

**Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2023**

The Commission on Aging and Disability met via ZOOM or in person in Conference rooms A/B of the Community Services Building, 221 W. Seminary St., Richland Center.

Members present: David Scribbins, Carolyn Denman, Julie Fleming, Linda Symons, Virginia Wiedenfeld and Sandra Kramer

Members absent: Larry Engel and Angela Metz

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

Others present:

1. Call Meeting to Order: David Scribbins called the COAD Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Posting and Agenda: Virginia Wiedenfeld made a motion to approve the agenda; Linda Symons seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of September 13, 2023 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes: Sandra Kramer made a motion to approve the September 13, 2023 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Linda Symons seconded. Motion carried.

4. Citizen Comments:

- Sandra Kramer reported that the American Legion will have Trunk or Treat on 10/28 from 1:00 to 4:00. They will have Rice Krispies Treats, pumpkins, mummies, motorcycles, Izzy and Lucy and the donkeys if weather permits.
- Sandra also said that the first Sunday in November the American Legion would hold a Pancake Breakfast.
- Sandra additionally said that the American Legion would have a Steak Feed on 11/18 starting at 4:30.
- Sandra let everyone know that Legion members are going to be at various schools for Veterans Day programs on 11/10.

5. Resignation of Board Member

- Roxanne informed the board that Jodi Hines resigned from the board as she resigned from Schmitt. Her last day at Schmitt was 10/6.

6. Board Education: Medicare Part D:

- Joanne Welsh reported that there are 21 Part D plans for 2024. This is down from 23 for 2023. The premiums range from \$0 to \$106.60. She said that no plan covers all drugs. She encouraged everyone to check out plans every year because plans change every year.

7. Program Update – Disability Benefit Specialist:

- Kayla Williams told the board that she has seen an increase in cases. She said some cases are taking 18 months.
- Kayla said if someone is on the Compassionate Allowance list it can still take 6 months or more
- Kayla said that because of the increase of time for cases, it has affected her monetary impact.
- Kayla also said that there is not a lot of help for people while they are waiting on the process.

8. ADRC Update:

- Roxanne told the board that there would be a Public Hearing this afternoon for the 85.21 grant.
- Roxanne also reported that driver escort trips for transportation are up 12% while bus trips are up 34%.
- Roxanne said that Transportation for Oakwood/Riverside would be 10/19. The cost of the bus is free.
- Roxanne reminded the board that we need volunteer drivers for the driver escort program, Nutrition and one-bus driver.
- Roxanne reported that Dementia Live was held for Legislators. When the discussion portion was held, it was stressed to the legislatures that there is a lack of support for people with dementia.
- Roxanne talked to Representative Van Orden about the need for increased funding for Nutrition. She said that next years' budget for Nutrition would have an increase in tax levy.
- Virginia Wiedenfeld said that the meals have been very good.

- Roxanne reported she is working with Tricia Clements for a change of requirements for hiring an ADRC Specialist. Changing from a Social Worker degree required to a Social Worker Degree preferred.
- Roxanne reported to the board that the Regional Director's last day is 11/3. Ingrid Kovars will be the Interim Director.

9. ADRC Budget Review:

- Roxanne reported that all budgets look good except for Nutrition. Nutrition is over by 4%.
- Roxanne said, we lost our aging assistant and we have not received approval to refill this position.
- Roxanne told the board that she expects there will be a surplus for transportation.

10. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- None

11. Schedule Next COAD Meeting: November 8, 2023, 1:00pm

12. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until November 8, 2023 at 1:00 was made by Sandra Kramer; Julie Fleming seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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