

IOWA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ron Benish at 4:00 PM

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS: Roll call was taken by Judy Lindholm. Our new county board member, Diane McGuire was introduced to the COA board.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lorraine Drews, Lorraine Jones, Eva Kraak, MaryClaire Murphy, Mildred Swedlund, Rosalie Zweifel, Ron Benish, Bill Ehr and Diane McGuire

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT: Cecile McManus, Geri Peterson, Carol Brown

STAFF PRESENT: Alvina Sturz, Judy Lindholm

OTHERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Phyllis Reddell, Margaret Peat

CERTIFICATION OF MEETING: Judy Lindholm reported the meeting had been posted and certified as required by law. A motion was made by Diane McGuire and seconded by Rosalie Zweifel to approve the certification. 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: It was noted that the agenda stated that the minutes were from the May 2, 2008 meeting. This is **not** correct, it should read May 9, 2008. This was noted and a motion was made by Bill Ehr and seconded by Diane McGuire to approve the May 9, 2008 COA board minutes. Motion carried without negative vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Judy Lindholm reported the expenses for April including vouchers 1146 through 1181 totaled \$35,943.54 and income including vouchers 1182 through 1189 totaled \$7149.20. Judy then passed the Financial Report around for the Board to review. Ron asked if the expenses at \$35,943.54 were normal for this time of year and Judy replied that they were. She will present a report at our next meeting that indicated expenditures by program, although that report is always one month behind.

COMMISSION ON AGING ANNUAL REPORT: The annual report had been handed out at last month's meeting. Judy had given a brief review of the report and instructed the board to take it home to go over it in more detail and then bring back any questions to June's meeting. Ron stated that he felt the report was very well done. Bill Ehr moved that the report be sent to the full county board with the recommendation for acceptance. Motion seconded by Eva Kraak. Motion carried without negative vote.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT: Alvina Sturz passed out the monthly report. She reported that donations were up due to a recent survey that had been distributed. Alvina is visiting the contact sites in June and taking the Senior Farmers Market Vouchers with her. There are 86 sets of \$25 worth of vouchers. Judy Lindholm stated that the Extension Department has also given us coupons to distribute with the vouchers. Folks will be able to take these coupons to either the Dodgeville or Mineral Pt

Farmers Markets and turn them in for a small token. Judy then described how the Senior Farmer's Market Vouchers Program worked. Alvina also announced that volunteers are being sought to work with the Medicare Fraud Program. They would like to have at least one volunteer per county.

a. PURCHASE OF WIRELESS HEADSETS: Judy Lindholm reported that at the end of June the current SHIP grant of \$3500 will be concluded. However, we will still have over \$800 left in that account. She would like to use some of that money to purchase wireless headsets to use for the benefit specialists. Bill Ehr moved and Lorraine Drews seconded the purchase of 3 of the wireless headsets at approximately \$250 per set. Motion carried without negative vote.

COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS: There were no county agencies present.

SUN REPORT: Cecile McManus, SUN Director, reported that an appreciation dinner was held at Belmont. This is an annual event and approximately 80 people were in attendance. Another event that took place in May was the open house at the Mineral Point Senior Center/Meal Site. Fifty-five meals, both congregate and home delivered, were served that day. There were several speakers at the open house and lots of entertainment. So far it appears that the open house has caused the number of participants to increase. Cecile reported on some housekeeping issues that they were working out with the city government. Bill Ehr suggested that at tomorrow's SUN meeting they make a motion to draft a letter to the Mineral Point city council regarding the housekeeping issue. Cecile also reported that she had learned that the meals received from the UW – Platteville will be increasing by 3% . This was less than she had anticipated. She also reported that she had met with the Blanchardville Village Board and has asked if they could help with some of the costs of the meal site that is located in the legion building. She learned that they already pay the legion \$1200 to help offset the cost of using the building for meetings and SUN meals

AREA AGENCY REPORT: No report available.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT: No report available.

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Judy handed out the report and went over the figures. She reported that driver escort units of service were down because we had lost one dialysis patient. She reported that we were continuing to have trouble with the gas tank rusting on the bus. The Hallada Service Department talked with Ford and Ford is sending out a field rep to review the matter. Bill Ehr suggested that Judy should get in touch with the Iowa County Corp Counsel to see if we can get reimbursement for the cost of renting a bus from Hodan while ours is being repaired. Judy stated that she will be calling Wisconsin Bus first to see what they might offer. If she is not satisfied with what they are willing to do, she will contact corp counsel. Ron Benish suggested that when the new tank is installed, we should check with Ford to make sure that there is at least a one year warrantee on the new tank.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND TRAININGS: Judy reported on the Iowa County 2009 budget timeline. The budget packets will be handed out by June 16th to the various departments. They are due back to the Finance Office by July 11th. Our COA Board will review the first draft of the budget on July 7th. The budget will then be reviewed by Randy Terronez, County Administrator and Roxie Hamilton, Finance Director. The budget will then come back to the COA Board, then to the Administrative Services Committee and finally to the entire County Board. The public budget hearing and final 2009 budget approval will take place on Wednesday, November 12, 2008. Judy also reported on the "County Plan" which is due in September. This is just an amendment to our last plan. We have to address four issues, Transportation Coordination, Emergency Preparedness, Evidence Based Prevention and

Modernization Activities. Judy reported that we will also have to work on our COA by-laws to include ADRC activities.

ADRC REPORT:

a. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEVELOPMENT OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF IOWA COUNTY AND THE SELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL GOVERNING BOARD:** Judy handed out the resolution that has already been approved by the Health and Human Services Committee. Ron Benish has been appointed to be our representative on the Regional ADRC Board. A motion was made by Eva Kraak and seconded by Carol Brown to accept the resolution authorizing the development of the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Iowa County and to present it to the full County Board for their approval. Motion carried without negative vote.

STRAP & NEW FREEDOM REPORT: Judy reported that the ad for the taxi driver for the Dodgeville Taxi Service is in the paper. The service will operate two days per week, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. Dispatch will be done with cell phones. The driver will do their own dispatching until the COA office opens at which time our office staff will take over. The service will begin some time in July.

ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion made by Rosalie Zweifel and seconded by Mildred Swedlund to accept the financial report. Motion carried without negative vote.

REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Rosalie Zweifel passed out the SHARE newspaper and explained the program to the group. You can receive about \$35 worth of food for \$21 each month. Next distribution in Iowa County is June 28, 2008. Rosalie also talked about a trip that she and Ruth Olson put together. They are taking a bus to Lancaster PA for a 5 night 6 day trip in August. The trip will include hotel accommodations, tours, shows, meals and many other amenities. Finally, Rosalie reported she may be closing her shop at Hecks in Arena.

Some discussion occurred in regard to FEMA money that is available because of our severe winter. A question was asked as to why didn't Iowa County qualify for any of the FEMA funds. Bill Ehr reported that for the day that FEMA is making the money available we did not receive enough snow and Iowa County also did not have enough National Weather Service voluntary weather collection stations in Iowa County. These stations collect weather information and report it daily between 6:30 am and 8:00 am. We only have one weather station in Iowa County and that is at the Dodgeville sewer plant. We need several more weather stations. The National Weather Service will supply the equipment and training necessary to run a weather station. Finding people who will make the commitment to report on a daily basis is difficult.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting will be held July 7, 2008 in the Iowa County Courthouse, Board Room at 4:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Eva Kraak and second by Rosalie Zweifel to adjourn. Motion carried without negative vote.