

**AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF SW WISCONSIN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
COUNTY BOARD ROOM
3:30 P.M.
Monday, July 13, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Margaret Peat at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lorraine Drews, Lorraine Fristch, Gerald Dorscheid, Eva Kraak, MaryClaire Murphy, Margaret Peat, Geri Peterson, Diane McGuire, Mildred Swedland, Rosalie Zweifel

STAFF PRESENT: Judy Lindholm, Laura Crowley, Deb Ehr, Alvina Sturz, Jean Zawacki

OTHERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ron Benish, Carol Brown, Lorraine Jones

CERTIFICATION OF MEETING: COA Director, Judy Lindholm reported that the meeting had been posted and certified as required by State Statutes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES: Gerald Dorscheid made the motion to approve the July 13, 2009 Agenda, Rosalie Zweifel seconded the motion. Motion carried without negative vote. Eva Kraak made the motion to approve June Meeting Minutes, MaryClaire seconded the motion. The motion carried without negative vote.

REPORTS/COMMENTS: Member Rosalie Zweifel reported that AARP would be meeting on July 21st at Stonefield for lunch at 11:00 a.m. SHARE delivery is on the 25th at Kinder Castle in Dodgeville from 7 a.m. – 8:00 a.m..

FINANCIAL REPORT: COA Director Judy Lindholm reported the expenses for June which include Vouchers 2085 through 3016 totaling \$44,436.13 in expenses and \$1,963.80 in income. Judy distributed copies of the Financial Report for the Month of June for board member review. Will act on the Financial Report at the end of the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS: Renewal for one additional term – those Board members would be, our President, Margaret Peat and our Secretary, Eva Kraak A motion was made to reappoint those individuals for an additional term by Lorraine Fritsch and seconded by Lorraine Drews. The motion carried without negative vote.

COUNTY AGENT: No Report

SUN REPORT: Thursday, July 16th is the next meeting.

BENEFIT SPECIALISTS REPORTS: Alvina Sturz, Elderly Benefit Specialist was present for meeting. She handed out the monthly report. Indicated that June is the slowest month of the year. Also, that she and Nancy had attended a three day training in Stevens Point. There is one set of farm vouchers left. Deb Ehr, Disability Benefit Specialist was also present for the meeting. Deb handed out a Quarterly Summary Report which indicates new clients (17) for this period, Case Report Summary and Closed Case Information. Deb indicated that she was able to save her clients a total of \$6,490.37. Also told of a success story about obtaining medicine for a person that was unable to obtain the medicines that she needed, at no cost to the client. Jean Zawacki, Information & Assistance Specialists was present for the meeting. She indicated that the number of calls is increasing and the work associated with the calls is increasing for both she and Shannon. Shannon and Jean will be taking an exam on Wed., July 15th to be certified as Information Resource Specialists. Jean discussed another part of their jobs which is a Functional Screen – which is an assessment that is done to determine eligibility for long term care funding/services. Shannon and Jean have both become certified to do functional screens. They recently also attended a training regarding the IRIS program (I Respect, I Self Direct) – it is the other option that is available for people that need long term care services. One program is called Family Care, which we have all heard about. The other program (IRIS) individuals receive a certain amount of money that is estimated to be the cost of providing their care, and they have the ability to manage that budget and make decisions about how that money is spent to provide for their care. Judy added that one of the benefits that we enjoy here in Iowa County is that it is going to be 6 months before our wait list is frozen. Once that list is frozen, that determines how many new people will be able to receive services in the next 3 years. The wait list is going to close December 31, 2009. She further discussed our relationship with Unified, and said that they will continue to meet to work out various issues. At this time, it was felt that Unified would be doing the functional screens. Judy felt that Unified would relent and we would be able to do the functional screens for the elderly and disabled. We will have to come up with a Wait List Policy. We will take possession of that list January 1, 2010. There is an opportunity to increase that Wait List in the next 6 months. At the end of the 3 years, with Family Care, everyone, who is eligible will be able to be helped.

DRIVER ESCORT APPLICATION: Margaret Peat asked for a motion to go into closed session. Lorraine Fristch made the motion. Geri Peterson seconded the motion.

Eva Kraak made a motion to return to open session. Millie seconded the motion.

Back in Open Session, Lorraine Fritsch made the motion to accept the application of Merlin Gosline to drive as a Driver Escort Volunteer. Rosalie Zwiefel seconded the motion. The motion carried without negative vote.

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANT REPORT: June is slower in this area of our office also. Not with the Care A Van usage, but in donations. We provided 715 units for the month of June this year and 595 were provided at this time last year. Some of the events were attending the Balloon Fest, a Barn Quilt Tour, a BBQ at Laura's House, a Senior Play in Dubuque, our Barneveld Group went to WI Dells, our Low Vision Group went to Madison, and we went to The Flower Factory in Stoughton also. The taxi is still very busy – Kenny Palzkill is now the driver. We are looking at a new van that will be coming in the Fall – Larry Lansing is assisting us with our choices. This van will be used when a smaller number of people are going. We also arranged for Sienna Crest to tour some farms (neighbors of Laura). Laura briefly discussed the survey, at this point. We will continue to collect and tally. Highest numbers were with Information and Assistance.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

On July 27, 2009 – we will be holding a meeting – a planning session from 1 – 4 p.m., here at the Court House. You will be receiving an agenda. This would be regarding our County Plan. Judy passed out two documents for members review. There are required areas in the plan – several things that we are asked to look at specifically – emergency, transportation coordination and family caregiver activity. Judy encouraged members to attend.

2009 – 2010 Budget Considerations: currently they are discussing employees being furloughed (days without pay). Possibly 10 days a year. Initially they are looking for volunteer furloughs. Motion was made to approve budget by Lorraine Fritsch, seconded by Rosalie Zweifel. Motion carried without a negative vote.

STRAP/NEW FREEDOM: To be addressed next month

FINANCIAL REPORT – Upon review of the vouchers, Millie made the motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Diane McQuire seconded the motion. Motion carried without a negative vote.

There being no further business

ADJOURNMENT – Eva Kraak made the motion to adjourn, Rosalie Zweifel seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, August 10, 2009 @ 3:30 p.m. in the County Board Room.

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Respectfully Submitted – Laura Crowley