

**MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
BOARD MEETING ON NOVEMBER 2, 2007, AT 10:30 A.M.
AT THE DODGER BOWL, DODGEVILLE, WI**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Geri Peterson at 10:30 a.m. at the Dodger Bowl, Dodgeville, WI.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ronald Benish, Carol Brown, Lorraine Drews, Lorraine Fritsch, Lorraine Jones, Eva Kraak, MaryClaire Murphy, Margaret Peat, Geri Peterson, Phil Roberts, Mildred Swedlund, Rosalie Zweifel, Cecile McManus.

STAFF PRESENT: Judy Lindholm, Betty Walsh, Alvina Sturz.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tom Mueller, Phyllis Reddell.

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 Margaret Peat and seconded by Phil Roberts to approve the certification. Motion carried without negative vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2007: A motion was made by Margaret Peat and seconded by Eva Kraak to approve the agenda for November 2, 2007. Motion carried without negative vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2007: A motion was made by Eva Kraak and seconded by Carol Brown to approve the October 5, 2007 minutes. Motion carried without negative vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Judy reported that the expenses incurred in October included vouchers 1257 through 1282 totaling \$23,086.27 and income including vouchers 1283 through 1289 totaling \$3,204.96. Judy then passed them out for the COA Board to review.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT: Alvina Sturz, Benefit Specialist, gave her report for the month of October and reviewed it with the COA Board. Judy asked about changes for next year in the Medicare Part D Drug Program. Alvina stated there will be many plans to choose from and each individual could possibly benefit from one plan while another would benefit from some other plan. It will depend on the drugs they take and which plan will fit them the best. A discussion ensued about the different plans and the Senior Care Drug Program. Cecile McManus asked Alvina what unduplicated clients

meant. Alvina explained that they are clients that have come in for the first time. They may come in more times but are only counted as unduplicated the first time they come to see the Benefit Specialist. After a small discussion a motion was made by Phil Roberts and seconded by Margaret Peat to approve the Benefit Specialist Report. Motion carried without negative vote.

COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS: There were no county agencies available to give a report.

SUN REPORT: Cecile McManus, Director of SUN, reported that the Arena site will be moved from the VFW Building to the Arena Manor on December 3, 2007. She stated it still has to be approved by the SUN Board at their monthly meeting. Cecile reported that they are getting more activity going in the sites. Cecile brought up the building plan and a discussion ensued on a new office for SUN when the new building is constructed. Cecile also reported that she had met with Bloomfield Manor about getting meals from them instead of Platteville. Another discussion ensued about Bloomfield Manor meals and also about the Highland Meal Site.

AREA AGENCY REPORT – MaryClaire Murphy attended the Area Agency Meeting in Madison on October 5, 2007, and reported the State Budget seemed to be the most concerned item. She stated that there were many other things mentioned and her minutes are on file in the Commission on Aging Office if any one would like to review them.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT: Margaret Peat reported she has not attended a meeting since our last meeting.

TRANSPORTATION COORIDNATOR'S REPORT: Betty Walsh handed out her report for the month of October and reviewed it with the COA Board.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE DRIVER ESCORT PROGRAM: Betty handed out the Policies and Procedures for the Driver Escort Program and reviewed them with the COA Board. Betty reported that the items that were in bold print were the ones that were new. Under (H) Client Eligibility it read (Clients who are taken to a medical facility and are not taken back to their residence, they will still have to pay for the round trip fee. If a driver has to go after someone who is returning to their place of residency from a care facility, the rider will also have to pay the fee as though it was a round trip and not a one way trip. The client only pays from their pick up point to their destination but, the driver is paid for mileage from the driver's home back to their home. This is total mileage for the client but, Betty explained that we can no longer afford to let them pay for only one way. (P) Client Responsibility. (This basically says that if a client decides not to keep an appointment and does not even bother to call and let the Commission on Aging Office know, and the driver escort goes to get them, they will be responsible to pay for the trip. (If the client happens to be hospitalized and forgot to call us because of their illness this could be an exception to this rule.) The Policies and Procedures with the exact reading of the issues are on file at the COA Office and all COA Board Members have a copy. A discussion ensued and after the discussion a motion was made by Ron

Benish and seconded by Lorraine Drews to approve the Policies and Procedures for the Driver Escort Program. Motion carried without negative vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Judy Lindholm, COA Director, reported that she had gone with a Committee to see buildings designed by architects who have been hired to design the new Human Services Building. Judy told the architects that the Commission on Aging Offices should be close to a building entrance due to the special limitations of some of our clients.

Judy reported that she and Betty attended the State Transportation Conference in Janesville, WI. Judy stated that we saw some very impressive tie downs for the wheelchair clients to use in the Veterans van. Judy stated that the Veteran's Service Office has already got some new tie downs and Judy, Betty and the Veteran's Officer tried them out and there should be no problem. Judy stated that we will be training some drivers to use the van and make sure they know how to use the tie downs. Ron reported that he came along as we were working on them in the van and he thought they were much better than what we had before and are much easier to use.

ADRC REPORT:

- a. **Resolution to Participate in grant request structure of the ADRC in Iowa County:** Judy handed out the ADRC Resolution and explained that it would be authorizing the Green County Aging and Disability Resource Center to apply for funding from the Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Disability and Elder Services, for operation of a Regional Aging and Disability Resource Center for Grant, Green, Iowa and Lafayette Counties. Judy asked if the Commission on Aging Board would approve this resolution so it could go to the Iowa County Board of Supervisors for their approval. A motion was made by Phil Roberts and seconded by Ron Benish to approve sending this resolution to the Iowa County Board of Supervisors. Motion carried without negative vote.

STRAP GRANT: Judy reported that we are still waiting for the official notification regarding both the STRAP and New Freedom Grants.

ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT: A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Eva Kraak and seconded by Margaret Peat. Motion carried without negative vote.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Rosalie Zweifel reported that SHARE will be distributed on November 17, 2007, at Kindercastle in Dodgeville. Rosalie mentioned that SHARE was having a special package for Thanksgiving for \$22.00 and she had papers if anyone was interested. Rosalie stated there would be a special SHARE package for Christmas also and that will be on December 15, 2007, and will also be \$22.00. Rosalie reported that AARP would be meeting on November 20, 2007, at Stonefield in Dodgeville at 1:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Iowa County Commission on Aging will be held on December 7, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. in the Iowa County Board of Supervisors Room, Iowa County Courthouse, Dodgeville, WI.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Carol Brown and seconded by Eva Kraak to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 Noon. Motion carried without negative vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Walsh
Staff Secretary

Eva Kraak
COA Secretary

APPROVED