

**MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD**

**September 3, 2004**

Minutes of the Iowa County Commission on Aging Meeting held Friday September 3, 2004 at 12:30 p.m. at the Barneveld Meal Site, 102 Arneson Road, Barneveld, Wisconsin.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Jerome Laufenberg called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Nancy Howard took Roll Call. There were no introductions.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerome Laufenberg, Carol Brown, Ted Van Epps, MaryClaire Murphy, Carolyn Nagel-Thomas, Geri Peterson, Doris Raisbeck, Phil Roberts, Richard Heimerl.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Judy Lindholm, Nancy Howard.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Emma Abplanalp, Lorraine Jones, Rosalie Zweifel, and Mary Richter.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**CERTIFICATION OF MEETING and APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:** A motion to approve the certification of the meeting, the Agenda and the Minutes was made by Geri Peterson and seconded by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas. Motion carried without negative vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Judy Lindholm read the totals of the expenses and income for the month of August and handed out the report for the Commission on Aging Board members to review.

**BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT:** Nancy Howard, Benefit Specialist, handed out the report for the month of August and reviewed it with the Commission on Aging Board. She explained the benefits gained and how they were determined and also explained that the energy assistance program would be advertised soon.

**COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS:** Shelly Klopp from the Department of Social Services had emailed her report so Nancy Howard reviewed that with the Board. That report said that the Energy Assistance Program would officially start October 1, and that Marlin Harms would submit an article for the October News & Views. Also, the Supportive Home Care program has reached its maximum and there is now a waiting list. They do not expect to be able to serve anyone new until next year. They have had 14 Elder Abuse and Neglect referrals, and about 5 have been substantiated. There is money available in the Elder Abuse and Neglect Direct Intervention Allocation.

**SUN REPORT:** Jerome Laufenberg advised there was nothing to report because the meeting is scheduled for September 7.

**BUS PURCHASE FOR 2005:** Judy Lindholm summarized the meeting held on August 13 regarding the bus purchase and new regulations. According to Rich Nelson of Wisconsin Bus, if the board ordered the bus now and it is delivered before 2005, it would be grandfathered in to current regulations. It would cost about 4,000 more if we got it in 2005 because of the changes in federal law, and the bus would hold two less people. The figures Rich provided show that trading in every 3 years instead of every 2 years makes a big difference in trade-in allowance. In response to Geri Peterson's question, Judy Lindholm said there was about \$100,000 in the bus trust fund. The committee discussed the bus requirements. Phil Roberts asked if we could get a bus with heavy-duty parts so it would last longer. He had talked with someone about the buses used at the area casinos, which had many more miles on them and still were reliable. Judy Lindholm will arrange for a trial ride of one of those bigger busses for board members and with our bus driver also riding.

**AREA AGENCY REPORTS:** Geri Peterson reported that the next meeting would be September 17 in Black River Falls.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:** Carolyn Nagel-Thomas reported that her meeting would also be held September 17 in Black River Falls.

**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** Judy Lindholm passed out the report for August and reviewed it briefly.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND TRAINING:** Judy Lindholm reported that CAP had approved accepting venison for Iowa County seniors and for the food pantries in Iowa County.

She passed out the budget request she had prepared and submitted. She advised that the budget had come before the Finance Committee and will now go to the County Board. Margaret's position was approved for contracting out through CAP.

At this time Mr. Laufenberg asked for a motion to approve the reports as given and put them on file. Phil Roberts asked about the trips on the Transportation Coordinator's Report and Judy Lindholm explained them. Phil Roberts moved to accept the reports given during the meeting and place them on file. Carolyn Nagel-Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT:** A motion was made by Geri Peterson and seconded by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas to approve the Financial Report and pay the bills. Motion carried without negative vote.

**REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** None.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting will be October 1, 2004 at the Iowa County Courthouse.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Carolyn Nagel-Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Carol Brown. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy Howard, COA Staff

MaryClaire Murphy, COA Board Secretary