

**IOWA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
COUNTY BOARD ROOM**

**1:00 p.m.
Friday March 6, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Margaret Peat at 1:00 p.m..

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Benish, Carol Brown, Lorraine Drews, Lorraine Fristch, Gerald Dorscheid, Eva Kraak, Margaret Peat, Mildred Swedland

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Brown

STAFF PRESENT: Judy Lindholm, Nancy Howard, Laura Crowley

OTHERS PRESENT: Cecile McManus

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Lorraine Jones, MaryClaire Murphy, Geri Peterson, Phyllis Reddell, Diane McGuire, Rosalie Zweifel

CERTIFICATION OF MEETING: COA Director, Judy Lindholm reported that 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 Fristch.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES: Lorraine Fristch made the motion to approve the March 6, 2009 Agenda., Ron Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried without negative vote. Ron Benish made the motion to approve February Meeting Minutes, Eva seconded the motion. The motion carried without negative vote. .

FINANCIAL REPORT: COA Director Judy Lindholm reported the expenses for February which include Vouchers 1028 to 1054 totaling \$25,140.43 and the income for February which include Vouchers 1055 to 1060 totaling \$2,719.76. Judy distributed copies of the Financial Report for the Month of February for members review.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORT: Nancy Howard passed out the February Monthly Report to commission members. Nancy reported that February numbers are high – that there are a great variety of cases.

COUNTY AGENCY: There was no County Agency Report.

SUN AGENCY: Cecile McManus was present and reported they will have to decrease service at two of the Iowa County sites, Avoca and Rewey due to low counts. The sites will be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in Rewey and will be closing on

Mondays in Avoca starting the first week in April, or any other day that we don't have our minimum count. The numbers decreased after the flood, and have not returned. If the numbers go back up, the meal site will be open on additional days. Mary Spillane, SUN, office assistant will be leaving for a full-time position with the State. She will be missed, and is wished the best. SUN is looking at options to fill the position/duties that Mary has been doing for SUN> Sun has received several grants – one for Tai Chi instruction in Darlington and one for music in Blanchardville.

AREA AGENCY REPORT: Mary Claire was excused, there was no report. Area Agency Report will be deleted from future agendas.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT: There was no report and this item will also be deleted from future agendas.

OFFICE/TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANT REPORT: Laura Crowley passed out the February Transportation Report. Units for the Care A Van are really up – last February the unit count was 485 – February 2009 was 693. The amount of donation is also on the rise. Driver Escort is down further than it was last month. Last year there were 311 units in February and this year 275. The Taxi is very busy is taking some of the folks that would have normally been driven by D.E. Also, Upland Hills now having a dialysis unit, allows some of our clients (not currently any) to go to Upland Hills vs. Madison. The Vet's Van is driving two clients from Arena area. There was only one cancellation of the bus in February. We have 4 senior trips coming up, all pretty much in a row – The Senior Expo, a Play, a trip to a Quilt Show and a trip to the Overture Center, all within 7 days. Most all of the plays are full with waiting lists. Rose and Laura are working together on setting up as many trips as possible that will be filled. There followed some discussion involved the bus usage and whether or not it should be used for activities other than County activities. The Board was asked to think about it and bring it back at the April meeting. Meanwhile, Staff will look into insurance issues with the County.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND TRAINING:

ADRC REPORT: Judy reported that Laura and she are now roommates and it is working out well. IS has set up our computers and our phones, so we are up and running. Mark has been very busy making ready the I&A office and also the DBA office. Kenny has moved over to the Health Dept. and Mark, our maintenance man, is getting the office ready for the DBA. In response to the ad in the newspaper for the positions that will be available, the County has received over 200 resumes/applications. We have just gone through the interview process and it went well, the top three candidates were chosen and Annette Meudt will be notifying them. We will be scheduling an Open House in conjunction with our new ADRC and with the anniversary of COA – which has been in existence for 35 years. Additionally the County is celebrating its Sesquicentennial – 150 years in June. Laura will be attending the meetings so that COA/ADRC will be involved. Possibly some of the folks on the COA Board would like to work on our anniversary activities with Laura. Lorraine Drews offered to help and Carol Brown also. The next

meeting of the Sesquicentennial group is scheduled for March 30 @ 6:00 and Laura will be attending.

After some discussion involving targeting groups – physically, developmentally disabled, elderly and chronically mentally ill, we find that we do not have someone to represent the developmentally disabled. Judy asked the Board's permission to go out into the community and look for a person to represent the developmentally disabled. She thought she would contact Hodan Center and ask for some suggestions for names.

MISSION STATEMENTS: It was suggested that we take a look at an existing Mission Statement of the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Southwest Wisconsin. All members of the Board had copies of it and discussion followed. The Mission Statement is, "The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Southwest Wisconsin is dedicated to working with adults and families who are affected by aging, disability, mental health or substance abuse issues, by providing information and access to services to enhance their quality of life." There followed some discussion about making any changes to the existing, and it was determined that the consensus liked it as stated. President Margaret Peat asked for a motion to accept the Mission Statement as stated, Millie Swedlund made that motion, Jerry Dorscheid seconded the motion. Motion carried without a negative vote.

We will be working on the By Laws, Board Composition and the Job Descriptions of the ADRC members at our April Meeting.

ACTION OF FINANCIAL REPORT: After Board review of the vouchers, Chairperson Peat asked for a motion. Eva Kraak made the motion to approve payment of the vouchers, Millie Swedlund seconded the motion. Motion carried without a negative vote.

COMMENTS FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS: Rosalie was not in attendance. SHARE and AARP information will be in the April News & Views.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be Monday, April 6th @ 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Eva Kraak made the motion to adjourn, Ron Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. .

Respectfully Submitted

Laura Crowley
Department Assistant, Commission on Aging.

APPROVED