

## MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

### BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 3, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Jerome Laufenberg on March 3, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. in the Veterans Library, Iowa County Courthouse, Dodgeville, WI.

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Mr. Laufenberg introduced and welcomed Eva Kraak as the new representative from the Avoca area. In turn the others on the Commission on Aging Board introduced themselves to Eva.

Roll call was taken by Betty Walsh.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carol Brown, MaryClaire Murphy, Geri Peterson, Doris Raisbeck, Mary Richter, Eva Kraak, Jerome Laufenberg, Ted Van Epps.

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

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Emma Abplnalp, Lorraine Jones, Phyllis Reddell.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Richard Heimerl, Carolyn Nagel-Thomas, Phil Roberts.

**CERTIFICATION OF MEETING:** Judy Lindholm reported the meeting had been posted and certified and amended and re-certified as required by law. A motion to approve the amended certification was made by Mary Richter and seconded by Carol Brown. Motion carried without negative vote.

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

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Judy Lindholm reviewed and handed out the Financial Report for review.

**BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT:** Nancy Howard handed out the Benefit Specialist report for February and reviewed it with the Board. Nancy informed the Board that they had been busy with the Part D Drug Program, the Wisconsin Drug Program and also Homestead Credit. Nancy stated that she and Alvina had been out to the meal sites and also the senior apartments. At this time Mary Richter stated she had not received her homestead yet and Nancy informed her that it would take up to 10 to 12 weeks for her homestead return.

A motion was made by MaryClaire Murphy and seconded by Doris Raisbeck to approve the Benefit Specialist Report. Motion carried without negative vote

**COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS:** There were no agencies available to report.

**SUN REPORT:** Jerome Laufenberg reported that SUN has not yet met this month and would be meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**AREA AGENCY REPORT:** Geri Peterson reported she had nothing to report at this time but informed the Board that the Senior Statesmanship Program would be coming soon.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT:** Carolyn Nagel-Thomas was not at this meeting to report.

**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT AND TRAINING:** Betty Walsh, Transportation Coordinator, gave out her reports for December, 2005 and January and February, 2006. She asked everyone to look them over and if there were any questions she would be glad to answer them.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND TRAINING:** Judy Lindholm, Director, reported she had just returned from vacation in Mexico and could get a drug she used much cheaper than in the states, even cheaper than she had as a co-pay from her health insurance. Judy stated there is something wrong with the price of drugs in this Country.

Judy reported on the Brokerage System which would give the State control of all MA funds for non emergency medical trips. Judy stated that there is much that the counties do not know about such a system. It's hard to decide if we should participate when we have no idea of how such a system would work in Wisconsin. As a new program there are bound to be bugs that need to be worked out. Currently, Iowa County Social Service Board has decided not to participate.

Judy also reported that she had been working with a couple who had several cats and are both put in a nursing home with no one to look after the cats. The cats have all been removed from the residence and are now being housed at the Iowa County Humane Society. Judy hopes the cats will all find good homes.

Judy reported that there is a WRAPP Spring Conference coming up on March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Wausau and she would like permission for her and Betty to attend as it will be beneficial to our transportation program.

A motion was made by Geri Peterson and seconded by MaryClaire Murphy to approve Judy and Betty attending this conference. Motion carried without negative vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Mary Richter and

seconded by MaryClaire Murphy 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:** Jerome Laufenberg reported on how the open meeting law should read.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting will be April 7, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Veterans Library, Iowa County Courthouse, Dodgeville, WI.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carol Brown and seconded by Geri Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Respectfully submitted;

Betty Walsh, Staff Secretary

MaryClaire Murphy, Board Secretary

APPROVED