

**MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 1, 2006, AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE
IOWA COUNTY VETERANS LIBRARY, IOWA COUNTY
COURTHOUSE, DODGEVILLE, WI**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Geri Peterson at 1:02 p.m. in the Veterans Library, Iowa County Courthouse, Dodgeville, WI.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS: There were no introductions. Roll call was taken by Betty Walsh.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Brown, Margaret Peat, Eva Kraak, Tom Mueller, MaryClaire Murphy, Carolyn Nagel-Thomas, Geri Peterson, Phil Robewrts, Rosalie Zweifel and Dee Suchomel.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Lorraine Jones, Doris Raisbeck, Phyllis Reddell, Ronald Benish.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Betty Walsh reported that there was an addendum to the agenda under Transportation Coordinator's Report as **a. Reimbursement for Van Drivers**. With the above addendum a motion was made by Rosalie Zweifel and seconded by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas to approve the agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Rosalie Zweifel and seconded by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas to approve the minutes. Motion carried without negative vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Judy Lindholm reviewed the Financial Report for November with the Board and handed it out for the Board to review.

STRAP GRANT: Judy Lindholm reported that she has been attending meetings with Grant, Richland, Green and LaFayette Counties to write a STRAP Grant. The first part of the STRAP Grant would be to do a survey on transportation and each county would give \$800.00 as cash match grant money plus each match will be used to collate a survey of the five county area. Judy asked for permission to use \$800.00 which would be Iowa County's share of the cash match. Phil Roberts questioned the validity of a survey to get this started. A motion was made by MaryClaire Murphy and seconded by Carol Brown to

approve Judy spending \$800.00 as Iowa County's share of the cash match necessary to proceed with other counties to get the STRAP Grant. All members present voted aye except for Phil Roberts and Tom Mueller who voted nay. Motion carried.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT AND TRAININGS: Nancy Howard handed out the November report and reviewed it with the Board. Nancy reported she had attended a meeting at the Dodger Bowl in which Donna Bryant spoke and talked about Medicare Part D. Nancy stated that the Federal Government is not happy with Senior Care. Wisconsin is the only State that has it. Nancy stated it has really helped a lot of Seniors in Wisconsin and she hopes it will continue.

Nancy reported she helped at the Open House at Avoca. She also helped with the Flu Shots at the Dodgeville High School..

A motion was made by Margaret Peat and seconded by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas to approve the Benefit Specialist Report. Motion carried without negative vote.

SUN REPORT: Dee Suchomel, Director of the SUN Program, reported she attended the Open House at Avoca and was happy with the way it went.

She stated she is working on the Working Agreement between SUN and the Commission on Aging.

Dee reported that there were 22 people at Arena from Dane County for the Thanksgiving meal. Dee stated she is hoping that all the meal sites will have more participation when spring comes.

Dee reported that she has hired a dietitian to help with assessments and nutritional risks such as diabetics, etc. Geri Peterson asked about a different site for the Dodgeville Meal Site? Dee reported she is working on that as it would be nice to increase the number of people at the Dodgeville Meal Site.

A motion was made by Rosalie Zweifel and seconded by Eva Kraak to approve the SUN Report. Motion carried without negative vote.

- a. **WORKING AGREEMENT:** The Working Agreement is not ready yet to be approved.

AREA AGENCY REPORTS: - MaryClaire Murphy stated she has not attended a meeting yet.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT – Carolyn Nagel-Thomas stated she had nothing to report at this time.

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Betty Walsh handed out the November Transportation Report and reviewed it with the Board.

a. REIMBURSEMENT FOR VAN DRIVERS: Betty reported that one of the van drivers who drives the Veterans Van usually to Madison felt that they should be reimbursed at least \$10.00 instead of \$3.50. Betty stated that they usually spend a lot of time with people who need the van because they require more service than those who are ambulatory. A motion was made by Rosalie Zweifel and seconded by Carol Brown to give the Van drivers \$10.00 each trip. Motion carried without negative vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND TRAININGS: Judy Lindholm reported that we still have a lot of folks on dialysis who absolutely have to have a ride. Sometimes it is hard to get enough drivers to take them.

Judy reported that she has been attending the Southwest Care Management meetings and the coalition and ADRC Committee meetings. As part of the ADRC Committee she has to come back to Iowa County and take the lead in forming an ADRC in Iowa County and Stakeholders work group. This group will provide feed back to the larger ADRC Committee. Two meetings are scheduled in Iowa County. The group will meet on a monthly basis after that. Judy stated there will be no mileage or any other compensation for attending these meetings.

Judy reported she will be meeting with Secretary Bablitch next Thursday to look into more transportation funding in our 85.21 monies.

A motion was made by Margaret Peat and seconded by Rosalie Zweifel to approve Judy's report. Motion carried without negative vote.

ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion was made by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas and seconded by Carol Brown to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried without negative vote.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Tom Mueller reported that he wondered what would happen if we had a flu epidemic and how we would handle an emergency response. A short discussion ensued with no positive answer.

Rosalie Zweifel reported that SHARE will be held at KinderCastle on December 16, 2006, and that there will also be a special Christmas package along with the regular package for \$20.00. Rosalie reported that AARP would be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month which this month will be December 19th at Stonefield.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Iowa County Commission on Aging Board will be held on January 5, 2007, in the County Board of Supervisors Room at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Rosalie Zweifel and seconded by Carolyn Nagel-Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Betty Walsh, Staff Secretary

Margaret Peat, COA Board Secretary

APPROVED