

**IOWA COUNTY COMMISSION ON
AGING BOARD MINUTES
April 1, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jerome Laufenberg at 1:00 p.m. in the Extension Conference Room, Iowa County Courthouse, Dodgeville, WI.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL: There were no introductions.

Roll call was taken by Betty Walsh.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Brown, Richard Heimerl, Lorraine Jones, Jerome Laufenberg, Carolyn Nagel-Thomas, Geri Peterson, Doris Raisbeck, Mary Richter, Phil Roberts, Rosalie Zweifel, Janet Butteris.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: MaryClaire Murphy, Ted Van Epps, Dorothy Radke.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Emma Abplanalp.

CERTIFICATION OF MEETING: Judy Lindholm reported that the meeting had been properly posted as required by law. A motion to approve the certification was made by Carol Brown and seconded by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas. Motion carried without negative vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Doris Raisbeck and seconded by Geri Peterson to approve the agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There were two corrections to the minutes. Carolyn Nagel-Thomas was not listed as being present and she definitely was. The other correction in the Area Agency report it was stated a meeting would be held on April 18th for the Area Agency. The Area Agency meeting has not been scheduled as yet. With the above corrections a motion was made by Doris Raisbeck and seconded by Geri Peterson to approve the minutes. Motion carried without negative vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Judy Lindholm handed out the Financial Report for the Commission on Aging Board to review.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT: Alvina Sturz, Benefit Specialist, handed out her report for the month of March and reviewed it with the Commission on Aging Board. A discussion on the Prescription Drug Program ensued. There will be Social Security representatives coming out to help with the new Prescription Drug Program. Judy Lindholm stated that folders will be provided for everyone to keep all the information in. Judy stated the \$10,000 grant will help us provide more help for the elderly by adding an extra day to Nancy Howard's schedule starting on June 1st through September, 2006. Carolyn Nagel-Thomas asked about income guidelines.

At this time a discussion ensued on the Terry Schievo case in Florida and Judy informed the Commission on Aging Board that Bob Regan has been to our office twice since this case has been in the news to pick up Living Wills information.

At this time the RX Gold Plan which our Governor has started was discussed. Judy stated that she thought all Iowa County pharmacies would participate in this program. She asked Alvina if she felt the Wisconsin drug program, Senior Care, was still better and Alvina agreed.

COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS: Janet Butteris reported they have been working on the Guardianship Grant. They are getting materials together to advertise for Guardianship training. Janet also reported there is no waiting list for the Supportive Home Program.

SUN REPORT: Jerome Laufenberg reported that SUN has not had their monthly meeting yet and will be meeting on the 8th of April, so he had nothing to report at this time.

AREA AGENCY REPORT: Geri Peterson stated they have not had a meeting since our last meeting so she had nothing to report at this time.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT: Carolyn Nagel-Thomas stated they have not had a meeting since our last meeting and had nothing to report at this time.

APPOINTMENT OF LINDEN COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD MEMBER: Judy Lindholm reported that Phyllis Reddell from Linden is willing to represent Linden as a member of the Commission on Aging Board. Some of the board members knew Phyllis and thought she would make a good addition. A motion was made by Geri Peterson and seconded by Carol Brown to approve Phyllis Reddell as the representative from the Linden area on the Commission on Aging Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

WHITEHOUSE CONFERENCE: Judy Lindholm reported that Grant County has a bus going to the Whitehouse Conference in Oshkosh on April 18th and has asked other counties if they would like to go on the bus. The Area Agency will pay for the bus, overnight stay and some meals. Judy stated that she and Nancy wish to go and she is hoping to get some more to participate from Iowa County. They will be able to voice their opinions on Social Security Retirement, Long Term Care, etc. Our representatives going to Washington will then be able to take our thoughts to Washington D.C. A motion was made by Geri Peterson and seconded by Rosalie Zweifel to approve Judy and Nancy going to the Whitehouse Conference in Oshkosh on April 18, 2005.

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Betty Walsh handed out the Transportation Report for March and reviewed it with the Commission on Aging Board.

- a. **DRIVER ESCORT APPLICATION:** Betty reported that she had an application from a Michael Hasburgh from Blanchardville to become a driver escort. Betty stated that she still has to check for drivers license and criminal check, otherwise everything else is completed. After this is completed Betty recommended to the Board to approve the application. A motion was made by Geri Peterson and seconded by Mary Richter to approve Michael Hasburgh as a driver escort providing he meets all the criteria. Motion carried without negative vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Judy Lindholm reported she has been asked to speak on transportation on June 27th at the Mead Inn in Wisconsin Rapids at a Transportation Conference for elected officials and other policy makers.

Judy encouraged everyone to attend the Library Chat on April 12th at the Dodgeville Library on Maintaining Your Brain.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Richard Heimerl reported that there will be an Apostolate for the Handicap Program for those that are handicapped or disabled on April 16th in Monroe and if anyone is interested they should call 930-5406.

Rosalie Zweifel reported that AARP would be meeting on April 19th for a potluck at noon and will have someone talk about Social Security.

Geri Peterson reported that Uplands Hills Health is having a Heart Fair on April 2, 2005, starting at 8:00 a.m. Blood tests will be taken and results given at noon. Anyone interested can make an appointment by calling 930-7200.

NEXT MEETING DATE: It was suggested that the next meeting of the Iowa County Commission on

Aging Board meeting be held at Arena at the meal site which is at the VFW building starting with lunch at noon and the meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. on May 6, 2005. Judy stated this will be our reappointment meeting of board members.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas and seconded by Carol Brown to adjourn the meeting at 2:09 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Respectfully submitted;

Betty Walsh, Commission on Aging Secretary

MaryClaire Murphy, Board Secretary