

Commission on Aging and Disability Board Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2015

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: Steven Boomfield, Beth Busch, Belinda Granger, Larry Jewell, James Lewis, Gary Peters, Marie Rakow, David Scribbins and Virginia Wiedenfeld
HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber and Angela Porter
Others present: None

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

2. Posting and Agenda: Angela Porter verified the agenda was posted properly. Virginia Wiedenfeld made a motion to approve the agenda; Gary Peters seconded. Motion carried.

3. Introduction and Review Purpose of Public Hearing:

- Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber reviewed the public hearing agenda and rules then gave an overview of the draft of the Richland County Plan on Aging 2016-2018. Some items of note for the next three years are:
 - Assisting our aging population with computer based technologies
 - Assistance with the changing voter id laws
 - Service and support of caregivers – education, support groups, respite
 - Services to persons with dementia – Dementia Friendly Communities, memory screens
 - Expand the opportunities for rural members to attend Stepping On programs via transportation to the Stepping On program in Richland Center
 - I&A staff providing services in the rural and border communities

4. Citizen Comments on the Richland County Plan on Aging 2016-2018:

- Angela Porter stated she would like to see an effort made to take the stigma out of dementia and Alzheimer's. She has seen people refuse to talk to their doctor about their concerns because they are afraid of what will happen and/or what they will lose if anyone finds out they have a dementia or Alzheimer's diagnosis.
- Marie Rakow asked why I&A staff would go out to the communities when they can ride the bus to the ADRC. Angela said the routes are already available but the public isn't familiar enough with it and aren't riding it to come to town or to the ADRC. It is the goal that by taking the staff and the bus out to the community it will begin to reverse the trend and people will start to take the bus into town. The more exposure of the bus and the ADRC staff the more people will have recognition and be more comfortable with the services.
- David Scribbins concluded the Public Forum and resumed the regular COAD meeting.

5. Approval of June 10, 2015 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

Virginia Wiedenfeld noted a correction on page 3, item 11, line 2 says ... What do you and to Do. This should read What do you want to do.

Marie Rakow made a motion to approve the June 10, 2015 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes as corrected; Beth Busch seconded. Motion carried.

6. Citizen Comments

- Beth Busch stated she has received many comments from people in the community that the Richland Center meal site meals have not been good lately. Another board member agreed and stated they have stopped going to the meal site due to the declining food quality. Comments they have heard are the quality has gone down drastically, foods are overcooked and meals are very bland. They agree they are more nutritious and they like the addition of more salads but overall they are bland and don't taste good. It was noted that the food on Tuesday's is better but still just ok. There was another comment about there being too much rice in the home delivered meals. It was also noted they are serving garlic mashed potatoes a lot but they taste terrible. Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber said she would take these comments to the Nutrition Program.
- Marie Rakow – Woodman Senior Center is constantly in use. There are people coming and going all day long. People come and play cards, attend activities, relax and socialize.

7. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations

- The Richland Area Senior Citizens – Marlene Mathews:
 - July: Dan Bomkampf spoke and discussed his books. They had a meal and played bingo.

