

**MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING  
BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 7, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Geri Peterson at 1:00 p.m.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ron Benish, Carol Brown, Lorraine Fritsch, Jack Jinkins, Eva Kraak, Margaret Peat, Geri Peterson, Phil Roberts, Mildred Swedlund.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Lorraine Jones, MaryClaire Murphy, Janet Butteris, Cecile Mc Manus.

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

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Lorraine Jones, Phyllis Reddell, Rosalie Zweifel.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**CERTIFICATION OF MEETING:** Judy Lindholm reported that the meeting had been posted and certified as required by law. A motion to approve the certification was made by Phil Roberts and seconded by Jack Jinkins. Motion carried without negative vote.

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

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Judy Lindholm reported that expenses for February, including vouchers 1034 through 1059 totaled \$27,875.67 and income including vouchers 1060 through 1064 totaled \$1,648.25. Judy then passed the vouchers out for the Board to review.

**BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT & TRAININGS:** Alvina Sturz, Benefit Specialist, gave her report for February and reviewed it with the Board. Alvina stated they have been busy with folks who are not required to file income tax but will need to file a 1040A report in order to get the stimulus payment of \$300 for a single person and \$600 for a couple. The Benefit Specialists have also trained the rest of the COA Staff on how to help these folks.

Alvina reported that both she and Nancy are on the Executive Committee of the Wisconsin Benefit Specialist Association and would like permission for herself and Nancy to attend the Benefit Special Executive Annual Meeting in Stevens Point on April 3, 2008. A motion was made by Lorraine Fritsch and seconded by Phil Roberts to

approve Alvina and Nancy going to the Executive Meeting of the Wisconsin Benefit Specialist Association Meeting in Stevens Point on April 3, 2008.

**COUNTY AGENCY REPORT:** At this time no one was available to report.

**SUN REPORT:** Cecile McManus Director of SUN reported that things were going well at Rewey. The Linden site manager is helping with the bookwork and Naomi Zimmerman has volunteered to help with the meals. Cecile stated that she will be going to the Rewey Village Board meeting even though they have stated they could not help. Cecile would still like to talk with them to see if there is anything else that could be done to keep the meal site open.

Cecile reported that the Highland meal site manager has been ill and they have been able to get a substitute who is doing a great job.

Cecile reported that April is National Nutrition month and she has been working with the U. W. Extension on this.

Cecile stated they are facing financial challenges and she has been asking all meal site managers and everyone who can to come up with money saving ideas. A discussion ensued and Cecile was informed that there are grants out there that maybe could help. Cecile stated that she has been looking into grants that may be available to help with their finances.

Eva Kraak asked when they were going to have a PAC meeting and Cecile stated that she was planning on getting one set up in April. A discussion ensued and a motion was made by Jack Jinkins and seconded by Ron Benish to approve the SUN Report. Motion carried

**COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS:** At this time Janet Butteris from Social Services entered the meeting and reported they have received Supportive Home Care Funds from the County and they have been used up. They did have a waiting list but with the Supportive Home Care Funds were able to help everyone on the list, so at this time there is not a waiting list.

Janet reported that because of the huge Winter storms they are low on funds for snow shoveling and lawn care and they were only given \$500 for snow and lawn work. A motion to approve Janet's report was made by Ron Benish and seconded by Margaret Peat. Motion carried without negative vote.

**AREA AGENCY REPORT:** MaryClaire Murphy reported that they would be having their next meeting on March 14, 2008, so she had nothing to report at this time.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT:** Margaret Peat reported that they have not had a meeting since our last meeting.

**TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT & TRAININGS:** Betty Walsh gave her report for the month of February and reviewed it with the Board. Betty reported there are still some mechanical problems with the bus and she has been talking with Wisconsin Bus and also Hallada's to get the problems solved. She stated she will keep on it until they are resolved. At this time a motion was made by Eva Kraak and

seconded by Mille Swedlund to approve the Transportation Coordinator's Report. Motion carried without negative vote.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT & TRAININGS:** Judy Lindholm reported that Senator Rus Feingold is going to be in Barneveld on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and she has written a letter about all of our concerns. Judy stated she will not be able to attend this meeting as she will be painting at the Mineral Point Meal Site. Judy asked Mille Swedlund, our Board member from Barneveld, to please see that Senator Feingold gets this letter and Millie agreed.

Judy reported that the AARP tax people have been here to do taxes and the dates were really filling up. They had to cancel one of the dates because of a snow storm and they have scheduled another date to make up for the snow storm. This will be April 7, 2008. Judy stated that Alvina has started a Low Vision Support Group and will be having guest speakers. Geri Peterson reported that in foggy weather amber sun glasses are helpful. Geri also stated that there is a catalog of different things you can get to help people who have low vision problems. Judy stated that there are extra costs involved so that could be a factor for some folks. Judy stated that is why we need Universal Health Care. Judy reported that our Office will be closed on March 21, 2008, for the Spring Holiday. Judy reported that the Spring Senior Expo at the Baymont Inn in Belmont is being held on March 27, 2008. This has been very nice and those who have gone in the past have enjoyed it. We will be taking the bus and also cars.

**ADRC REPORT:** Ron Benish reported that he had talked with Senator Schultz in regard to funding ADRCs and Family Care.

Judy reported she talked with Janice Smith whose deals with ADRCs and seemed to be very knowledgeable. Janice feels that the State is still proceeding with the expansion of ADRCs and Family Care. They talked about the consortium and smaller sub-committees. Judy reported that the regional ADRC plans had been reviewed by the State, and Donna McDowell, Director of the Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources, remarked that they are pleased with the regional approach that we took. She stated that, "This is the model that will transform Wisconsin." Judy reported that the ADRC would start around 2010 and the MCO would start after that. Judy reported that she, Darin Smith and Neal Blackburn have been working hard to represent Iowa County in the eight county consortium.

Judy reported that a manager for the Stakeholders will have to be hired and a meeting will be held on March 11, 2008. Ron Benish reported that Family Care will have to come first. Judy also talked a little bit about the New Freedom Grant and getting a manager going.

**STRAP:** Judy reported that there was nothing new to report. The taxi is still scheduled to start in August of 2008. She did report that the mobility manager funded with New Freedom money has been hired and has started. He is meeting with all 5 counties individually. He is working on a name for our group as well as a website and a toll free phone number.

**ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT:** There were no questions on the Financial Report. The County Administrator had approved all the expenses and all of them were paid.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting of the Commission on Aging will be held on April 4, 2008, 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 2:30 p.m. Motion carried without negative vote.

Respectfully submitted;

Betty Walsh COA Staff Secretary  
Eva Kraak, COA Board Secretary

APPROVED