

**Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes
December 9, 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: Steven Boomfield, Beth Busch, Belinda Granger, Larry Jewell, James Lewis, Marie Rakow, David Scribbins, and Virginia Wiedenfeld
HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Joanne Welsh, Linda Batten, 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/Linda Batten verified the agenda was posted properly. Virginia Wiedenfeld made a motion to approve the agenda; Marie Rakow seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of November 18, 2015 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

Beth Busch stated the November minutes said she was at the meeting, she was not at the meeting.

Marie Rakow made a motion to approve the November 18, 2015 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes as corrected; Beth Busch seconded. Motion carried.

4. Citizen Comments

- None.

5. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations

- None.

6. Elder Benefit Specialist Program Quarterly Report

- Joanne Welsh, Elder Benefit Specialist gave a presentation about the Elder Benefit Specialist Program.
 - What is a Benefit Specialist?
 - Advocate for public and private benefit problems
 - Advocate for people over 60
 - Who Administers the Elder Benefit Specialist Program
 - Richland Co. Health & Human Services
 - Aging & Disability Resource Center of Eagle Country
 - Who should seek help from the Elder Benefit Specialist
 - People over 60 who want to know about private and public benefits
 - Older people who have been denied benefits/services which they think they are qualified
 - Older people who need legal representation
 - Older people having difficulty making monthly expenses
 - Family/Caregivers working with older adults who may qualify for public benefits
 - What can a Benefit Specialist help with?
 - Medicare Benefits, Prescription Assistance, Medigap/Supplemental Insurance, Medicare Advantage, SeniorCare, SSI/Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Benefits, Disability Benefits, Medical Assistance, Food Stamps, Housing/Tenant Problems, Pension Problems, and other legal or benefit problems.
 - What are examples of a successful Benefit Specialist case?
 - Joanne gave two examples of how she has helped people in the past
 - All the parts of Medicare.
 - Part A – Hospital
 - Part B – Doctor (Medical)
 - Part C – Medicare Advantage – private health insurance that is optional to regular Medicare
 - Part D – Prescription drug insurance approved by Medicare
 - Who is affected by Medicare Part D
 - Medicare beneficiaries – regardless of age
 - Those with drug coverage currently through employer/retiree insurance
 - Those on Medicare & Medicaid
 - Those without any prescription coverage
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- Questions you would need to ask
 - Is my drug coverage creditable
 - Do I continue with that coverage or sign up for Part D?
 - Will I pay a penalty for Part D if I enroll at a later date?
 - Do I qualify for extra help paying for Part D?
 - In SeniorCare a better option than Part D if I am over 65?
- Medicaid Benefits and Part D
 - Medicaid is a combination of state and federal health insurance for those with limited income and assets.
 - Effective Jan. 1, 2016 Medicare will no longer cover prescriptions.
 - Medicaid will still cover hospital and medical services.
 - Dual eligibles will be automatically enrolled in extra help – paying for Medicare Part D. If they are dissatisfied with the plan they are enrolled in, they can change plans.
- Helpful Benefits to Help with Health Care Costs
 - LIS/Extra Help
 - QMB/SLMB
 - FoodShare/Food Stamps

7. Dementia Friendly Communities Initiative 2016

- Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber gave an update. She stated that she will give an update at every meeting.
- Roxanne will be meeting with businesses in the next couple of months to discuss this issue. She will also be doing press releases and radio ads.
- Belinda Granger was asking if this was part of the Angel network. Roxanne said it wasn't. There is confusion because of the two different programs doing the same thing. Roxanne will get with Becky Dahl to discuss this.
- Roxanne said this will be on the agenda for every meeting.

8. Richland Center Pedestrian Safety Discussion

- David Scribbins said there was nothing new to report.
- Steven Bloomfield said that at the last city council meeting they discussed signage. David stated he would like to find out if they are not doing anything because of a money issue. Marie Rakow stated that each sign is \$300.00
- Both pedestrians and drivers have to make a coordinated effort to look out for each other.

9. Board Education: This was covered by Joanne in the Elder Benefit report

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10. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms A & B of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581.

11. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Beth Busch; second by Steve Boomfield. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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