

MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD

October 1, 2004

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jerome Laufenberg at 1:04 p.m. in the Extension Conference Room, Iowa County Courthouse Annex, Dodgeville, WI.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL: There were no introductions.

Roll call was taken by Betty Walsh.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Brown, Ted Van Epps, Loarraine Jones, Jerome Laufenberg, Carolyn Nagel-Thomas, Geri Peterson, Doris Raisbeck, Mary Richter, Rosalie Zweifel, Richard Heimerl.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dorothy Radke, Emma Abplanalp, MaryClaire Murpy, Phil Roberts.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

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

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

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

BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT: Alvina Sturz, Benefit Specialist, handed out the Benefit Specialist report for September and reviewed it with the Commission on Aging Board. Alvina reported that the Elder Law Attorney was here to review what she and Nancy have been doing. A motion to approve the Benefit Specialist report was made by Richard Heimerl and seconded by Doris Raisbeck. Motion carried without negative vote.

COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS: There were no County Agencies at this meeting to give a report.

SUN REPORT: Jerome Laufenberg reported they had not met since our last meeting and would be meeting on October 4th.

BUS PURCHASE FOR 2005: Betty Walsh reported that Rich Nelson from Wisconsin Bus brought a bus out on Monday, September 27, 2004, for the Commission on Aging Board to ride. Judy stated everyone was called to come at 1:00 p.m. to ride the bus. Only one member showed up and that was Geri Peterson. Geri Peterson stated it was a rough ride and did not recommend a bigger bus than the one we have now. A discussion ensued on all the options we would have and a van was also discussed.

Judy reported if we wanted to buy a new bus like the one we have without the new state law which would require more money for the different required options, we need to order it as soon as possible.

At this time Ted Van Epps asked about a van for the smaller trips with less people. Judy Lindholm stated that this has been looked into with the Veterans Office as they had a van given to them. If we can find drivers for the van and also be sure the van meets our criteria, and pay for the gas, it would probably be more economical for us to use the van. We will also need to train these drivers.

At this time Geri Peterson made a motion that we approve ordering the new 2005 bus the same size and style that we have now. This motion was seconded by Rosalie Zweifel.. After some more discussion a vote was taken on the above motion and was without negative vote.

AREA AGENCY REPORTS: Geri Peterson reported she only had the agenda with her which she discussed but did not have the minutes at this time. She will give a more complete report next month.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS: Carolyn Nagel-Thomas reported that the Advisory Council had met and they went over the 3 year plan and assessment for Age Advantage. They also talked about advocacy and also how to get more people to go to the meal sites.

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT AND TRAINING: Betty Walsh handed out the September report for the Commission on Aging to review. She also stated that they had a very good training for the Driver Escort Program.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT HOURS: Judy reported that Margaret Peat our staff assistant will be having surgery and will be off work for 3 to 4 weeks. Judy stated that there are three options, the first one being everyone in the office helping Betty with the back load of work, another would be getting a temporary replacement and the 3rd one which she recommended was that they let Betty work 1 hour each day so she would have a little more time to catch up with her and Margaret's work. A discussion ensued . It was suggested that Judy talk to Bud about this before any recommendations can be made.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND TRAINING: Judy Lindholm, Director, reported she has been attending the Caregivers meetings. She stated there are 12 people attending from Iowa County and 4 people from LaFayette County. Judy felt the training was very helpful to those attending.

Judy reported that on October 25th, Jane Mullins from the Area Agency will be down to review our three year Plan.

Judy stated that she and Betty have new computers and a new program has been installed for everyone in the office and there is an online training program to get acquainted with the new program.

ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion was made by Geri Peterson and seconded by Rosalie Zweifel to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried without negative vote.

REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Rosalie Zweifel reported that AARP will be meeting at Stonefield in Dodgeville on October 19th. SHARE will be distributed on Saturday, October 23rd from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m at Kindercastle in Dodgeville.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be held on Friday, November 5, 2004 at the Dodger Bowl at 10:30 a.m. with a Volunteer Banquet following the meeting at 12:00 noon.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Richard Heimerl and seconded by Carol Brown to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m. without negative vote.

Respectively submitted;

Betty Walsh, Commission on Aging Secretary

MaryClaire Murphy, Commission on Aging Board Secretary