

**Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2017**

The Commission on Aging and Disability met in conference room A/B in the Community Services Building at 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581

Members present: David Scribbins, Virginia Wiedenfeld, Paul Kinney, Richard Rasmussen, Carolyn Denman, Marilyn Marshall, Belinda Granger, Sharyn Knudsen, Cindy Riley and Sandra Kramer

Members absent: Larry Jewell

HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber and Linda Batten

Others present: Marlene Mathews

1. Call Meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by David Scribbins.

2. Posting and Agenda: Linda Batten verified the agenda was posted properly. Paul Kinney made a motion to approve the agenda; Marilyn Marshall seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of January 11, 2017 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

- Marilyn Marshall made a motion to approve the January 11, 2017 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

4. Board Education – Stephanie Hegland, Program Director – Senior Life Solutions:

- Stephanie explained that Senior Life Solutions is a new program at the hospital. It started January 30th. This program is for seniors struggling with mental health issues.
- Stephanie said that people can be referred to this program by anyone. The sessions are held on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and that transportation is offered for the program.
- Stephanie further explained that this is a Medicare program and that it would cover the cost by 80% and that if an individual had another insurer they may cover the balance. She said the average stay in the program is nine months to one year.

5. 2017/2018 Budget Review – Patrick Metz, Director:

- Roxanne handed out packets that will be presented to the Health & Human Services Board tomorrow regarding the three options regarding the Aging & Disability budget proposal.
- Patrick explained to the board that the county is in a cash flow crunch (cash on hand). Patrick said there are grants. However, the money from these grants won't come in until April or May and the county will have to fund these programs until this happens.
- Patrick said that the county is frozen on tax levy and has been for quite some time.
- Patrick further stated that Health & Human Services is required, under state statues, to cover certain things. One example would be covering the cost of an autistic child's placement into a facility. This cost is not figured into the county budget. (This cost used to be covered by the state. However, it is now the county's responsibility.)
- Patrick (all county department heads) have been asked to come up with a plan to reduce costs.

6. Reports from Aging & Disability Organizations:

- Marlene reported on the Richland Senior Citizen Christmas party. They had music, played games and had candy.
- Marlene said that January's meeting was cancelled.
- Marlene stated that two officers have resigned. (Vice President and Treasurer) They will have to hold elections to fill these positions. Marlene further stated that this will be her last term.

7. Citizen Comments:

- None

8. Senior Nutrition Update – Tanya Webster:

- Roxanne stated that Tanya was sick today. So there would be no update.

9. ADRC update:

- Roxanne reported that all of the ADRC staff have moved.
- David said that he saw one of the offices and that it had more accessibility than the old offices.
- Roxanne told everyone that there was a January outreach in Viola. This outreach did not go as well as the last. She didn't know if the weather was a factor. There will be another outreach in February and she will see how it goes.
- Roxanne went through the three options for cost savings for the ADRC. She said that the Older American Act funding is all or nothing and it may take a couple of years to wind down if it was decided to eliminate this because of contracts in place. The first option would be to leave everything as it is. The second option would be to eliminate the Low Vision Support position and use this tax levy savings for the Elder Benefit Specialist. The third option would be to no longer provide any program associated with the Older American Act.

10. Review GWAAR Contract:

- Roxanne reported that this contract was approved for \$156,336 and the changes would take effect in 2018. This contract is for Nutrition and other programs.

11. Homeless PIT (Point in Time) Count:

- Roxanne said that this was held on January 25th. Katherine Scott was the leader and she assembled all the volunteers. She said there were five groups looking for homeless.
- Roxanne reported that the weather was not good and she and her husband found no homeless people.
- Roxanne said there was a total of 21 people found and this number did include people in shelters. She said that Park Hotel had five rooms filled with homeless but she did not know if these people were included in the count.

12: Dementia Friendly Communities Initiative 2017 – Update:

- Roxanne reported that Becky is in contact with Jackie at Schmitt regarding doing a dementia virtual tour. Sharyn said she would coordinate with Jackie.
- Roxanne said they are planning a four to eight hour timeslot for their March meeting.

9. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms A & B of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581.

10. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. was made by Paul Kinney; Carolyn Denman seconded. Motion carried. ;

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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