

**Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2017**

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, Paul Kinney, Richard Rasmussen, Carolyn Denman, Marilyn Marshall, Belinda Granger, David Scribbins, Larry Jewell and Cindy Riley

Members absent: Sharyn Knudson and Sandra Kramer

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

Others present: none

1. Call Meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Virginia Wiedenfeld.

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 November 8, 2017 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

- Richard Rasmussen made a motion to approve the November 8, 2017 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes as amended; David Scribbins seconded. Motion carried.

4. Board Education: Marcia Carlson from the hospital wasn't able to make the meeting. Marcia will present at January's meeting.

5. Discuss 2019 aging plan:

- Roxanne distributed an Aging Plan Survey to the whole group. She stated the survey will be in the January newsletter, handed out to consumers for their input, and has been emailed to various groups of stakeholders. Roxanne stated the purpose is to gather input for the development of the 2019-2022 Aging Plan. She asked the group to look over the survey and asked for their input as well.
- The ideas that came from the group for question #1 (What do you see as the top 3 needs to age well in Richland County?) The responses included: Safe Housing, transportation, medical availability and more exercise options.
- The ideas that came from the group for question #2 (What are the 3 most important issues facing older people in our community?) The responses included: Paperwork, scams, emergency services and lack of grocery store options.
- The ideas that came from the group for question #3 (Are there programs or services that you would like to see in Richland County that are not currently provided or services that are provided but you would like to see expanded?) The responses included: More volunteer drivers, keep transportation, more shared services w/Towne Taxi and more veterans services.
- The ideas that came from the group for question #4 (What does Healthy Aging mean to you?) The responses included: Living a healthy life, housing, insurance and keeping active.
- The ideas that came from the group for question #5 (As a caregiver for a spouse, family member, or friend, what resources do you think are more important for the aging unit to provide?) The responses included: Information to the public, support services and caregiver support group.
- The ideas that came from the group for question #6 (What do you see as some of the biggest challenges to remaining in your home as you age?) The responses included: learning to cook, maintenance of home, socialization, handicap accessible home, and landlords allowing pets.

6. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- Debra Leverence reported that the Richland Area Senior Citizen group will be electing new officers in January.
- Debra also said that the group will be having its Christmas party tomorrow at the Center Café Banquet Hall.
- Debra said that since she has been president, she asks the seniors what they would like to do each month. She also indicated that she likes to do activities with the seniors that stimulates their minds.
- Debra further reported that the group has increased from 15 to 37 people since she has taken over as president.

7. Nutrition Program Update:

- Roxanne stated that Tanya is out today so she will report at next month's meeting.

8. ADRC update:

- Roxanne reported that the transportation program is taking people through the Rotary Lights display. Reservations are required.
- Roxanne further reported that the transportation program has received \$4968.45 from the Veterans Services grant to be used for veteran's trips.
- Roxanne stated HHS Director Patrick was trying to get all employees in Health and Human Services to 40 hours. Currently these employees have their benefits accrue at 35 hours. In the ADRC this would include I & A, the receptionist and the transportation secretary. However, this was defeated yesterday at the county board meeting.
- Roxanne informed everyone that last month the Regional ADRC board voted to move the Regional ADRC fiscal to Juneau County. This means in the next couple of months Becky Dahl and Ingrid Kovars will be moving to new offices. They need to find the offices first.
- Joanne Welsh, Elder Benefit Specialist, reported that people will be getting new Medicare cards in the next year. She said that the new cards will not be tied to a person's social security number. Joanne also said that these will have random numbers.
- Joanne reminded everyone that there a quite a few scams out there and not to give out personal information to anyone who calls you.
- Joanne said that this year, during Medicare Part D, there were problems with the Plan Finder. She was notified that the Plan Finder was giving out wrong information.
- Joanne informed everyone that there were more Medicare Advantage plans in Richland County this year. However, she said that no nursing home in Richland County will take Humana.

9. ADRC 2017 budget review:

- Roxanne reported that the ADRC is at 91% utilization of the budget. Which is normal.

10. Citizen Comments: None

11. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms A & B of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581.

11. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Paul Kinney; David Scribbins seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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