

**Commission on Aging and Disability Board Meeting Minutes
September 9, 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, Marie Rakow, and David Scribbins
HHS Staff present: Becky Dahl, Joanne Welsh 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. Marie Rakow made a motion to approve the agenda; Steven Boomfield seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of August 12, 2015 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

Marie Rakow made a motion to approve the August 12, 2015 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; James Lewis seconded. Motion carried.

4. Citizen Comments

- Becky Dahl – Thank you to COAD board for their support of the Pine River Trail Project. The project received a grant for \$94,000 which is 50% of the project budget. The remainder of the budget will come from the City of Richland Center and community support which can be provided through in-kind support. Local groups have already started working on projects across the community. Some of the projects in the grant include:
 - Improve the canoe/boat landings
 - Focus on accessibility
 - Increase the number of campsites along the river and bike trails
 - Improve the bike trails.
 - Create a website

5. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations

- None.

6. Aging and Disability Resource Center Unit Update

- Angela Porter introduced Ashley Finnell the new Information and Assistance Specialist who spoke a bit about herself to the board.

7. Elder Benefit Specialist Quarterly Report – Joanne Welsh

- Joanne Welsh gave a report on the Richland County Elder Benefit Specialist Program.
 - Have been continuing the Medicare Maze presentations. These are done each month except January (information is being updated) and November (due to Medicare Part D). 90 people have attended the presentations so far this year.
 - Provided outreach at the Richland Senior Expo in March, give presentations at the various senior housing sites, participated with the Nutrition Program in the Senior Farmer's Market voucher distribution, provided public benefit and ADRC information at the Foster Grandparent orientation, have been giving presentations at the meal sites, gave a presentation on Medicare Part D to the various nursing homes, and currently working to provide more presentations to the various local civic groups.
 - From September 1, 2014 through August 1, 2015 saw 238 clients with 74 of those being new to the ADRC. For those clients there were 641 cases/services provided.
 - Working to complete required on-going trainings through legal backup, SHIP, Social Security and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.
 - As of January 1, 2015 there were 845 SeniorCare cases in Richland County. SeniorCare looks good at the present but we are still waiting on approval of the waiver from the federal government.

8. Update on Richland County 2016 – 2018 Aging Plan

- Angela Porter gave an update on the status of the Richland County 2016 – 2018 Aging Plan.
 - The draft of the plan has been sent to GWAAR for pre-approval and direction.

9. Richland Center Pedestrian Safety Discussion

- David Scribbins and Steven Boomfield reported they are going back to the Richland Center City Council and Richland Center Safety Committee meetings and asking to be on the agenda's to discuss this issue. At the last Richland Center Police Department meeting David was not able to find out what the fine is for failure to yield to pedestrians but was told someone would look into it and get back to him.
- There was a discussion about flags being used in the community and how they are not practical. In other communities the flags that are placed at crosswalks for pedestrians to use are not functional; they are stolen, abused, destroyed, etc.

10. Board Education: Dementia Friendly Communities

- Becky Dahl gave an overview of Dementia Friendly Communities.
 - The Dementia Friendly Communities initiative was started in 2014 and has created WI Dementia Care Systems Redesigned Plan. The plan is designed to improve support and care for those with dementia and increase understanding and awareness for those with dementia in their care and facilities.
 - Distributed Dementia Care Guiding Principles. (This is part of the Richland County Aging Plan. Guidelines on how we are going to support those with dementia across the community.
 - There was an ADRC of Eagle Country regional meeting involving all four county ADRC Managers, public health departments, the Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin, the Alzheimer's Association representative from Madison and the representative from DHS in Madison. Through this meeting it was evident there are very different supports available across the state with no consistency. There was discussion on how coalitions can be created in the rural communities.
 - A letter was written in support of a grant that would provide an Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin office out with Outreach Specialist to Juneau County. Richland County is currently sharing their resources with Crawford County as they have no supports available to them at this time.
 - Purple Angel Program = Dementia Friendly Community. There is a Train the Trainer program which is a great opportunity for someone that is retired. The Trainer would be able to go around the community and train staff at restaurants and other businesses on being dementia friendly

11. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms A & B of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581

12. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until October 14, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. made by Marie Rakow; second by Belinda Granger. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Porter,
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