

**Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2020**

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, Cindy Riley, David Scribbins, Van Nelson, Linda Symons, Patrick Manning, Gary Peters, Sandra Kramer, Carolyn Denman and Belinda Granger

Members absent: Sharon Knudson

HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber and Linda Batten

Others present: Joanne Welsh and Jodi Hines

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

2. Posting and Agenda: Linda Batten verified the agenda was posted properly. Sandra Kramer made a motion to approve the agenda; Linda Symons seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of September 9, 2020 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

- Sandra Kramer made a motion to approve the September 9, 2020 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Linda Symons seconded. Motion carried.

4. Board Education: Jodi Hines – Disability Benefit Specialist Program

- Jodi Hines explained the role of a Disability Benefits Specialist.
- Jodi further said that her clientele is age 18 – 59 with disabilities, while the Elder Benefit Specialist handles people 60 and over.
- Jodi further reported to the board that she had a million dollars in monetary impact.
- Jodi told the board that she advocates for her clients. She will inform her clients of different benefits and let them know that everything is confidential and to release information they would have to sign a consent.
- Jodi said that some things are time sensitive and it can be frustrating when people do not respond.
- Jodi further told the board that she has to document whom she spoke with, at what time and what they discussed.
- Jodi said that sometimes she does receive referrals from other departments.

5. Program Update: Joanne Welsh – Elder Benefit Specialist/Medicare Part D

- Joanne reported that she had 11 hours of training last week on Medicare Part D.
- Joanne said that in 2021 the deductible will be \$445 and that there will be 31 plans in 2021.
- Joanne recommends that every year everyone should check the Planfinder because plans change. It could be the copay, quantity limits, mail order or what pharmacy you can use.
- Joanne said that this year she is mostly doing things by mail to keep people out of the office.
- Joanne reported that SeniorCare is still available and that for some people it is good to have Medicare Part D and SeniorCare. If they do, Medicare Part D pays first.

6. ADRC update:

- Roxanne reported the Caregiver Boot Camp will start in November and that it will be on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00. She said to try to get better participation the first 50 people will receive a free caregiver survival kit.
- Roxanne said the state is looking at an ADRC reinvestment project. They are looking at what the cost would be to fully fund the ADRC's in the state. Roxanne discussed that the cost would be approximately 29 million dollars.
- Roxanne told the board that the Transportation program would have an 85.21 public hearing this afternoon at 3:00.
- Roxanne also informed the board that transportation will start the annual site reviews this month and that we are offering free rides to the polls.
- Roxanne reported that within the office people are not to congregate in each other's offices and that employees are encouraged to work remotely, if possible.

7. Project Lifesaver:

- Roxanne said she is working with Dr. Smith, Inclusa, the Regional Dementia Care Specialist, the Sheriff's department, Richland Center Police department and others on this project.

- The reported goal was to raise \$10,000 and they have raised \$9360 so far.
- Roxanne said that other counties have two to five people on this program. It could be anyone – children or adults who have cognitive disabilities that makes an individual prone to wandering or getting lost.
- Roxanne further stated that some insurance companies, Children’s Long Term Support, Inclusa and My Choice could cover the cost for their members.

8. ADRC Budget Review:

- Roxanne reported that the Aging Budget is \$275,414 and that \$159,919 has been utilized or 58% utilization. She is projecting that there will be a surplus for Transportation. The ADRC budget is \$385,764 and \$275,824 has been utilized or 71%. Currently there are no budget concerns.

9. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- Cindy Riley reported that the hospital has been very busy. They have had COVID testing Monday thru Friday from 1:00 to 4:00. She said that on Thursday and Friday at the High School there will be drive-thru COVID testing by the National Guard.
- Cindy also stated that there is to be FREE COVID testing every Monday thru the end of the year at the Fairgrounds.

10. Citizen Comments:

- David Scribbins said he has been asked by Family Care to do sessions on Self Directed Supports on 10/27 and 10/28.
- Virginia Wiedenfeld said that it is very nice that flu shots are being held at the Fairgrounds.

11. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, 2020 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, November 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Virginia Wiedenfeld; Gary Peters seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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