

**MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
MEETING ON DECEMBER 7, 2007, AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE IOWA
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ROOM,
IOWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DODGEVILLE, WI.**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Geri Peterson at 1:05 p.m. in the Iowa County Board of Supervisors Room, Iowa County Courthouse, Dodgeville, WI.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS: Betty stated that we have a new County Board representative on our Board who is Jack Jinkins from Dodgeville. The rest of the Commission on Aging Board introduced themselves to Jack and told him which area they represented.

Roll call was taken by Betty Walsh.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Benish, Lorraine Draves, Lorraine Fritsch, Margaret Peat, Geri Peterson, Phyllis Reddell, Phil Roberts, Mildred Swedlund, Rosalie Zweifel, Jack Jinkins.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Lorraine Jones, MaryClaire Murphy, Shelly Klopp, Cecile McManus.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Randy Terronez, Iowa County Administrator

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Eva Kraak and Carol Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

CERTIFICATION OF MEETING: Judy Lindholm reported the meeting had been posted and certified as required by law. A motion to approve the certification was made by Ron Benish and seconded by Lorraine Fritsch. Motion carried without negative vote.

AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 7, 2007: A motion was made by Margaret Peat and seconded by Phil Roberts to approve the agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2, 2007 MEETING: Cecile McManus, Director of the SUN Program reported that the Highland report and the Arena report were two separate items and there should have been a paragraph between them. With the above correction a motion was made by Margaret Peat and seconded by Phil Roberts to approve the minutes. Motion carried without negative vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Judy reported that the expenses for November including vouchers 1290 through 1320 were \$32,244.19 and income including vouchers 1321

through 1327 were \$8,823.16. Judy then handed them out the Financial Report for the COA Board to review.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT AND TRAINING: Nancy Howard handed out the November report and reviewed it with the Commission on Aging Board. She stated open enrollment for Part D Medicare coverage started on November 15, and she has been busy with clients because many questions have come up such as Medicare Savings accounts and some policies are not covering the same drugs as they did a year ago. Ron Benish asked if the Medicare Premiums are based on income. Nancy stated that they can be but they have been able to appeal some of the increases. Lorraine Fritsch noted that if you made over a certain amount you will have to pay more. Nancy reported that for the year 2008, your current plan may have changed by an increase in monthly premiums, annual deductibles, co-payments or co-insurance. Also the list of drugs may have changed in coverage and some drugs will no longer be covered. Nancy reported that open enrollment is available until December 31, 2007. Nancy stated it would be good to go over your plan, and she and Alvina will be glad to help. A discussion ensued about the different plans and appeals. Nancy stated that their legal backup has been very helpful with these problems.

COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS: Shelly Klopp, Social Service Worker reported they do have money available for Supportive Home Care. Shelly stated they have been getting more than usual cases of elder abuse, adult at risk referrals, (physical or mental) and some of these have been under 60, but still needed help. Shelly reported Marlin Harms asked her to let us know that they are again taking applications for Energy Assistance. Shelly reported that they were getting their Holiday Project going for those who are needy in Iowa County.

SUN REPORT: Cecile Mcmanus, Director of Sun Program reported that the Arena Meal Site moved on November 30th, to the Arena Manor from the Arena VFW Site. The rent will be \$105.00 and it was \$140.00 at the VFW and the VFW wanted to raise it to \$200.00. Cecile stated that they have a new freezer at the Arena Manor.

Cecile reported that they had their first snow day last week and except for Arena and the home delivered in Barneveld every other site was closed.

Cecile reported that there is a new meal site manager in Dodgeville. Her name is Diane Lefebvre.

Cecile stated that Blanchardville is having their Christmas Party and 30th Anniversary Party on December 13, 2007, and that anyone who would like to come is invited. Judy asked how the Cook Book sale was going and Cecile reported it was doing well.

AREA AGENCY REPORT: MaryClaire Murphy reported that they were to have a meeting today but because of the weather it was cancelled so she had nothing to report at this time.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT: Margaret Peat reported she had attended the meeting and there is restructuring being done in the AgeAdvantAge Offices. There are now 4 districts and they plan to eliminate 2 of them. The Area Agency Minutes are on file in the Commission on Aging Office if anyone is interested in reading them.

At this time Judy reminded the Commission on Aging Board that they had requested that someone come out from the Area Agency and explain the different things that are going on at the Area Agency level. She stated that Bob Kellerman, Director of AgeAdvantAge, plans to come to our January 4, 2008, meeting to answer any questions that we may have.

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT AND TRAINING: Betty passed out the Transportation Report for November and reviewed it with the Board.

a. COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PLAN: Judy reported that on August 14, 2007 at a public meeting action was taken to update the Regional Coordinated Public Transit Plan for Southwest Wisconsin. The first motion that was passed was to update the plan to include (1) the Southwest Wisconsin Transit Team's Mobility Action Plan, which was developed in 2007 as part of the Easter Seals Mobility Planning Services Institute, (2) a more detailed Regional Fleet Inventory (pending completion), and (3) results of the Passenger Transportation Services Questionnaire Report (pending completion). The second motion that was passed was to support funding applications (including 5310, JARC, and New Freedoms programs) by the Southwest Wisconsin Transit Team, with representation from Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, and Richland Counties, the Hodan Center, Southwest Opportunities Center, SWCAP, SWWRPC, and the Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities, as part of local and regional efforts to achieve goals identified in the 2006-2007 coordinated public transit human services transportation plan. A discussion ensued. After the discussion a motion was made by Ron Benish and seconded by Phyllis Reddell to approve the Regional Coordinated Public Transit Plan for the 5 counties which had been amended at the August 14, 2007, public meeting. Motion carried without negative vote.

a. DRIVER ESCORT APPLICATION: Betty reported that we have a driver escort application for Shirley Goebel from Dodgeville, WI. A discussion ensued and a motion was made by Phil Roberts and seconded by Phyllis Reddell to approve the application for Shirley Goebel to become a driver escort. All members present approved the application except for Jack Jinkins who did not approve. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND TRAINING: Judy reported that we had a card for everyone to sign for Eva Kraak who is in the nursing home to receive PT Services.

ADRC REPORT: Judy reported on the current status and that she would be presenting this to the County. She said that the amount of additional funds that the region was told they would be getting is reduced. Board member Ron Benish mentioned that he doesn't trust the state to follow through. The Board discussed State responsibilities and reliability and how counties could potentially make money out of operating the CMO. Phil Roberts

asked what our legislators think about Family Care and Judy said that apparently both Senator Schultz and Representative Hilgenberg are supportive.

STRAP AND NEW FREEDOM REPORT: Judy reported that we were successful in getting the New Freedom grant which would establish a mobility manager employed by CAP to coordinate transportation services in the five county area and also increase services in those counties.

The STRAP Grant for additional Taxi service was awarded. The taxi in Grant County will be in Iowa County two days a week. They are looking for volunteers who can be dispatchers. Lafayette County will have services one day a week.

ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT: Judy asked if there were any questions. Ron Benish asked about the Area Agency Funds, which are payments that come in. Judy explained how the Area Agency reimburses us.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Rosalie Sweifel announced that SHARE would be at Kindercastle from 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. on December 15th. AARP would have a Christmas Party potluck at Stonefield Apartments at 1:00 p.m. on December 18th. AARP will also meet on January 15, 2008.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Iowa County Commission on Aging Board will be January 4, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. at the Iowa County Board of Supervisors Room, Iowa County Courthouse, Dodgeville, WI.

At this time Judy Lindholm passed out a clean copy of the Iowa County Commission on Aging Bylaws for each member.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Walsh, COA Secretary