

Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2015

The Commission on Aging and Disability met in conference room A/B in the Community Services Building at 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581

Members present: *Beth Busch, Larry Jewell, James Lewis, Gary Peters, Marie Rakow, Bonnie Richardson, David Scribbins, and Virginia Wiedenfeld*

HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Tanya Van Rissenghem-Webster, and Angela Porter

Others present: None

1. Call Meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by David Scribbins.

2. Posting and Agenda: Angela Porter verified the agenda was posted properly. Marie Rakow made a motion to approve the agenda; Virginia Wiedenfeld seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of September 9, 2015 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

Marie Rakow made a motion to approve the September 9, 2015 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Beth Busch seconded. Motion carried.

4. Citizen Comments

- None.

5. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations

- Marlene Mathews from Richland Area Senior Citizens.
 - At the September meeting Norman Davis spoke and had a display of pictures.
 - The last two brat stands were successful and these will be the last for this year.
 - At the October meeting there was a pumpkin decorating and costume contest. Angela Porter from the Richland County Aging and Disability Resource Center spoke about Medicare Part D, UCare, what the ADRC does and what an Elder Benefit Specialist role is for seniors.
 - The next meeting will be November 12th. The Park Street Church choir will come and sing to celebrate Veterans Day. The group is still looking for a speaker for the program.
 - In December the meeting will be a holiday dinner party which will be put on for the members.
- Gary Peters discussed what the Veteran Equestrian Training Services V.E.T.S. program does. It is an open program that is free to anyone that wants to attend. (It is requested that initial visits be by appointment to protect privacy of those coming to the program.) The program is run strictly by Veterans and through donations. On October 24th there is a fundraiser being held in La Valle to support the V.E.T.S. program. Chili cook off, pumpkins for kids, picnic, etc. there is information on face book. For more information contact them at 608-985-8886 or on the web at <http://veteransequinetraillservices.org>
- Bonnie Richardson reported that Schmitt Woodland Hills is beginning to work with the Honoring Choices program in conjunction with Richland Hospital. This program is about helping people make long term choices. It is modeled on the programs at Mayo and Gundersen in La Crosse. The programs in La Crosse did outreach to everyone across the La Crosse area to make sure people were aware of Advance Directives.

6. Nutrition Program Quarterly Report

- Tanya Van Rissenghem-Webster gave an update on the Richland County Nutrition Program.
 - Distributed report to board to read about specific program items from the past quarter but Tanya highlighted items 19 and 21 to the COAD board.
 - Item 19 is in regards to issues that have been brought up at past meetings about the quality of food at the Richland Center meal site.
 - Angie Arneson, provider for the Richland Center meal site, and Tanya Webster opened a discussion on the food at the Richland Center site. There were comments about the quality of the protein and vegetables. Angie and Tanya were very receptive to the comments and encourage everyone to continue giving feedback on the meals to increase quality. It takes time to enact changes.
 - Item 21 discusses outreach for volunteers. Anyone that knows about a group that would like to volunteer please have them contact Tanya at 608-647-8821.

7. Discussion and Action on Richland County 2016 – 2018 Aging Plan

- Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber gave an overview of the goals and actions outlined in the Richland County 2016-2018 Aging Plan.
- Marie Rakow made a motion to approve the Richland County 2016-2018 Aging Plan; Bonnie Richardson seconded. Motion carried.

8. Richland Center Pedestrian Safety Discussion

- David Scribbins said there are no new developments on this topic.
- Marie Rakow said there are a lot of smaller communities with signs in the middle of the street that talk about pedestrian safety. There was discussion on the effectiveness of these signs.

9. Board Education

- Roxanne gave a brief overview of some of the changes that are coming from the state to the ADRC's. All changes need to be completed by the end of 2016.
 - Reception area has to be more visible and have more privacy. We will be moving the ADRC reception desk to the other side of the reception area.
 - Signage has to be consistent and standard across the state. Must use the state logo and will be more visible on the building.

10. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms A & B of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581 as this is Veteran's Day there was discussion on moving this to the following Wednesday, November 18th in respect of our local Veteran's. All board members were in favor of this change and voted unanimously.

11. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until November 18, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. made by Marie Rakow; second by Bonnie Richardson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Porter,
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