

Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes September 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, Sandra Kramer, Sharyn Knudson, Larry Jewell and Cindy Riley

Members absent: None

HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, 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; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of August 9, 2017 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

- Marilyn Marshall made a motion to approve the August 9, 2017 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Richard Rasmussen seconded. Motion carried.

4. Board Education – Prevention Basics – Betsy Roesler, MS:

- Betsy Roesler, the Public Health Educator, did a presentation on Opioid use in Richland County and what is being done to prevent this.
- Cindy Riley spoke about how the hospital is impacted by Opioid use.
- Betsy informed us that there are 5 pillars of prevention. They are: Prevention, Harm Reduction, Law Enforcement, Treatment and Workplace/Business. Each of these areas have a committee consisting of community members who meet to discuss what can be done to reduce Opioid use.
- Betsy gave a quiz to see how much the members know about Opioid/Alcohol use.

5. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- Cindy Riley reported about changes to Medicare. Such as a person can only stay in the hospital for 2 nights for a hip replacement. She said changes are coming for knee replacement.
- Cindy reported an EIC unit (telehealth) should be opening this year.
- Additionally, Cindy reported that Dr. Whitney and Dr. Myers have left.

6. Elder Benefit Specialist program update:

- Joanne Welsh explained to the board what she talks about in her Medicare Maze presentations.
- Joanne reported that she will meet with people one-on-one if people have additional questions after they have attended one of her Medicare Maze presentations.
- Joanne stated that Humana Advantage is not accepted by any nursing home in Richland County. She said that if people have this plan and have to go to a nursing home for rehabilitation after surgery, they will have to find one out of Richland County.
- Joanne reported that Social Security will start issuing new Medicare Cards in April, 2018. The process will take a year.
- Joanne told the board that Medicare Part D is starting 10/15 thru 12/7.

7. ADRC update:

- Roxanne reported there will a Medicare Part D session held in Viola at the library at the end of October or early November.
- Roxanne reported the board that in response to the closing of Gordy's Grocery Store the transportation program will be starting a Grocery Route on Monday's. It will go to ET, Benders, Viroqua and Spring Green. A couple of the grocery stores in these cities have personal shoppers available for people.
- Roxanne reported that it will advertised in the paper and on the WRCO.

8. ADRC 2017 budget review:

- Roxanne reported that Transportation should have a surplus again this year. She said our chances of getting the grant for a new vehicle is low because there are so many people applying for the grant. She said if we do not get the grant, we are exploring ways of using the current surplus to purchase a used wheelchair accessible vehicle.
- Roxanne explained to the board that she estimates that the ADRC should be under budget for the year.

9. Citizen Comments:

- Sandra Kramer told the board that Denise Rohand, who is from Wisconsin, has been elected the first woman National VFW Commander.
- Sandra also told the board that during the last meeting of the ladies auxiliary they discussed starting a kaffeeklatsch in the area that would be free to veterans, spouses, widows or widowers where they could sit and talk. This would start at the legion and would be on Saturdays.

10. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2017 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, October 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Paul Kinney; Richard Rasmussen seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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