

MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD

August 3, 2007

Minutes of the Iowa County Commission on Aging Meeting held Friday August 3, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Dodgeville Meal Site, Grace Lutheran Church, 1105 N. Bequette Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Geri Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS: Betty Walsh took Roll Call. There was one guest present, Jane Baker.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Geri Peterson, Ronald Benish, Carol Brown, Lorraine Fritsch, Lorraine Jones, Eva Kraak Tom Mueller, MaryClair Murphy, Margaret Peat, Phyllis Reddell, Phil Roberts, Mildred Swedland, Rosalie Zweifel.

STAFF PRESENT: Betty; Nancy Howard.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Lorraine Drews.

CERTIFICATION OF MEETING and APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES: Tom Mueller made a motion to approve the Certification of the meeting. Ron Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried. Margaret Peat moved to approve the minutes for July 6, 2007 and the agenda for this meeting. Carol Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Vouchers 1153 through 1182, showing expenses totaling \$56,870.42 and vouchers 1183 through 1189 showing income of \$24,317.68 were passed out for review.

COUNTY PLAN AND BUDGET TIME LINES: Betty Walsh reported that Judy Lindholm wanted to remind the board that the budget proposal should be submitted to the county by the first part of September, so it will have to be presented at the next meeting. The County is asking that the budget be cut by 5%, which will be difficult to do. Ron Benish discussed the reasoning behind the budget cuts, because of state limits and that the county does not want to raise taxes at this point. Tom Mueller mentioned that the Health Committee will be reducing the number of meetings they will hold, and that the new county administrator will be able to streamline the voucher process.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT AND TRAINING: Nancy Howard, Benefit Specialist, handed out the report for the month of July and explained a proposal before Joint Finance to move money from the

Wisconsin Insurance Commissioner's office to DHFS to provide one-time funding for the Benefit Specialist Program for the increased workload connected with Part D and Medicare Advantage plans. She also mentioned the Access web site, which allows people to apply for some benefits such as Food Share on line.

COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS: No County Agency representative was present.

SUN REPORT: Tom Mueller reported that they are searching for a new director to replace Dee Suchomel, who resigned. The SUN 30th Anniversary celebration will be Friday, August 24 at noon in Shullsburg. A notice and sign-up sheet was passed around.

AREA AGENCY REPORTS: MaryClaire Murphy had no meeting to report.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS: Margaret Peat had no meeting to report. At this time Betty Walsh handed out a legislative update for members to review.

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT & TRAININGS: Betty Walsh gave her report, and she advised that the fees collected included last month's Title 19 fees. She passed out information from Senator Carol Roessler and Representative Carol Owens advising that their volunteer driver legislation to make mileage reimbursement not taxable has passed the State Senate Committee on Transportation.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND TRAINING: Judy Lindholm is on vacation.

ADRC REPORT: Nancy Howard explained that Grant County proposed that Iowa and Grant Counties to be their own ADRC. The consortium workgroup for the 8 counties in the Southwest Wisconsin Care management consortium had asked that Grant County decide with one voice what their decision would be in participating in the ADRC model that the rest of the consortium has agreed to proceed with. Judy Lindholm recommended that Iowa County participate in the consortium rather than go in with Grant County alone. A copy of the Memorandum of Intent that the consortium had prepared was passed around for review. Howard advised that the director of the Department of Social Services told Judy that he would be presenting this same memorandum to his board. Betty Walsh said that Judy asked that the Commission on Aging approve the Memorandum of Intent: "We, the Iowa County Commission on Aging, support Iowa County's intention to continue to participate in planning activities for the eventual application for funding as a regional ADRC. This is for planning purposes only and does not commit the county contractually." Ron Benish explained some of the history and development of FamilyCare. Ron Benish moved to approve the Memorandum of Intent to participate in planning activities for a regional ADRC as presented to the board. Tom Mueller seconded the motion. The motion was carried without negative vote.

STRAP PROGRESS: Betty Walsh explained the surveys that had been done and explained STRAP. She advised that there was a meeting on August 14 in the UW extension office and she welcomed people to attend that meeting. There is also an Iowa County ADRC Stakeholders meeting that morning.

ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT: Vouchers 1153 through 1182 showing expenses totaling \$56,870.42, and vouchers 1183 through 1189 showing income of \$24,317.68 were presented for approval. Margaret Peat moved to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Eva Kraak 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: Betty Walsh described the new bus.

Tom Mueller advised that the Health Committee met recently, and they received a report on the Community Free Clinic. The Clinic received a \$35,000 anonymous donation to upgrade the clinic, and the Health Department will give \$5,000 of their funds as well. He described the clinic and how it worked and said that two other counties in the area are copying us. Discussion of the need for dental care and dialysis followed.

Rosalie Zwiefel announced that AARP would meet August 21 at 1:00 at Stonefield Apartments, for their annual "picnic." People are asked to bring a dish to pass. Bingo will follow the meal. She also announced that SHARE is August 25.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be September 7 at 1:00 p.m. Geri Peterson suggested meeting at the Mineral Point meal site, because there is a new site manager. Members took an informal hand vote and decided to meet at the Mineral Point meal site. Lunch is at noon, and the meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. Members will need to remember to call the COA office ahead of time to reserve a meal if they wish to eat at the site before the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ron Benish, seconded by Carol Brown, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy Howard, COA Staff