

**Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2021**

The Commission on Aging and Disability met via ZOOM.

Members present: Sandra Kramer, Carolyn Denman, David Scribbins, Van Nelson, Linda Symons and Gary Peters
Members absent: Patrick Manning, Virginia Wiedenfeld and Cindy Riley
HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, John Grothjan, Karn Schauf, Cassie Sanders and Linda Batten
Others present:

1. Call Meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by David Scribbins

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

3. Approval of June 9, 2021 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

- Van Nelson made a motion to approve the June 9, 2021 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

4. Board Education: Aging Plan review draft:

- Roxanne explained to the board that we met with people at the Lone Rock Library and an apartment complex and asked for their input on the Aging Plan.
- Roxanne told the board that the Aging Plan goes into effect in 2022.
- Roxanne went through the Aging Plan line by line and explained each to the board.
- Roxanne said the draft plan is due to GWAAR (Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources) July 23rd. Once they approve the draft plan there will be a Public Hearing in August or September. (John Grothjan will handle this if Roxanne is not here. COAD approval will be needed and then the plan will be presented to the Health and Human Services board for approval. From there the final step is to get approval from the county board.

5. Information and Assistance Program Update:

- Cassie Sanders instructed the board on the Youth and Transition Program. She said it works with kids starting at 17 1/2, to assist individuals going from youth services to adult benefits and services.
- Cassie said that she met with DVR (Divisional of Vocational Rehabilitation) along with Jodi Hines.
- Karn Schauf talked about changes to the phone system that will start in July of 2022. She said because the FCC is going to make 988 as the number to dial the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Help Crisis Help Lifeline number that will require people in certain area codes to dial local numbers with the ten digits. This includes area code 608. Dialing the ten digits will be required beginning 10/24/2021.
- Karn said that in 2019 – 11,000 people called the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Help Crisis Help Lifeline and that 218 people died of suicide.

6. Health Promotion Program Update:

- Roxanne said that she received extra money for Health Promotion. Therefore, she will be working with Tracy Gobin at Symons to discuss using this money to get more instructors trained.
- Roxanne told the board that Symons is currently teaching Thai Chi and Strong Bodies. The suggested donation for those people over 60 is \$20.00. She said if people need help with the cost they can contact the ADRC for a stipend.
- Gary Peters said in the past he has done some of these classes and it helped alleviate leg and back pain.

7. ADRC Update:

- Roxanne said she is currently working with Tracy Thorsen and John Grothjan to get DBS (Disability Benefit Specialist) and EBS (Elder Benefit Specialist) for possible reclassification of the EBS and DBS. She noted that throughout the region and the state, many are classified the same and others are moving to do this as well.
- Roxanne said if this is successful in order to qualify they have to have a Social Work Degree.
- Roxanne reported that the Receptionist, DBS and I & A are working on making a Resource Guide. They hope to have it complete by the end of the year.
- Roxanne said that a Process Improvement Project is in the works for Youth and Transition.

- Roxanne reported that Support Groups are starting up again, in person. She also said that Alive and Kicking – Remember Project will be August 26. There will be a free lunch (potato bar) with the program at 1:00 followed by a concert/play at 2:00.
- Roxanne informed the board that she is working on 5310 Transportation Grant and that in September there will be Transportation Bingo at the Phoenix Center.

8. ADRC Budget Review:

- Roxanne reported that the ADRC budget is at 43.1% utilization. She projects that at the end of the year it will be 99.3% utilization.
- Roxanne further reported that the Aging budget is at 40.8% utilization.

9. Regional ADRC Updates:

- John Grothjan, ADRC of Eagle Country Regional Director told the board about himself, as he started right before the COVID pandemic.
- John described to the board how Nursing Home Relocation funding works.

10. Discuss and Approve Potential New Member:

- Roxanne reminded the board that Sharyn Knudsen retired last month and because of this, she resigned from the board.
- Roxanne said that Joe Scribbins, from Schmitt submitted a letter of interest for the open board position.
- Sandra Kramer made a motion to approve Joe Scribbins for the open board position; Gary Peters seconded. Motion carried.
- Roxanne told the board that it next would have to go to the Health and Human Services board for approval and then to Committee on Committee and the final step would be for approval from the County Board.

11. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- None.

12. Citizen Comments:

- Sandra Kramer told the board that the donkey would be at Schmitt on July 23. They will start at the front of the building and then go to the back. She said that when they went to Pine Valley on June 15, everyone (residents and donkeys) really enjoyed it.
- David Scribbins said he has no insight on what Aaron Rodgers is going to do.

13. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM and Conference Rooms A & B of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581.

14. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Sandra Kramer; Linda Symons seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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