

**MINTUES OF THE IOWA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD
MEETING ON MARCH 8, 2007 AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE VETERANS LIBRARY,
IOWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DODGEVILLE, WI**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:05p.m.on March 8, 2007, in the Veterans Library, Iowa County Courthouse, Dodgeville, WI.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS: There were no introductions. Roll call was taken by Betty Walsh.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Brown, Lorraine Jones, Eva Kraak, MaryClaire Murphy, Carolyn Nagel-Thomas, Margaret Peat, Geri Peterson, Phil Roberts, Rosalie Zweifel.

STAFF PRESENT: Judy Lindholm, Betty Walsh, Nancy Howard.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ron Benish, Tom Mueller, Doris Raisbeck.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

CERTIFICATION OF MEETING: Judy Lindholm reported the meeting had been posted and certified as required by law. A motion to approve the certification was made by Phil Roberts and seconded by Rosalie Zweifel. Motion carried without negative vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Eva Kraak and seconded by MaryClaire Murphy. Motion carried without negative vote.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES: A motion was made by Eva Kraak and seconded by MaryClaire Murphy to approve the January minutes. Motion carried without negative vote

FINANCIAL REPORT: Judy Lindholm reviewed the Financial report for February and handed them out for review.

BENEFIT SPEICALIST REPORT: Nancy Howard Benefit Specialist, handed out her report for January and February and reviewed it with the Board. Nancy stated that they have been busy doing a lot of Homesteads. The AARP Tax people have been here also doing taxes and they have had a full schedule and will be back in March. Nancy also talked about the Senior Care Drug Program and a discussion ensued. The Part D Drug Program was also discussed. Phil Roberts stated that he gets his drugs in Mexico and they are a lot cheaper. Judy Lindholm was also in Mexico and talked to many people not from the United States who were getting drugs much cheaper. Judy at this time urged everyone to send letters to Governor Doyle and the President about Senior Care and the Part D Drug Program.

COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS: There were no County agencies to report.

SUN REPORT: Phil Roberts reported there were a lot of problems to be solved. A discussion ensued on getting more people to go to the mealsites and maybe some programs such as playing games, exercises, etc. He reported the mealsite in Dodgeville was opened at the Lutheran Church instead of Dicks.

SUN/COA WORKING AGREEMENT: Judy explained the working agreement between SUN/COA for Iowa County. A motion was made by Margaret Peat and seconded by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas to approve the SUN/COA Working Agreement. Motion carried without negative vote.

AREA AGENCY REPORT: MaryClaire Murphy reported that there has not been a meeting since our last meeting.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT: Carolyn Nagel-Thomas stated she had nothing to report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Betty Walsh handed out her reports for the months of January and February and reviewed them with the Board. Betty also asked permission for she and Judy to attend the Spring WRAPP Conference in Wausau on April 10th through the 12th. She stated that our room would be paid for by WRAPP because Betty is a presenter and Judy is the President of WRAPP. Betty also stated that the Department of Transportation will give us a scholarship for other expenses so it will not cost the County much of anything. A motion was made by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas and seconded by Margaret Peat to let Judy and Betty attend the WRAPP Conference on April 10th through the 12th. Motion carried without negative vote.

- a. **Salary for Substitute Bus Driver:** Betty reported that the substitute bus driver was only getting \$7.50 per hour and that is much less than what other limited term employees get paid. It was suggested that we increase the substitute bus driver's wage to at least \$10.00 per hour. A motion was made by Rosalie Zweifel and seconded by MaryClaire Murphy to approve the Substitute Bus Driver being paid \$10.00 per hour. Motion carried without negative vote.
- b. **Bus Purchase:** Betty explained that we are on the third year of our bus and it is starting to cost us a lot of money. Judy explained that in the past the Board felt that we should trade every two years. It was decided to wait three years by the Board last year. There was never a motion but just talk of waiting three years. We have passed out a bid package and the only difference on this would be a different lift which when stored would reduce the noise or rattle. We are also requesting a sun visor for the passenger side of the bus as Rose feels this would help fight sun glare. We would like permission to send out the bid package to at least three bus companies. After some discussion a motion was made by Eva Kraak and seconded by Rosalie Zweifel to proceed with the bid package for a new bus. Motion carried without negative vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND TRAININGS: Judy Lindholm, Director, reported that SUN has received a Prevention Grant which will be for eat better, move more and will be presented ½ hr. one day a week. This will be starting at some of the local

mealsites. Judy stated that people should watch the newspaper for more details on dates and times.

- a. **Wisconsin Family Care Consumer Corp Training Program:** Judy reported that she had attended a meeting at the Dodger Bowl given by the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups who had wanted more long term care users and caregivers. Judy felt that it was good to have professionals attend because they're the people who are going to be handing out information on Family Care. Judy stated that she is on the ADRC sub-Committee which is the eight county consortium known as the SW Care Management Coalition. Judy stated she talked with a person from the State and asked her how committed the State was in starting ADRCs and continuing their funding. The State person said that they are very committed. Judy stated you need an ADRC in order to have a COM in order to have family care, but you could have an ADRC like Green County and not have a CMO. The county does not have to establish a reserve fund in order to have an ADRC. In fact the State will help fund any county that wants to establish an ADRC. Neil Blackburn did a wonderful job of presenting this to the County Board and he didn't go into a whole lot of detail. Judy stated that she wonders why they are working so hard on ADRC's if family Care is not going to happen. Judy stated that if you have an ADRC even if family care never happened you have accomplished something.

ADRC REPORT: Judy reported on what the consortium ADRC sub-committee had done and also the Iowa County ADRC work group had done at their last meetings.

ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion was made by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas and seconded by MaryClaire Murphy to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried without negative vote.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS

THE BOARD: Rosalie Zweifel reported that AARP would be meeting on March 20th and someone from the Gorgen-McKinley Funeral Home will be the guest speaker. Judy was wondering if they would talk about the cost of cremation. Rosalie reported that SHARE would be distributed at Kindercastle on March 24th. Rosalie also stated that the Garden Club would be meeting on April 4th at Stonefield at 7:00 p.m.

Judy reported that the next ADRC meeting will be April 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd because of Good Friday following on the first Friday of the month.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas and seconded by Lorraine Jones to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried without negative vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Walsh, COA Secretary

Margaret Peat, COA Board Secretary

APPROVED