

**Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 13, 2016**

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:** Larry Jewell, Gary Peters, Beth Busch, Belinda Granger, Marie Rakow, Cindy Riley, David Scribbins and Virginia Wiedenfeld

**Members absent:** Steven Boomfield, James Lewis and Bonnie Richardson

**HHS Staff present:** Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Jodi Carlile, Becky Dahl, and Linda Batten

**Others present:** Marlene Mathews (absent)

**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. Marie Rakow made a motion to approve the agenda; Gary Peters seconded. Motion carried.

**3. Approval of March 9, 2016 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:**

- Marie Rakow made a motion to approve the March 9, 2016 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Beth Busch seconded. Motion carried.

**4. Reports from Aging and Disability Organization:**

- None

**5. Citizen Comments:**

- None

**6. Becky Dahl – Letter of Support (Pine River Trails Project Grant):**

- Becky reported that this would be the second time she asked for a letter of support from the board. That is because there are two grants covering the projects. (1. Knolls Nelson Stewardship. 2. Hiking Trails and Kayaking). Safe routes to school, Kayak landings, and mountain biking trails (behind Rockwell).
- Trail stomp – mountain biking will be held April 30th. Becky handed out flier for this event.
- These projects will create access for ALL. The biking trails will be paved. The city will maintain the trails (Parks Department).
- Marie stated a way needs to be found to get the word out to other people (outside the area). Becky stated that there were people stopping by the booth at the Alliant Center and they handed out hundreds of brochures.
- Gary Peters made a motion to sign the letter of support. Beth Busch seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Becky stated there are 31 students in the Youth Apprenticeship Program for Healthcare and Manufacturing. The apprenticeship is paid. The schools get paid \$1000 for each student that graduates from the program.

**7. Disability Benefit Specialist Report:**

- Jodi Carlile talked about the differences between SSI and SSDI. Locally 19.5% of people that are seen by the Disability Benefit Specialist have mental disabilities. This number is 17% statewide.
- Jodi reported when it comes to living arrangements – locally 81% live with others while statewide that number is 60%.
- Jodi said that all disability benefit specialist go through extensive training and they get regular monthly program updates. They also have monthly trainings. Additionally, they have eight attorneys statewide that work with the disability benefit specialists.
- Jodi also spoke about some new features on Social Security's website.
- Jodi said that referrals to her come from I & A (Information & Assistance), doctors, Social Security, and other departments within Health and Human Services.
- Becky said that that a couple years ago a survey was done and that 97-98% of respondents would recommend ADRC's and that they would go back to an ADRC.
- Virginia Wiedenfeld said that years ago Economic Support did all disability applications.

## **8. ADRC update**

- Roxanne said that the Health and Human Services board will discuss tomorrow the possibility of the ADRC moving to the other side of the building.
- Roxanne said the DBS (Disability Benefit Specialist) and EBS (Elder Benefit Specialist) offices are currently not wheelchair friendly and if the move does take place this will be changed. Additionally, they would have two monitors so that when a client/customer is in, they (the client/customer) can see what the Benefit Specialist is doing on websites for them.
- Roxanne also gave an update on ADRC Outreach. At the Women's Health Fair there were 60 people that stopped by the booth. Roxanne said that Karn would be speaking at the Senior Expo after Ryan Elliott from Pine Valley.
- Additionally, Karn Schauf will be one of the presenters at "Then There was One" at the library on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **9. Dementia Friendly Communities Initiative 2016 Report:**

- Roxanne reported that the first Stakeholder meeting will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 to 2:30.
- Roxanne said they are looking for people to be involved. Both businesses and individual people.
- Roxanne will contact the radio station (WRCO) to get the word out about Dementia Friendly Communities.
- Roxanne reported that Becky DeBurr will be coming to the meeting next month. She also reported that when Crawford County had these meetings they had 30 people turn out.

## **10. Richland Center Pedestrian Safety Discussion:**

- David Scribbins reported that there were no updates.

## **11. Board Education:**

- This was a part of Jodi's discussion on what the Disability Benefit Specialist does.

## **12. Board Openings: Discussion and Possible Action**

- This was Marie Rakow's last meeting.
- Marie said she mentioned her current position to Mike Kauffman.
- Discussion was held for Virginia Wiedenfeld to replace Marie.
- Beth Busch made a motion to approve Virginia Wiedenfeld for Marie's position on the board. Gary Peters seconded. Larry Jewell voted NO. Motion carried.
- Virginia said she assumed that she had to start over with her new position of the board. Roxanne said she would check into this.
- Discussion was held that the position that James Lewis held on the board needs to be replaced.

## **13. Schedule Next Meeting:**

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms A & B of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581.

## **14. Adjourn:**

- Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Beth Busch; second by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

