

**Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2022**

The Commission on Aging and Disability met via ZOOM.

Members present: David Scribbins, Danielle Rudersdorf, Larry Engel, Julie Fleming, Carolyn Denman, Jodi Hines and Linda Symons

Members absent: Julie Cervantes/Kast, Virginia Wiedenfeld and Sandra Kramer

HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Joanne Welsh and Linda Batten

Others present:

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

2. Posting and Agenda: Linda Batten verified the agenda was posted properly. Danielle Rudersdorf made a motion to approve the agenda; Linda Symons/Julie Fleming seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of November 9, 2022 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

- Carolyn Denman made a motion to approve the November 9, 2022 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Julie Fleming seconded. Motion carried.

4. Program Update: Nutrition Programs

- Tanya was unable to attend the meeting so Roxanne went through some numbers for the board. Currently, Richland Center has congregate meals 5 days a week, Rockbridge 3 days a week and Germantown 1 day a week. In addition, hot home delivered meals for Richland Center, Gotham and Lone Rock and Germantown are 3 days per week.
- Roxanne said that although the number of meals served is down it is being done with less volunteers. Pre-COVID the program had 66 volunteers and now it is just 20.
- Roxanne reported that due to the expected closure of the campus, other options are being explored. Such as a Restaurant model. This would allow individuals to go to a restaurant with a voucher.
- Roxanne discussed that they are also looking at a sustainable kitchen, in Prairie du Chien. (Roxanne, Tricia, Rose and Tanya will tour the facility to see how it runs.)
- Roxanne reported that in January, Richland High School students are doing a fundraiser for "Blizzard Bags". These will consist of shelf stable meals to be distributed to Home Delivered meal participants for the days when there is no meal delivery.
- Danielle Rudersdorf said that during the last Nutrition meeting they voted to raise the cost of congregate meals from \$3.50 to \$4.50.
- Julie Fleming asked how quality is checked. Roxanne told her meal site managers check quality.

5. Board Education: Elder Benefit Specialist Program Summary

- Joanne Welsh reported that Part A has a \$1600 deductible if someone goes into the hospital. Part B cost is \$233.00 for 2023. In 2022 the cost was \$226. The 2023 Medicare Part B premium is decreasing in 2023...
- Joanne reported that she ran 100 Part D planfinders for customers. She said because of changes in the different plans (cost, deductible or what drugs are covered) the plan finder should be ran every year. Every year, usually in September, a person's plan will send them a letter stating what the changes will be for the next year.
- Joanne further reported two plans were lost in 2022.
- Joanne said that many seniors choose to have the cost of their plans deducted from their Social Security checks. Because of this, they do not realize how expensive their plan is.
- Joanne discussed Senior Care only works in Wisconsin. Senior Care does not work outside of Wisconsin, at a hospital pharmacy, for experimental drugs or for diabetic supplies. Additionally, not all pharmacies utilize Senior Care. People can use Good RX with Senior Care,
- Joanne reported that last year more vaccines were covered. Part B covers flu, COVID and pneumonia. Part D covers shingles.

6. Nutrition Program fund transfer request:

- Roxanne explained to the board that GWAAR (Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources) every year gives more money to home delivered meals. However, more money is needed for congregate meals. She asked the board for a motion to approve a 2023 transfer of funding from home delivered (C1) to congregate (C2). This would be \$14,000 or 20%.

- Danielle Rudersdorf made a motion to transfer funds from home delivered (C1) to congregate (C2); Julie Fleming seconded. Motion carried.

7. Aging Plan – Nutrition Program change:

- Due to Tanya not attending the meeting this item was postponed until next month.

8. COAD member resignation:

- Roxanne told the board that she received a letter of resignation, from the board, by Julie Cervantes/Kast. She asked the board for a motion to accept this resignation.
- Danielle Rudersdorf made a motion to accept the resignation of Julie Cervantes/Kast; Julie Fleming seconded. Motion carried.

9. ADRC: updates

- Roxanne told the board that the new region (Crawford, Juneau and Richland) starts January 1. She further stated that the sign outside Health and Human Services will be updated to just ADRC.
- Roxanne said there were numerous programs in November for Caregiver month. One was Grandpa and Lucy at the Lone Rock Community Center which had over 30 attendees.
- Roxanne reported that I & A (Information and Assistance) continues to see an increase of customers. She said it is almost back to pre-COVID.
- Roxanne said that Transportation continues to be busy and that the 53.10 bus grant application was approved. Transportation will be taking people through Rotary Lights December 15th.
- Roxanne reported that in February there would be four sessions of Dementia Live.
- Roxanne reported that Law Enforcement (Lt. Lauren Moe) will be doing training for Project Lifesaver.
- Roxanne reported the Dementia Care Specialist is working on a movie night for Dementia Care.

10. Advocacy: updates

- Roxanne discussed the board that she has had great conversations with Representative Tranel, Kurtz and Novak.
- Roxanne said that Humana is proposing to purchase Inlusa while Molina will purchase My Choice. These are for profit companies and Wisconsin has not allowed for profit companies before. There was quite a lot of advocacy back in 2015 to prevent this. She discussed how and where to send advocacy letters to.

11. ADRC Budget Review:

- Roxanne reported that the ADRC budget is at 85.1% utilization and the Aging budget is at 75.6% utilization. Nutrition was budgeted at \$250,773 and the actual is \$247,535. She said Nutrition is averaging \$24,000 per month.

12. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- Jodi Hines told the board that like other facilities staffing at Schmitt is still an issue.
- Jodi reported referrals continue to come in.

13. Citizen Comments:

- Julie Fleming asked if there was anyone interested in the open board position. Roxanne discussed that outreach, advertising and Facebook would be done to try to fill the position.

14. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM or in person.

15. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Julie Fleming; Danielle Rudersdorf seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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