

SENIORS UNITED FOR NUTRITION PROGRAM, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
January 9, 2007

Chairperson Dean Thoreson called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. at the Iowa County Courthouse, Veterans Library, Dodgeville, Wisconsin.

Roll Call: Thomas Mueller, Iowa; Ronald Benish, Iowa; Phil Roberts, Iowa; George Williams, Lafayette; Dean Thoreson, Lafayette.

Absent – Kenny Taylor, Lafayette.

A quorum was present.

Others Present: Deirdra Suchomel, Executive Director; Marcia Kendall, Assistant Director; Judy Lindholm, Iowa County Commission on Aging; Carol Benson, Lafayette County Aging Resource Center; Bob Kellerman, AgeAdvantAge.

Introductions of all present were done.

Certification of the Meeting: Suchomel stated that notice of the meeting was posted at designated public places.

Approval of the Agenda for January 9, 2007 – Motion by Mueller to approve the Agenda for January 9, 2007 as mailed, seconded by Benish. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of December 12, 2006 Board Meeting: Motion by Williams seconded by Mueller to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of December 12, 2006 as mailed. Motion carried.

Reports from other Board members and members of the audience – Suchomel stated that she held a quarterly staff meeting on Monday, January 8th. SUN staff will be having a belated holiday get together on January 20th and Board members are invited to attend. Will be held in Dodgeville at Thym's or Jimmy's. Will send out the details when finalized.

Kendall read a thank you card, received from the Blanchardville/Argyle site manager, acknowledging the wage increase for 2007.

AgeAdvantAge, Bob Kellerman – Program Review & Discussion – Kellerman explained the purpose of AgeAdvantAge and the areas that they serve. AgeAdvantAge contracts with the State of Wisconsin to fund programs such as the nutrition program. Kellerman stated that he was pleased to have SUN in AgeAdvantAge's area and thought that Seniors United for Nutrition Program (SUN) was a great name for the program. Kellerman stated that AgeAdvantAge's dietitian did an orientation with Suchomel when she started with SUN.

AgeAdvantAge oversees SUN's contract to receive nutrition funding for Iowa and Lafayette Counties. Kellerman commented that SUN is the only multi-county nutrition program continuing in the state. Kellerman discussed the Long Term Care Management Program that is involving 8 counties, which include Iowa & Lafayette.

Kellerman stated that SUN not only provides nutrition but other issues that relate to nutrition, health and wellness. AgeAdvantAge is here to assist in those areas. Kellerman felt that SUN has the benefit of being a non-profit organization, which can take on new ventures more easily, compared to agencies at the county level. Discussion on how the nutrition program is changing with home delivered meals increasing and congregate meals decreasing, it's not the same as when it originally started. Needs have changed and need to find ways to make the program grow. May be that nutrition will need to provide transportation, get awareness out that it's not a welfare program and get people excited about using the program. Thoreson commented that programs need to do more but without more money. Kellerman stated doing more with different money. Kellerman suggested that Iowa and Lafayette Counties may wish to consider making monetary budget contributions to the nutrition program, which currently is not happening.

Question was asked where does SUN go from here. Currently SUN contracts for funding with AgeAdvantage but is included in the Counties plans to AgeAdvantAge. Kellerman stated that SUN's legal relationship is with AgeAdvantAge. SUN is to provide nutrition service to this area of the State with the allocations received with an attachment to Iowa and Lafayette Counties. Kellerman offered some suggestions for the board to consider – instead of separating the budgets between Iowa & Lafayette, putting the funding together as one program and funds, offer County tax levy to help support the program and be more open with participants. Let participants know the food contact costs and any transportation cost and ask them to do what they can.

Aging Resource Center & County Aging Unit Reports –No reports.

Working Agreement between SUN & Iowa & Lafayette County Aging Units – Following discussion with Kellerman need to discuss further with Aging Units. Will bring back next month.

Monthly Reports – Cash Flow Statement - Decmeber, 2006 – Distributed and discussed.

Budget Reports C-1 & C-2 – December, 2006 not final –Distributed and discussed.

Monthly Participant Numbers – November, 2006 – Distributed and discussed.

Motion by Roberts to approve the monthly reports as presented, seconded by Benish.
Motion carried.

Site Reports – Dodgeville Meal Site Update – Suchomel attended the Dodgeville City Council meeting to discuss the need for a facility for the meal site. City directed Suchomel to talk

to the Senior Club who uses the Senior Center and report back at the next Council meeting.

Arena Meal Site Update – Discussion on relocating the meal site. Surveys have been sent out, which needs to be done to consider relocation, and waiting to hear back.

Staff Issues – Director’s Evaluation – Suchomel’s 6 month probation period will be complete in January. Board decided to do the evaluation at the end of the February Board meeting in closed session.

Office Assistant Position – Position became permanent on 1/1/07. Employee has been with SUN as a temporary position since March 2006. Suchomel asked if the 6 month probation period could be waived due to time already worked. Motion by Roberts to waive the 6 month probation period for the office assistant, seconded by Mueller. Motion carried.

Training Request – No requests.

Director’s Report – No further reports.

Chairperson’s Report – No report.

Vouchers - Motion by Mueller to approve all vouchers presented, seconded by Roberts. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date – February 13, 2007, 1:00 p.m., Iowa County Courthouse.

Adjournment – Motion by Benish to adjourn, seconded by Roberts. Motion carried.