repairs and payment of them as this bus is fully under warranty. She stated that Rose would be taking the bus to Wisconsin Bus on January 18, 2008, to get these problems remedied. Betty stated she would be keeping in close contact with Wisconsin Bus until everything seems satisfactory.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND TRAININGS:** Judy reported that she has been very busy with all the different meetings going on which we must have representation for. Judy reported on the Caregivers Program and stated there are four Public Libraries in Iowa County with resources for the caregiver. Judy reported that she, Darin Smith and Neal Blackburn have presented information on the Family Care to the Iowa County Board of Supervisors. Phyllis Reddell asked what MCO stood for and Judy stated it stood for Managed Care Organization. Judy reported that the Commission on Aging is involved in this because of our involvement in the Aging and Disabled Resource Center portion of Family Care. Judy has also been working on the Prevention Grant with Lafayette, and Green Counties. Judy reported that we are working on a 53.10 Grant with the Hodan Center, Orchard Manor, Grant County Center on Aging and Green County Aging Unit.

**ADRC REPORT:** Judy reported that the ADRC applications for the eight county consortium had been submitted to the State.

**STRAP AND NEW FREEDOM REPORT:** Judy reported that interviews will be conducted later this month for the New Freedom funded mobility manager.

**ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT:** Ron Benish asked what the \$10,487.96 expense was for? Betty reported that CAP had just sent their bill for the last 6 months for our Staff Assistant's wages. Judy reported that we send our vouchers up to Randy Terrenez our County Administrator for his approval and then they can be paid without going to the Commission on Aging Board. Judy stated she still will continue to bring the vouchers before the Commission on Aging Board to review.

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Rosalie Zweifel reported that AARP would be meeting at Stonefield on January 15, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow at 12:30 p.m. Rosalie also stated that SHARE will be held on January 19, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at Kindercastle in Dodgeville, WI.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting of the Iowa County Commission on Aging will be held on February 1, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., in the Iowa County Extension Room, Iowa County Courthouse, Dodgeville, WI.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lorraine Drews and seconded by Phyllis Reddell. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Betty Walsh, COA Staff Secretary