

**Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2021**

The Commission on Aging and Disability met via ZOOM.

Members present: Sandra Kramer, Carolyn Denman, Patrick Manning, David Scribbins, Van Nelson, Linda Symons, Virginia Wiedenfeld and Cindy Riley
Members absent: Sharon Knudson, Gary Peters and Belinda Granger
HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, John Grothjan and Linda Batten
Others present: Verna Dosch

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. Van Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda; Virginia Wiedenfeld seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of January 13, 2021 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

- Linda Symons made a motion to approve the January 13, 2021 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

4. Board Education: ADRC Transportation Update

- Roxanne reminded the board of all the programs that the Transportation Program does.
- Roxanne went on to say our volunteer driver did 3421 one-way trips in 2020. This compares to 4692 one-way trips in 2019. The change is because of COVID.
- Roxanne then said that the bus drivers did 436 one-way trips in 2020. This compares to 1400 one-way trips in 2019. The decrease is because of COVID.
- Roxanne said we would have a budget surplus because of COVID. Because we did not use all of the grant funding we received this creates a surplus. The thought is that with the surplus that we build a structure for our buses.
- Roxanne told the board that we have hired a new bus driver, Debra Schwarz. She will start 2/15.
- Linda reported to the board that we would have one bus driver for a couple of weeks because a bus driver is off for helping her husband during his recovery from surgery.
- Roxanne informed the board that all drivers who wanted the COVID vaccine have received both doses.
- Linda told the board that some days we have all of our volunteer drivers busy while other days we have only a few.

5. ADRC Update

- Roxanne informed the board that Tracie Lee resigned and that her last day was 1/29.
- Roxanne told the board that Cassie Sanders took Kristine's place and she is settling in very well.
- Roxanne said that Karn Schauf is a very busy person and that she is taking all the calls that come into the office.
- Roxanne told the board that the date for applications to be in is tomorrow.
- Roxanne said the state's ADRC reinvestment initiative. She said that the way it looks, that if we were not a part of a region we would lose money.
- Roxanne reported that the ADRC is partnering with Symons for two Health programs: Tai Chi and Strong Bodies.
- Roxanne said that 125 household baskets were donated. Tomorrow we will receive First Aid kits from the Nazarene church.
- Roxanne informed the board that we are scheduling Listening Sessions for the 3 year Aging Plan and she is hoping COVID will allow us to do these in person. The survey that is needed for this Aging Plan is on the website.
- Roxanne reminded the board that the building is locked and if someone needs to come in, they must have an appointment or need to be let in by a staff member.
- Roxanne told the board that the AARP tax aid program is not running this year.

6. Project Lifesaver Update:

- Roxanne let the board know that one person is enrolled in the program currently.
- Roxanne told the board that if they know of someone who feels that this program would help, they should contact the ADRC.

- Roxanne found out that if someone is outside Richland County, that this program would not work. She also learned the program forms were lacking some information, so the forms have been updated.

7. ADRC Budget Review:

- Roxanne said that last year ADRC was a little over on the budget. However, because of added COVID funds it ended up to be at 99.3%. While the Aging/Transportation/Aging budget was at 83.8%.
- Roxanne reported that so far this year the ADRC budget is at 7% and the Aging/Transportation budget is at 4%.

8. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- Cindy Riley reported that the hospital is having COVID vaccination clinics Monday thru Thursday.
- Cindy also reported that the hospital has not had a COVID case in 3 to 4 weeks.
- Cindy said the hospital is only allowing one visitor at a time.
- David Scribbins asked Cindy when it would be opened up for people who are under 65 with preexisting conditions. Cindy told him that she did not know but she recommended that he get on the Wait List.

9. Citizen Comments:

- Verna Dosch had nothing to report. She said that they (Richland Area Senior Citizens) are just waiting for things to calm down so they can resume their monthly meetings.
- Sandra Kramer nothing.
- Virginia Wiedenfeld said she has been in the hospital since last week and she said she has been receiving excellent care.
- David Scribbins encouraged everyone to check in with family and friends during this cold spell and because of COVID.
- Cindy Riley asked Roxanne where the warming centers were. Roxanne told her Symons.
- Carolyn Denman asked about the 3 Year Aging Plan survey. Roxanne told her that it is on the website and will be on the website thru March or April.

10. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

11. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Virginia Wiedenfeld; Carolyn Denman seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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