

**IOWA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 7, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Margaret Peat at 4:02 PM

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Roll call was taken by Judy Lindholm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lorraine Drews, Lorraine Fristch, Lorraine Jones, Eva Kraak, MaryClaire Murphy, Margaret Peat, Geri Peterson, Phyllis Reddell, Mildred Swedlund, Rosalie Zweifel, Bill Ehr and Diane McGuire

**ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cecile McManus, Geri Peterson, Carol Brown

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Ron Benish

**CERTIFICATION OF MEETING:** Judy Lindholm reported the meeting had been posted and certified as required by law. A motion was made by Bill Ehr and seconded by Diane McGuire to approve the certification. Motion carried without negative vote.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND THE MINUTES:** Geri Peterson noted that both she and Carol Brown should be listed under "*Advisory Members Present*" in the June minutes. With this change, a motion was made by Eva Kraak and seconded by Rosalie Zweifel to approve both the 7/7/08 agenda and the June board minutes. Motion carried without negative vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Judy Lindholm reported the expenses for June including vouchers 1190 through 1219 totaling \$24,704.42 and income including vouchers 1220 through 1228 totaling \$100,756.65. Judy then passed the Financial Report around for the Board to review.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2009:** Judy passed out May's financial report that shows budget figures for 2008 as well as expenditures through May of 2008. At the end of May 58% of our budget should be remaining. We do have some line items that are currently over budget but this report shows that the entire budget has 61% remaining. We are being told that there is room for zero increases in next years budget. We will probably be able to keep most of our expenses close to what is in this years budget, with the exception of our gas bill. Our problem is that we have now used up our entire amount of carryover. In 2007 we had over \$20,000 of carryover that was used to reduce county tax levy. Our current budget is so tight that we do not anticipate having much if any carryover. This means that we start the budget process for 2009 at a \$20,000 deficit. Since the largest part of our budget is in wage and fringe, the only way that we can make up that \$20,000 deficit is to reduce staff hours. Judy said that she will be working on budget during this current week and if anyone has any ideas on exactly where cuts should be made in the 2009 budget let her know. Bill Ehr talked about the financial challenges that are facing our County. He reported that there will probably have to be service cuts in all departments. Judy reported that she had suggested that the county go to a four day work week for all departments thus saving on energy costs.

**BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT:** Alvina Sturz passed out the monthly report. She reported that some of the numbers were down a little because Nancy was on vacation during part of the month. Calls were up because Marilee was on vacation and the benefit specialists helped to take some of those calls. 169 calls were for COA office. The entire office began recording all of our calls about three months ago. The COA office hosted the Iowa County Aging Network meeting for the month of June and had a very good attendance. We have gotten some additional OCI money that will be used to continue to fund Nancy for four instead of three days per week. We have not gotten notice of the final amount but do believe that we will be able to continue Nancy at four days a week through the end of 2008

**COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS:** There were no county agencies present.

**SUN REPORT:** Cecile McManus, SUN Director, reported that Barneveld is interested in having a congregate meal site again. SUN will continue working out the details. There is a new site manager in Shullsburg. That position has been vacant for nine weeks. There has been a 20% increase in the numbers at the Mineral Point meal site for May. When all of the numbers are in Cecile is sure that there will be an even greater increase in June. She also attended the Mineral Point Village meeting and has already had some good results as far as the cleaning issue. The Dodgeville meal site will be having an appreciation dinner to thank Grace Lutheran for allowing them to have the meal site at their facility **free of charge**. It will be held on August 29, 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM and along with a meal will also include a raffle and other fund raising activities. Cecile then reported on what has been happening in Avoca. The meal site has been closed since the flood but plans to be open again on 7/15/08. The flooding did cause some food loss at the site. Cecile also stated that the meal site manager at Avoca has gone to great lengths to make sure that all of the people who use the meal program were accounted for and being cared for. Eva Kraak also stated that the manager had done a great job and had even gone to Eva's house to make sure that she was okay. Discussion ensued about the flood experience. Rosalie Zweifel reported that she had several items stored at her place that may be of some use to some of the flood victims. She will contact Social Services to see if they may be able to use some of the children's clothing.

**AREA AGENCY REPORT:** Mary Claire reported that they are still working on the modernization process of combining four of the six area agencies in Wisconsin into one so that there will eventually be 3 area agencies in Wisconsin. One will be in Dane County the other in Milwaukee and the third will cover the entire state.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT:** The same information available for the area agency report was also made available to the advisory council.

**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** Judy handed out the report and went over the figures. She reported that driver escort units of service were down but our income was up because we had received two months worth of Title XIX reimbursements from Social Services. Units of service were also down slightly for the Care-A-Van. We had one trip canceled due to the floods and two trips canceled because of lack of interest. Judy stated that the bus is back in operation. She has talked to Wisconsin Bus and Hallada's but is waiting until we can figure out the full costs of renting the Hodan bus and Lafayette County bus while ours was being repaired. Judy also said that our gas bill from the Highway Dept for June was over \$1000.00

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND TRAININGS:** Judy reported on a call that she had from John Carr who is concerned about the impact of increasing fuel prices will have on heating a person's home this coming winter. He is working with a local clergy person and would like to meet with some of the Iowa County Agencies to see if we could develop some type of plan to help older folks cope with heating

costs this winter. A discussion ensued around this issue. Some suggestions on how to cope with this issue were to encourage people to sign up for fuel assistance and to see if they qualified for food stamps. The possibility of starting a phone reassurance program was also brought up. Cecelia reminded us that the food share program can also be used to purchase meals from the SUN Program. It was decided that each COA Board member would go back to their communities to get a feel for the concern that exists there regarding this issue.

Judy asked for permission for her and Rose Erickson to attend the annual WRAPP Roadeo which is being held in Wausau 7/24 – 7/27. A motion was made by Eva Kraak and second by Lorraine Fritsch to allow both Judy and Rose to attend the WRAPP Roadeo. Motion passed without negative vote. Judy reminded everyone that travel expenses for this event are 100% reimbursable through RTAP scholarships.

**ADRC REPORT:** Judy stated that there was nothing new to report except to say that we have been looking for a space that could accommodate the ADRC of Iowa County as our Human Services Building will not be completed by the time the ADRC opens its doors.

**STRAP & NEW FREEDOM REPORT:** Judy reported that the taxi hasn't started yet but will be open soon. We are waiting for the arrival of a new taxi to replace the one that we will be getting. A driver and a substitute have been hired for the taxi. We are also working on the coordinated transit plan with Richland, Grant, Lafayette and Green counties.

**ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT:** Motion made by Rosalie Zweifel and seconded by Phyllis Reddell to accept the financial report. Motion carried without negative vote.

**REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Rosalie Zweifel reported that the AARP meeting will take place at 11:00 AM at Stonefield on 7/15/08. At 2:00 that same afternoon Dean Care will have a presentation at the DodgerBowl about their new, cheaper insurance. SHARE is on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July, 7:30 AM-9:00 AM at Kinder Castle. They had been averaging \$300 - \$500 in food orders and last month they processed over \$1000 in SHARE products.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting will be held August 11, 2008 at 4:00 PM in the Iowa County Courthouse Board Room.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Rosalie and second by Eva that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed without negative vote.