

**Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2022**

The Commission on Aging and Disability met via ZOOM.

Members present: Sandra Kramer, Carolyn Denman, David Scribbins, Van Nelson, Linda Symons, Virginia Wiedenfeld, Julie Post-Kast and Cindy Riley
Members absent: Gary Peters and Patrick Manning
HHS Staff present: Joanne Welsh, John Grothjan and Linda Batten
Others present:

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:02 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; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.
- 3. Approval of November 10, 2021 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:**
 - Sandra Kramer made a motion to approve the November 10, 2021 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Julie Post-Kast seconded. Motion carried.
- 4. Board Education: Joanne Welsh – Medicare Saving Programs**
 - Joanne spoke about Medicare. One of the topics was the Federal Poverty level. It is \$1073 for 2022.
 - Joanne also told us about QMB (Qualified Medicare Beneficiary). QMB is the lowest level, People will get their Part B back on their check and will have reduced co-pays. Most people do not utilize this program.
 - Joanne went through examples of how she has and can help people.
- 5. Resignation of board member:**
 - I informed the board that Charley Leiffler has resigned from Schmitt Woodland Hills and because of this; I would need a motion to accept her resignation from the board.
 - Virginia Wiedenfeld made a motion; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.
- 6. ADRC Update:**
 - I told the board that Kayla Williams (new Disability Benefits Specialist) and Nicole Gaudette (new Information and Assistance Specialist) are continuing with their training.
 - John Grothjan explained to the board that with these positions there is a lot of training involved.
 - I informed the board that we have new chairs in the ADRC waiting area and thanked John for assembling them.
- 7. Regional ADRC Update:**
 - John Grothjan said they are working with nursing homes on MBSQ referrals/applications. (Roby Fuller will be sending this list to each office in the region.)
 - John told the board that the region has received an additional \$80,000 for the Dementia Specialist Program. They are hiring two part-time positions. With doing this, Pam Kul-Berg will now handle only Richland and Crawford counties after the new people are trained. Pam is open for referrals.
 - John told the board that there were two billboards up in Richland County.
 - John said the Richland office would be approximately \$30,000 under budget for 2021. However, in 2022 this will not be the case. He thinks the Richland budget for 2022 will run real close.
- 8. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:**
 - Cindy Riley told the board that UW is putting on hold any non-emergency surgeries because of COVID.
 - Cindy also informed the board that the hospital is having a hard time finding transportation for getting people to nursing homes because of COVID.
 - Cindy encourages everyone to be vaccinated and to use a mask because of the increase in COVID. The hospital has had some staff members who have had COVID.
 - Cindy said that the hospital is getting a new Med/Surg Director.

9. Citizen Comments:

- All of the board members told Julie about themselves. Additionally, Julie gave a little history of herself.
- Sandra Kramer said that the American Legion is holding a Spaghetti Supper on January 15. The hours are from 4:00 until gone. Someone will serve everyone and the Legion asks that everyone mask up.
- Virginia Wiedenfeld stated that she only has a couple of board meetings left. (This brought up other board members asking when their term was up.)

10. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

11. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Virginia Wiedenfeld; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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