

Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2018

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, Marilyn Marshall, Sandra Kramer, Carolyn Denman, Cindy Riley, Sharyn Knudson, Richard Rasmussen, Belinda Granger and David Scribbins

Members absent: Larry Jewell

HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Jodi Carlile, and Linda Batten

Others present: Deb Leverenz

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 February 14, 2017 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

- Paul Kinney made a motion to approve the February 14, 2018 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

4. Board Education – Disability Benefit Specialist:

- Jodi Carlile informed the board she has been the Disability Benefit Specialist for 5 years. She went through the history and statistics for the program.
- Jodi explained to the board what a Disability Benefit Specialist does. Additionally, she told the board that all Aging and Disability Resource Centers have a Disability Benefit Specialist.
- Jodi told the board that Disability Benefit Specialists work with people 18 to 59. She said that 51% are male and 49% are female. She said that if people work with a Disability Specialist, they are more likely to receive a favorable decision. Appeals are 27% favorable if people work with a Disability Benefit Specialist as compared to the national average of 11%.
- Jodi let the board know that Disability Benefit Specialist receive extensive training from DRW (Disability Rights Wisconsin) and they work under the supervision of attorneys.

5. Board vacancies:

- Roxanne discussed that there will be 4 board vacancies after the election in April. She believes that the County Board will appoint one or two of these positions. However, she will check with Victor to verify this.
- Roxanne asked the board for a motion to advertise for the COAD Board vacancies. She said this needs to be ran for two consecutive weeks.
- Sandra Kramer made a motion to advertise for new COAD Board members; Belinda Granger seconded. Motion carried.

6. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- Deb Leverenz reported that the Richland Area Senior Citizen group has new shirts. She showed the board pictures of the new officers.
- Deb stated Joanne Welsh and Tanya Webster will be at one of their meetings in the future.
- Deb reported to the board that they will be having a picnic for their August meeting.
- Deb further reported that she asks the members what they would like to do for each meeting. She said the meal is potluck and everyone brings something (even if it is something small). In November they will be having a Thanksgiving meal, which will include turkey and ham.
- Cindy Riley Social Worker from the hospital reported they have a new podiatrist starting and there has been a lot of people with influenza.

- Sharyn Knudson reported that Schmitt has been very busy and they have been focused on influenza prevention.
- Sharyn reported that a second rickshaw has been approved.
- Sharyn reported that Schmitt has purchased a vehicle for House Calls. This vehicle will be used for a House Calls person to accompany people to their appointments.

7. ADRC budget review:

- Roxanne reported that no invoices have come in yet for 2018, so there is nothing to report on the 2018 budget.

8. 2019 Aging Plan – focus group results:

- Roxanne reported that she has had meetings at three different locations (Ridgeview, Viola library and Cazenovia meal site) and that the interaction with people has been tremendous. As an example: people from Cazenovia said the meal site is only open one day a week. They would like it to be open more. Additionally, they said that they would like to see more services provided in northern Richland County.
- Roxanne said that she is going to meet with three more groups.

9. ADRC update:

- Roxanne reported that she has been working with SWTT (Southwest Transportation Team) on a 5 year Transportation Plan. There will be a Public Hearing on May 9, 2018. This meeting will ask for input from the public on what they would like to see in the next five years – regarding transportation.
- Roxanne discussed that the ADRC has been extremely busy.
- Roxanne reported that Patrick's last day will be April 2nd. Tim Gottschall will be the interim director.

10. Citizen Comments:

- Sandra Kramer reported that on March 31st there will be a military history fair at Pine Valley. She further stated that the VFW will be hosting a program and float for Memorial Day.

11. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2018 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 Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Paul Kinney; Richard Rasmussen seconded. Motion carried. ;

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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