

**Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2020**

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: Virginia Wiedenfeld, Cindy Riley, Sandra Kramer, Carolyn Denman, David Scribbins, Van Nelson, Linda Symons, and Patrick Manning

Members absent: Sharon Knudson, Gary Peters and Belinda Granger

HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber and Linda Batten

Others present: Robert Sheire and Ellen Alvin

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 that the agenda was properly posted. Linda Symons made a motion to approve the agenda; Virginia Wiedenfeld seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of January 8, 2020 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

- Linda Symons made a motion to approve the January 8, 2020 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

4. Board Education: Schmitt Woodland Hills Adult Day Center -Ellen Alvin:

- Ellen informed the Board that the Adult Day Care is finally open Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. (The days and hours will change with the needs of customers.) Ellen stated that customers are very proud and feel that they do not need assistance.
- Ellen reports the program is for people over 18 and will accommodate 20 people.
- Ellen said that Dr. Smith is pushing the program, as caregivers need a break.
- Discussions were held about where Ellen could present information about the program.

5. Program Update: Transportation year-end report:

- Roxanne told the board that she anticipates a surplus when the 2019 transportation budget is complete.
- Additionally, Roxanne reported to the board that volunteer trips are up 8% from 2018.
- Roxanne also reported that she has been having discussions about utilizing the transportation trust fund for a garage for the buses.

6. ADRC Update:

- Roxanne reported that the ADRC continues to be very busy. She informed the board that Karn Schauf and Jodi Hines in coordination with Gina Laack, Regional Dementia Care staff, provided Dementia Live for the Sheriff and City Police departments and that there will be a Dementia Live event at the hospital on March 20th. The hospital is helping to promote Dementia Live.
- Roxanne informed the board that Gina Laack, the Regional Dementia Care Specialist has done so many outreach events in the Region that the list was on four pages front and back.
- Roxanne told the board that she is in contact with the people that did the play, Steering into the Skid last year. She is planning to have another play this year.
- Roxanne informed the board that there has been a 48% increase in enrollments into long term support programs in comparison to 2018.
- Roxanne also told the board that Joanne Welsh will be doing a Welcome to Medicare session this month and 16 people have already signed up for the session.
- Sandra Kramer clarified for the board that veterans that are retiring have to retire with 20 or more years to be eligible for Tri-Care Insurance. Tri-Care has three groups: Standard, Prime and Family.

7. ADRC of Eagle Country – Regional update:

- Roxanne let the board know that Becky Dahl will be retiring April 1 and that John Grothjahn will be starting 2/28. He will be taking Becky's position.

8. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- None

9. ADRC budget review:

- Roxanne let the board know that the 2019 budget is 7% under. (She said this was because a person left and that people were out on medical leave.) She believes the 2020 budget will be very tight.
- Roxanne further informed the board that the Aging Programs budget is right on target.

10. Advocacy: Older Americans Act Update:

- Roxanne told the board that the Older American Act funding had been the same since 2010. There has been increases at the Federal level for: SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) had a 6% increase, Energy Assistance had a small increase and Alzheimer's program had a 34% increase.
- Roxanne reported that there were also increases approved for: Title III, Meals and NFCSP (National Family Caregiver Support Program).
- Roxanne reported we are unsure what that will mean for local allocations.

11. Citizen Comments:

- Robert Sheire told the board that there would be a new shuttle service in town. This service will pick up people at different locations in Richland Center and take them to as far as Walmart.
- Linda Symons commented that Paul Kinney made a big contribution to this board. She also said he was a big advocate for getting a dialysis unit in Richland Center. She also feels that because he was such a big advocate for a dialysis unit, he should have his name on the building.
- Van Nelson told this board that the County Board would recognize Paul and Dan Carroll.
- Sandra Kramer said that February 23 from 1:00 to 3:00 that Dog-to-Dog Tags would have a ceremony at American Legion for a veteran with PTSD and anxiety issues, presenting him with a dog. There will be finger food and water. This event will be open to everyone.
- Sandra further stated that March 23 would be a Chili and Soup supper at the American Legion from 4:00 to 7:00. The cost will be \$6.00 Sandra said that pies would be auctioned off at this event.
- Linda Symons stated that the AARP tax volunteer coordinators would be retiring this year.

12. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2020 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, February 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Sandra Kramer; Linda Symons seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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