

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

**February 3, 2006**

Minutes of the Iowa County Commission on Aging Meeting held Friday February 3, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in the Veterans Library, Iowa County Courthouse, Dodgeville, Wisconsin.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Jerome Laufenberg called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerome Laufenberg, Geri Peterson, Carol Brown, Maryclaire Murphy, Carolyn Nagel-Thomas, Rosalie Zweifel, Phyllis Reddell.

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

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Emma Abplanalp, Lorraine Jones, Phil Roberts, Doris Reinbeck, Ted Van Epps.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Richard Heimerl

**CERTIFICATION OF MEETING and APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:** Rosalie Zweifel made a motion to approve the Certification of the meeting and the minutes for December and January and the Agenda. Motion seconded by Carol Brown. Motion carried, no negative vote.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Maryclaire Murphy moved that the Commission on Aging Board go into closed session pursuant to Sec 1985(1) (c) consideration of employment, promotion, compensation and performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and consideration of three driver escort applications and consideration of appointing a new Iowa County Commission on Aging Board Member from Avoca. Motion seconded by Rosalie Zweifel. Roll Call vote, all members present voted in favor of going into closed session.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** Geri Peterson moved that the Commission on Aging Board return to open session. Maryclaire Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

**DRIVER ESCORT APPLICATIONS:** Rosalie Zweifel moved that Patricia Forbes be approved as an Escort Driver. Carolyn Nagel-Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition. Geri Peterson moved that Becky Jones be approved as an Escort Driver contingent on meeting the increased insurance and license check requirements. Rosalie Zweifel seconded the motion. Motion carried

with no opposition. Carolyn Nagel-Thomas moved to approve Linda L. Huff as an Escort Driver, contingent on her meeting the insurance and license check requirements. Motion seconded by Geri Peterson. Motion carried with no opposition.

**COA BOARD MEMBER FROM AVOCA:** Mary Richter had indicated to both Jerome Laufenberg and Judy Lindholm that she wished to retire from the board. Rosalie Zwiefel moved to accept Eva Kraak as the representative from the Avoca area and to make Mary Richter an honorary lifetime member of the Iowa County Commission on Aging board. Motion seconded by Carol Brown. Discussion about asking Eva to provide a ride to Mary if she wished to come to the meetings and to invite her to the next meeting to honor Mary. Motion carried, no negative vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Judy Lindholm handed out the January 2006 Expense and Income reports for members to review.

**BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT:** Nancy Howard, Benefit Specialist, handed out the report for the months of December and January and reviewed them with the Commission on Aging Board. She mentioned several issues regarding Medicare Part D, Homestead Credit and other Benefit Specialist concerns.

**COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS:** No County Agency representative was present.

**SUN REPORT:** The SUN meeting is February 13, so there was nothing to report.

**AREA AGENCY REPORTS:** Geri Peterson reviewed minutes from the December 2 meeting of the AgeAdvantage Board of Directors and submitted a copy of the minutes to the board.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:** Carolyn Nagel-Thomas reviewed the minutes of the November 18 meeting of the Advisory Council and submitted a copy of the minutes to the board.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND TRAINING:** Judy Lindholm mentioned a situation of a client with 35 cats and asked that anyone interested in helping find homes for these cats to please contact the office. She also brought up the brokerage plan, which would affect the \$12,000 that came into our office last year. She talked to Mike Tibor of the Iowa County Department of Social services, and she learned that they spent \$50,000 on Medicaid transportation, including payments families and friends. The counties control this money now. Mike Tibor has recommended that Iowa County not give up control at this time. Chairman Laufenberg said that he thought the issue will have to go before the County Board.

**ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT:** Geri Peterson moved to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Carolyn Nagel-Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried without negative vote.

**REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Carolyn Nagel-Thomas reminded people that they should wear red for Heart Awareness Day today. Rosalie Zweifel reminded members to call their state senator to ask him not to support the latest TABOR bill and to tell him and Rep. Freese to hold onto SeniorCare. She advised the board that the AARP meeting would be February 21 and Share is February 25 and the Uplands Garden Club is meeting March 1.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting will be March 3 at 10:30 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Geri Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Carol Brown. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy Howard, COA Staff

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