

**Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2021**

The Commission on Aging and Disability met via ZOOM.

**Members present:** Sandra Kramer, Carolyn Denman, David Scribbins, Van Nelson, Linda Symons and Virginia Wiedenfeld

**Members absent:** Patrick Manning, Cindy Riley and Gary Peters

**HHS Staff present:** Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, John Grothjan, Joanne Welsh and Linda Batten

**Others present:**

**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 September 8, 2021 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:**

- Sandra Kramer made a motion to approve the August 8, 2021 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Van Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

**4. Board Education: Elder Benefit Specialist: Open Enrollment**

- Joanne said the number of Medicare Part D plans went from 27 last year to 24 this year. The lowest cost plan is \$6.60 per month. The highest cost plan is \$133.00 per month.
- Joanne further stated that the deductible went up to \$480 from \$445.
- Joanne said if consumers are going to run their own Medicare Part D, they should run a personalized search, as this will give them the most accurate information.
- Joanne reminded everyone that some things are not covered. Such as Vitamins, over the counter medication and off label medication.
- Joanne reported that both Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplements have star rating. These can help consumers.

**5. Disability Benefit Specialist Program Update:**

- Roxanne reported to the board that Jodi Hines resigned as of October 1 and that interviews were taking place this week for her replacement.
- Roxanne said other DBS (Disability Benefit Specialists) in the region are backups and that the office personnel are faxing things.
- Roxanne informed the board that letters were sent to all of Jodi's clients that she was leaving.
- Roxanne said that when a replacement is found, there would be many hours of training.

**6. Per Diem Process Update:**

- Roxanne asked if there were any questions or comments about the new Per Diem process. (There was none.)

**7. Approve New Board Member:**

- Roxanne informed the board that Joe Scribbins resigned from Schmitt to take the Adult Protective Services position here at Health and Human Services.
- Roxanne then told the board that Charley Leiffler took his position at Schmitt and would like to be a COAD board member.
- Sandra Kramer made a motion to approve Charley Leiffler as a new board member; Van Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

**8. ADRC Update:**

- Roxanne reported that she is working with Symons to provide showers to homeless and people without water. She said she bought 10 showers and that Symons would let her know when seven are utilized so she can get more.
- Roxanne said they are hiring for the DBS (Disability Benefit Specialist) position.
- Roxanne informed the board that there would be a Public Hearing for TCC (Transportation Coordinating Commission).

- Roxanne said that the County board approved the Aging Plan.
- Roxanne let everyone know that she will be out the month of November and that John Grothjan would be facilitating the meeting next month.

**9. ADRC Budget Review:**

- Roxanne reported that the Aging budget is at 69.2% utilization and the Aging budget is at 55% utilization.
- Roxanne said that she projects a \$2500 surplus for transportation.

**10. Regional ADRC Updates:**

- John Grothjan said that there are no major updates.
- John reiterated what Roxanne said earlier. He will help while Roxanne is gone.
- John said that Pam Kul-Berg (Dementia Care Specialist) will be covering only Crawford and Richland Counties starting January 1, 2022.

**11. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:**

- Roxanne told the board that Cindy Riley could not be here today as the hospital is seeing an increase in patients.
- Roxanne said that they are noticing that people are not going to the hospital for their regular screenings because of COVID.

**12. Citizen Comments:**

- Sandra Kramer said that the American Legion will hold a 40 & 8-pancake supper on November 14 and that the cost will be \$6.00.
- Sandra also said that the Legion will be holding a 40 & 8 Steak Feed on November 20 and that the cost will be \$10.00.
- Sandra further reported that they are waiting to hear from the schools on if they can hold Veteran's Day programs as they have done in the past.

**13. Schedule Next Meeting:**

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

**14. Adjourn:**

- Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Sandra Kramer; Virginia Wiedenfeld seconded. Motion carried, \_\_\_\_\_ ;

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten  
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