

Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2024

The Commission on Aging and Disability met via ZOOM or in person in Conference rooms A/B of the Community Services Building, 221 W. Seminary St., Richland Center.

Members present: David Scribbins, Sandra Kramer, Carolyn Denman, Virginia Wiedenfeld, Angela Metz, Larry Engel, Linda Symons and Julie Fleming

Members absent:

HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber and Linda Batten

Others present:

1. **Call Meeting to Order: COAD Meeting** was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by David Scribbins.
2. **Approval of Posting and Agenda:** Sandra Kramer made a motion to approve the agenda; Virginia Wiedenfeld seconded. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of March 13, 2024 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:** Julie Fleming made a motion to approve the March 13, 2024 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Carolyn Denman seconded. Motion carried.
4. **Citizen Comments:**
 - Sandra Kramer reported that donkey visits will start again in June.
 - Sandra said the Memorial Day Parade route has been decided and the donkeys will be in it.
 - Sandra told the board that the Soup/Chili and Pie Auction was a success. There were 32 pies. They made over \$1800 on the auction. All the proceeds go for the upkeep of the building.
5. **Board Education: Volunteerism:**
 - Roxanne went through the GWAAR (Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources) volunteer flier. She also reviewed volunteer opportunities within Health and Human Services.
6. **Program Update: National Family Caregiver Support Program**
 - Roxanne told the board that every year ADRC is given a pot of money (usually around \$13,000) to be used to support caregivers who care for people over 60 or are a grandparent (55) who is caring for grandchildren.
 - Roxanne said there used to be a yearly 112-hour cap on services provided. However, there is not any longer.
 - Roxanne stated the current initial allotment starts out at \$500.00 a year. However, she looks at the utilization and increases amounts if funds there are more funds to be used.
 - Roxanne said that as of this week the program still has \$2600.00 not allotted to anyone.
7. **Aging Advocacy Day is May 14th**
 - Roxanne told the board that if they are going to Advocacy Day, that there is a training the week before. (The training is online. It is not required. However, people are strongly encouraged to do the training.)
 - Larry suggested to Roxanne that she send a Thank You to Howard Marklein for his help in expanding programs for ADRC programs.
8. **ADRC Update:**
 - Roxanne reported that Rose Welsh was hired as the new EBS (Elder Benefit Specialist).
 - Roxanne also told the board that Jaymie Bruckner was hired as the new DBS (Disability Benefit Specialist) replacing Kayla. Both Jaymie and Rose will be going through extensive training.
 - Roxanne informed the board that there will be a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon tomorrow at the Phoenix Center for all volunteer drivers (Meal-on-Wheels and Transportation).
 - Roxanne reported that on Wednesday (4/24) an in-person Senior Expo will be held at the Community Center.
 - Roxanne reported that the 2nd annual Wellness Stride will be held on 5/23. This is in partnership with Symons Recreation.
 - Roxanne reported that Dementia Live will be held at the Richland Hospital on May 30th. This will be for hospital staff and the public.
 - Roxanne told the board that Nicole Gaudette is being trained for Bingocize as a backup to Tanya Webster.
 - Roxanne recognized all outgoing board members with a certificate of appreciation.

9. ADRC Budget Review:

- Roxanne reported to the board that at this time all budgets are under budget for this year.

10. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- Angela Metz had no updates. She did say that the hospital is bringing back volunteer programs.
- Angela also reported that student nurses went through the hospital recently.

11. Schedule Next COAD Meeting: May 8, 2024, 1:00pm.

12. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until May 8, 2024 at 1:00 was made by Julie Fleming; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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