

COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 2, 2005 1:00 P.M. EXTENSION CONFERENCE ROOM

IOWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jerome Laufenberg, at 1:05 p.m. in the Extension Conference Room, Iowa County Courthouse.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS: Cindy Keckert from Foster-Grandparents was introduced to the Commission on Aging Board.

Roll call was taken by Betty Walsh

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Brown, Richard Heimerl, Lorraine Jones, Jerome Laufenberg, MaryClaire Murphy, Carolyn Nagel-Thomas, Doris Raisbeck, Mary Richter, Ted Van Epps, Rosalie Zweifel, June Meudt.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Emma Abplanalp, Geri Peterson, Phil Roberts, Phyllis Reddell, Dorothy Radke.

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 Dick Heimerl and seconded by Ted VanEpps to approved the certification. Motion carried without negative vote.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by MaryClaire Murphy and seconded by Doris Raisbeck to approve the minutes. Motion carried without negative vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Judy Lindholm reviewed and handed out the Financial Report for November for the members to review.

COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS: Cindy Deckert from CAP Foster-Grandparents Program gave a presentation about not having enough people who qualify to help with children in the schools. Betty Walsh stated it is a shame that only grandparents with low incomes were able to be in this program as she felt there were a lot of other seniors that would be willing to help, but because their income was not below the poverty level they

were not eligible.

June Meudt, Director of the Health Department, stated that as of now they are out of the flu vaccine. Dick Heimerl felt the Health Department should be going out to the meal sites and senior clubs to offer their services. Judy Lindholm reported that about 55% of the elderly are getting mammograms compared to 33% a year ago and she is hoping the word gets out to folks that they need them. June was also asked if people could get vaccines for other things when they are out doing blood pressures and she stated this is possible. June also said they can call the Health Department for an appointment if they need it.

AREA AGENCY REPORTS: Geri Peterson was not available to give a report.

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

BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT AND TRAINING: Nancy Howard, Benefit Specialist gave her report for November and reviewed it with the Commission on Aging Board. A discussion ensued especially regarding Part D Medicare. Judy Lindholm reported that she had an elderly person do look for a plan on the computer and she found it quite difficult, and it took a lot of time for this person to do it with Judy was helping her. Judy stated she was so disgusted with it that she immediately got up and called Ron Kinds office to tell them what she thought of it.

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Betty Walsh, Transportation Coordinator, gave out her report for the month of November and reviewed it with the Commission on Aging Board.

- a. Approval of Driver Escort Application:** A motion was made by Carol Brown and seconded by Doris Raisbeck to approve Roger Stewart as a Driver Escort Volunteer providing he met all the policies and procedures required.
- b. Approval of Driver Escort Fees:** Betty stated that the Transportation Committee discussed the driver escort fees for 2006, and decided to recommend that we raise the fees by 25 cents. They also recommended increasing the meals when out of the County for the Driver Escorts from \$5.00 to \$7.00 provided they were out of the county at a meal time starting on January 1, 2006.
- c. Review of Bus Issues:** Judy and Betty have been working on ways to increase bus usage. A discussion ensued. The ways we plan to improve bus transportation are listed in the 2006 County Plan.
- d. Proposal to have COA Bus Driver drive one route for Hodan Center one time per week:** A discussion ensued and many questions asked about liability etc. A motion was made by Richard Heimerl and seconded by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas to not approve Hodan Center's request to use our bus driver to drive one day per

week at our expense for wages, insurance and liability reasons. Motion carried without negative vote.

85.21 PLAN DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL: Judy Lindholm went over the 85.21 Grant for 2006, with the Commission on Aging Board. She had passed out the 85.21 Grant at the last meeting for the Board members to review. Judy stated the only changes since the 85.21 Grant was handed out to the Board were three items that were brought up by the Transportation Committee which were for Driver Escort fees by raising the fees 25 cents more, meal cost for Driver Escort Volunteers from \$5.00 to \$7.00 and changing the cap from \$600 to \$800. A motion to approve the 85.21 Grant with the above changes was made by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas and seconded by Lorraine Jones. Motion carried without negative vote.

OLDER AMERICAN ACT PLAN DISCUSSION: Judy and Betty both stated that the biggest and most needed item in our Plan for 2006 was transportation, especially bus rider-ship. Both Judy and Betty agreed that we must think of more ways to get folks to make use of the bus. It was decided to take one section out at a time and work on rider-ship in that area. We plan to do a survey, visit meal sites and other organizations and civic groups. Betty also plans to visit the senior apartments and explain the different things they can do as she feels they maybe don't realize how much help this service can be. A motion to approve the Older Americans Act Plan with the items stated above was made by Doris Raisbeck and seconded by Ted Van Epps. Motion carried without negative vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND TRAINING: Judy Lindholm, Director reported she has been busy working on the 85.21 Grant and the one year plan for AgeAdvantAge. Judy made a home visit to some folks who had several cats and she is looking for homes for some of the cats. She told the Board if they know any one who would like a cat to let her know.

FINANCIAL REPORT: At this time several members had to leave the meeting so the Executvie Board directed th Staff to pay the expenses for the month of November.

NEXT MEETING DATE: It was noted that it is very cold in the Extension Conference Room and Richard Heimerl asked it there was any where else we could meet. Betty was instructed to fine a different place to meet if possible for the January 6, 2006 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Betty Walsh, Staff Secretary

MaryClaire Murphy COA Board Secretary

APPROVED