

**Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 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:** Cindy Riley, David Scribbins, Larry Jewell, Paul Kinney, Richard Rasmussen, Marilyn Marshall and Sandra Kramer

**Members absent:** Sharyn Knudson, Virginia Wiedenfeld and Belinda Granger

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

**Others present:** Marlene Mathews, Becky Debuhr and Carolyn Denman

**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. Paul Kinney made a motion to approve the agenda; Marilyn Marshall seconded. Motion carried.

**3. Approval of August 10, 2016 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:**

- Larry Jewell made a motion to approve the August 10, 2016 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Paul Kinney seconded. Motion carried.

**4. Introduce New Board member: (Sandra Kramer)**

- Sandra Kramer introduced herself. She said she was the past VSO for Richland County and that she has an elderly mother.
- Roxanne introduced Carolyn Denman. Carolyn is here to see how and what our committee is all about. She still needs approval by one entity before officially getting on the board.

**5. Board Education – Becky DeBuhr:**

- Becky explained that Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance is a not for profit agency. Her office is in Lancaster. However, she covers Grant, Richland and Crawford counties.
- She said that the staff has an average of 17 years of experience.
- Becky showed a PowerPoint presentation about The Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin. In this slide presentation were facts and figures about Alzheimer's and how it affects not only families but communities as well.
- Becky also handed out The Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin newsletter. This is also on the table in the Aging and Disability waiting area.
- Becky said that NO funds are sent out of Wisconsin. They do not receive any State or Federal money. The program is funded by grants.
- Becky informed the group that dementia describes symptoms. Medicine works best in the early stages of the disease. Most people on average stay at home 18 months or longer if they get medicine early.
- Becky said we are lucky to have a lot of facilities in our area. Harvest Guest Home is an example.
- Cindy Riley stated she has found, in working at the hospital, that it is harder to place a person in a facility if they have Alzheimer's. Becky said it can be more difficult.
- Becky stated that people with dementia/Alzheimer's get into a routine and become used to the facility they are in.

**6. Review COAD board terms/contact information:**

- Roxanne sent around a sheet that showed the COAD board terms and contact information for all board members to review and change any information that may need to be changed.

- Roxanne said because David's term will be up in April of next year, we will need a board member that is under 30 with disabilities.

#### **7. Richland Center Pedestrian - Update:**

- David said that he has not been put on the Richland Center city council agenda yet for this issue. He thought maybe he could get in under Citizen Comments.
- David suggested that there be a Travel Safety Awareness week. However, he said once this is done the police would have to enforce the law.
- Additionally, David suggested that a committee be put together that could meet every four months to discuss issues that they have seen and ways to alleviate these issues.
- Paul asked David about going on the radio with Ron Fruit. David replied he is very open to this idea.

#### **8. Reports from Aging and Disability Organization – Joanne Welsh:**

- Joanne went through the changes to reporting that have been happening. She now needs to put her notes/codes in in real time. In the past, Linda B did all of her keying.
- Joanne said that GWAAR is working on programming new reports for the new system. She said that currently, there are only a few reports and these are mostly error reports.
- Joanne stated that from June to August her number of clients has doubled.
- Joanne went through the numbers (monetary impact savings to clients). The total savings, which includes (state, federal and other) was over \$750,000. This was a saving of \$3400 per client.
- Joanne said that for every dollar spent on the Elderly Benefit program, approximately six dollars is returned to Richland County residents in the form of additional benefits and insurance benefits. She said that seniors generally spend their money in the county in which they reside.
- Joanne went through interesting facts: every 7 seconds someone turns 60; 10,000 people turn 65 every day in the U.S.
- Joanne told us she has done and will continue doing Outreach. Examples are: when Farmers Market Vouchers were being handed out; 10 Medicare Maze presentations throughout the year; and two sessions of Medicare Part D – DIY in October – this will be for people who want to do their own Medicare Part D. These were just a few.
- Paul asked what is going to happen to SeniorCare. Joanne said she doesn't foresee it going away.
- Joanne also talked about her new office which will have 28 square feet more than she currently has.
- Joanne said that all of her records are confidential and kept in locked filing cabinets in her locked office. She must keep records seven years.
- Paul said he appreciates everything she does. Everyone agreed with this.
- Paul spoke about someone who was in one of Joanne's presentations that was very upset. This person was not happy with what Joanne had told him and actually threw change at Joanne. Joanne put this change in the donation jar.
- Roxanne said Joanne's program (EBS) can accept donations. There is no cost to consumers. She does not ask for donations. However, if they wish to donate they can and this money will go back into the program. Joanne gave examples of copying cost and presentation materials which the donations would go for.

#### **9. Citizen Comments:**

- Marlene said that in August they had a picnic. The Wolf band played music and they had hamburgers. Everyone brought a dish to pass.
- Marlene reported that in September Norman Davis brought pictures of Richland Center. Participants were asked to bring back to school pictures.
- Marlene said October they will be decorating pumpkins and people are encouraged to wear costumes.
- Marlene asked if anyone knows of anyone who may be interested to please send them to the meetings.

- Cindy said the hospital is continuing to work on Honoring Choices. They have seven slots available that are free of charge. David said he feels this is a very good program.

**10. ADRC update:**

- Roxanne said they have started on the offices on the other side of the building. The plan is currently to move on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Roxanne said that in their current offices there are built in desks, they want to purchase desks that can be customized to each new office. Roxanne said the ADRC should be accessible to all.
- Roxanne said that clinical will be moving into the old ADRC offices.

**11. Dementia Friendly Communities Initiative 2016 – Update**

- Roxanne reported that last month they had Train the Trainer. She said they had the first business, Connie's Creation which had trained all of its employees and got a purple angel to put in their window.
- Roxanne said that there will be another Train the Trainer at the end of October.

**12. Schedule Next Meeting:**

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms A & B of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581.

**13. Adjourn:**

- Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Paul Kinney; Marilyn Marshall seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten  
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