- The brat sale at Bindl's in July was very successful.
 - The August meeting will be 8-13-15 and they are having their annual picnic. Wolf Country Band will be the entertainment. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be furnished with members bringing salad or dessert.
 - In September they will hold brat sales at Bindl's on the 18th & 19th
 - The Nominating committee is starting to look for the 2016 officers and elections will take place at the October meeting.
- Gary Peters – The Homeless Coalition did their semi-annual homeless count in Richland County last week. Gary said there is a disproportionate amount of veterans who are homeless than nonveterans compared to the population. Gary spoke with a vet that night that has been sleeping in his truck for the past five months in Richland Center. Gary feels the homeless counts are a good idea but there is too much notification they are going to happen and people don't want to be associated with the counts so they hide. There was discussion on why there are so many homeless veterans. Gary stated that what a military person goes through is such a vastly different experience from what the public actually knows about. Military personnel are trained to be strong, independent and take care of others. They live their time in the military by a set of strict rules and protocol. They may have had to suppress things to "get the job done." When they are discharged from the military they are suddenly cut off from that routine and transitioning can be very difficult. Depending on what their military career entailed there are some that find it difficult to overcome what they experienced. Until this point they have always been the ones taking care of others and find it difficult to reach out and trust.
- Gary Peters also discussed several Veterans programs that are available in the area.
 - VETS Veteran Equestrian Training Service – helps Veterans, children, and adults with special needs and is a horse rescue program. Veterans with PTSD and other brain injuries can come to the program to help with the horses and chores. It is an open forum where anyone is welcome and can interact with the horses. Because of the private nature of the outreach, they ask that you schedule an appointment by calling (608) 985-8886. For more information and to see pictures go to: www.veteransequinetrailservices.org.
 - VETS Roll is a program that provides deluxe motor coach transport to WWII, Korean Era Veterans and Rosie the Riveters to Washington DC to visit the memorials. This is a free trip for veterans that is taken over five days the week before Memorial Day. Not everyone can manage the Honor Flight one-day round trip flight schedule and this provides those Veterans another option at no cost to them. To help support the program contact, VetsRoll, Inc., 1777 Gardner Street, South Beloit, IL, 61080 or phone: 608-207-8319 or e-mail: mark@vetsroll.org or they can also be found on the internet at www.vetsroll.org and on Face Book. This is a WI Non-Profit Corporation.
 - Disable American Veterans is a small group in Richland Center that is deviating away from the bar stool scene and working to help area disabled veterans. DAV post has 10 active members and they meet the last Thursday of the month at the Legion Hall. The group sells Forget-Me-Nots with the proceeds going to help Tomah and Madison Veterans. They do a lot of local fundraising. Some of the money they raise they use to help hospitalized veterans mail the gifts they have received through other programs to give to their families.

8. Discussion and Action on Richland County Plan on Aging 2016-2018

- Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber reviewed the goals for the Richland County Plan on Aging 2016-2018 and discussed the comments received during the public forum.
- There were no additional comments from the Commission on Aging and Disability board.
- Marie Rakow made a motion to move forward with the Richland County Plan on Aging 2016-2018 as drafted including the Citizen Comments from the forum. Steven Boomfield seconded. Motion carried.

9. Richland County Transportation Program 2016 section 5310 Grant Application

- Angela Porter gave an overview of the Richland County Transportation Program and how the 2016 section 5310 Grant will be utilized to help expand the transportation programs public bus routes.

10. Richland County Transportation Program WisDOT Site Review Update

- Angela Porter reviewed the outcome of the Richland County Transportation Program WisDOT Site Review to the board and reported that all recommendations have been completed.

11. Aging and Disability Resource Center Unit Update

- Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, ADRC Manager discussed her transition from Information and Assistance (I&A) to Manager. Another change has been moving Diane Cox, Adult Protective Services worker to the Clinical Services department. Roxanne is also in the process of hiring a new I&A social worker.
- There was discussion on the merits of moving APS to clinical. It is a positive move as APS has to make difficult decisions and this can put a negative image onto the ADRC. COAD would still like updates on what is going on in the APS program as this topic is still very important to the board.

12. Richland Center Pedestrian Safety Discussion

- Steven Boomfield reported they are painting some of the cross walks. There still is not enough of a police presence. No signs have gone up to help with this. There is still a concern about pedestrian safety.
- Marie Rakow suggested going to the police department. Steven stated they have gone to police department meetings. The police stated there are enforceable tickets for cross walk violations.
- Steven stated Eric Olson wrote a report in the Observer about pedestrian safety that brought to light the need for a collaborative effort between the pedestrians and the drivers.
- There was discussion on how much the signs cost and the possibility of raising money for signage. Gary Peters suggested contacting the city of Cross Plains to get information on the flags they have for people to use when crossing the street. David said they would look into that as well.

13. Board Education:

- Angela Porter stated the reason for going back to paper copies of the agenda and minutes for anyone using personal e-mail is due to the possibility of the personal e-mail account being considered public record. Anyone wishing to still receive minutes and agenda's via personal e-mail can contact Angela Porter.

14. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms A & B of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581

15. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until September 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. made by Marie Rakow; second by Belinda Granger. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela Porter,
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