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MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD MEETING ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2006, 10:30 A.M. AT THE DODGER BOWL, DODGEVILLE, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Geri Peterson at 10:35 a.m. at the Dodger Bowl, Dodgeville, WI.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ronald Benish, Carol Brown, Lorraine Jones, Eva Kraak, Tom Mueller, MaryClaire Murphy, Carolyn Nagel-Thomas, Margaret Peat, Geri Peterson, Phyllis Reddell, Rosalie Zweifel.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Doris Raisbeck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas and seconded by Rosalie Zweifel to approve the agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas and seconded by Rosalie Zweifel to approve the minutes. Motion carried without negative vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Judy Lindholm reviewed the Financial Report with the Board and past it out for the Board to go over it.

2007 BUDGET & TWO YEAR PLAN: Judy reported that there were some corrections on the nutrition pages of the budget. Judy reported that we did have a Public Hearing on October 20, 2006, at the Mineral Point Senior Center. A discussion ensued and the Board felt that the 2 Year Plan was well done.

85.21 GRANT: Judy reported that she is waiting for final County approval of the budget and the next COP meeting so that the 85.21 Plan can be sent in to the Department of Transportation.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT & TRAININGS: Alvina Sturz, Benefit Specialist, handed out her report for the month of October and reviewed it with the Board.

Alvina handed out information on the prescription Drug Coverage. A discussion ensued. Alvina pointed out that it is important that each Medicare Part D participant review their drug program for next year. Several of the programs will have changes in their plans that could adversely affect participants.

and the Commission on Aging Board was told that open enrollment for the Drug Program for the next year. Several of the programs will have changes in their plans that could adversely affect participants. Alvina explained that open enrollment would be from November 15th until December 31, 2006, but suggested folks should have their supplementary plan and drug plan in place by December 15th. Alvina went over the questions you should ask about your health plan and drug plan. She handed out information on telephone numbers folks could call for help or the Benefit Specialist could also try to help if there were things that you didn't understand. Judy and Alvina both talked about a seminar that is being held at the Dodger Bowl, Dodgeville, WI on November 21, 2006 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with lunch being served at noon at no cost to those attending. She stated that valuable packets of resources, helpful websites and contact information will be handed out at the meeting. Alvina handed out most of the resources to the Board at this meeting. A motion to approve the Benefit Specialist report was made by Margaret Peat and seconded by Carol Brown. Motion carried without negative vote.

COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS: There were no County Agencies at the meeting to report.

SUN REPORT: Tom Mueller reported that their last meeting was in Avoca. He stated congregate meals were down. Tom stated that Dee Suchamel, Director of the SUN Program, was working on making lots of changes like having programs at the meal sites and changing where some of the meal sites are located. Tom reported that the ideas on what is needed has to come from the people. A discussion ensued on the donations for the meals and this is being done in a different way than in the past so no one knows how much each person is donating for the meal. Ron Benish reported he felt that everything that could be done at this time to improve the programs is being worked on. A motion was made by Rosalie Zweifel and seconded by Eva Kraak to approve the SUN Report. Motion carried without negative vote.

AREA AGENCY REPORT: MaryClaire Murphy is our new representative and has not attended a meeting as yet.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT: Carolyn Nagel-Thomas did not have a report at this meeting.

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Betty Walsh, Transportation Coordinator, handed out her report for October and reviewed it with the Board.

- a. **DRIVER ESCORT APPLICATION:** Betty Walsh reported that she had an application for a Daniel Johnson from Dodgeville. She stated that is paper work was all in order except to have his car checked. Betty recommended that the Board approve the application, but since no one seemed to know who he was Tom Mueller recommended that Betty and Judy interview him again.

A motion was made by Ron Benish and seconded by Tom Mueller to approve Daniel Johnson as a driver escort if after the second interview Betty still felt he should become one of our driver escorts. Motion carried without negative vote above.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT & TRAININGS: Judy Lindholm, Director, reported she had recently attended a multi state organizational transportation conference in La Crosse. She said that it was an excellent conference and she was able to bring back different information on funding, vehicle specifications and ADA. One of the funding sources is STRAP funding which is to be used in rural areas to help increase current services and create new ones. She is currently working with Grant, Lafayette, Richland and Green Counties to write a STRAP grant. The first STRAP grant will be for a survey of potential transportation users in the five county area. This survey will help us to identify transportation opportunities and help us get ready to apply for a second STRAP Grant that will actually be used to supplement and create transportation services in the five county area.

She also reported that the Iowa County Commission on Aging and SUN along with Lafayette County Aging Resource Center and Green County ADRC are also all working together on a prevention grant. If accepted, this grant will allow for the Eat Better Move More Program to be replicated in the three county area. The grant would

allow for 15 classes this year and create a plan to continue the program into the upcoming years.

Judy also talked with the Iowa County Finance Director and found out that we could use carry over funds to support a volunteer banquet next year as well as fund monthly meetings for the COA Board and continued advertising in the local paper. A discussion ensued and the COA Board felt that these items should all be reinstated.

Finally Judy reported on the Wisconsin's attempt to get Senior Care renewed. She passed out petitions and told everyone that they could sign it if they wanted to and return them to our office. We will then send them up to CWAG.

ADRC REPORT: Judy reported she is trying to pull things together and has been working with Grant County to hold a stakeholders meeting regarding Family Care.

ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion was made by Ronald Benish and seconded by Carol Brown 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 handed out some literature she had required received from AARP and also told the Board that there was more literature on the table for them to take with them if they would like to.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be held in the Veterans Library at the Iowa County Courthouse on December 1, 2006, at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Phyllis Reddell and seconded by Margaret Peat to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Respectfully submitted;

Betty Walsh, Staff Secretary

Margaret Peat, COA Board Secretary

APPROVED