

# **COMMISSION ON AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES**

**Wednesday, October 10, 2017**

Jeffrey Duchac called the Commission on Aging and Disability Services meeting to order at 9:02 am

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## **Roll Call**

Dianne Birkholz, Judy Braun, Jeffrey Duchac, William Hoekstra, Shirley Kitchen, MaryAnn Miller, Lorna Negen, Gary Schmidt

## **Also Present**

Andi Colker, Kris Schefft, Jackie Wendlandt

## **Excused**

Judy Patenaude

## **Absent**

None

## **Consideration to Deviate from the Agenda if Necessary**

MaryAnn Miller motioned and William Hoekstra seconded to consider deviation from the agenda as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

## **Action on the Minutes of the August 8, 2017 meeting**

Shirley Kitchen motioned and MaryAnn Miller seconded to approve the minutes to include the mentioned changes of the August 8, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

## **Public Forum**

Introductions were made.

## **New Business**

- *Staff changes in the ADRC:* Stephanie Levenhagen, Nutrition/Transportation Program Supervisor, is retiring on October 25, 2017. It has been approved to be refilled and Becky Bell along with Sheila Drays will be interviewing to replace her as soon as they are able. Since the last meeting, our former DBS resigned after a month of employment. Kris has since interviewed and offered the position to Andi Colker contingent on background check, hoping her first day will be October 30. Pam Couperus has accepted the vacant Aging and Disability Resource (ADR) Specialist position and will be starting October 30, 2017. Pam is currently employed in the Adult Protective Services (APS) unit for Human Services.
- *Review new draft by-laws (2<sup>nd</sup> reading):* After review, Kris will make changes in Article 1, Section 3 to include addressing the disabled equally as elderly. William Hoekstra suggested to use the statement wording as written in the ADRC governing board booklet. William Hoekstra motioned and MaryAnn Miller seconded to change Article 1, Section 3. Article 3, Section 1 will also be changed to simplify verbiage and state regular meetings of the Commission shall be held bi-monthly or at least quarterly. This change was approved by all members of the Commission. William Hoekstra suggested that another goal for the Commission would be to have equal focus and information supporting disabled and intellectually disabled adults as well as elderly brought to each meeting. Kris will bring information on the CCS (Comprehensive Community Services) program to the next meeting.

### **Sharing from the Commission**

Dianne Birkholz attended the Aging and Disability Network Conference on Wednesday, September 6, in Middleton with Kris. Dianne stated that about three fourths of the attendees were board members. It was very informative and would suggest going if they hold it again. Kris stated that Governor Walker was a surprise guest at the conference and received the Pacesetter Prize Wisconsin was awarded. This prize is to recognize efforts to improve long-term services and supports for older adults, people with disabilities, and their family caregivers. See the *Pacesetter Prize* handout provided to members of the commission for more details. Kris explained that as baby boomers age and retire, they often move "up north" where there are lack of supports and services. There is a lack of services for those aging throughout the state.

MaryAnn Miller attended a privately invited *Alive Inside* presentation held at the LePetite Theater at Audubon Inn in Mayville on Tuesday, October 3, 2017. This short presentation was to offer involved and influential community members aware of the two-part Dementia Innovations Grant Dodge County was awarded and learn how the Music and Memory program is beneficial to those with Dementia.

Jeffrey Duchac suggested that transportation for elderly and disabled be added to our agenda as a running item. He also suggested that could be one of our goals as a Commission. Discussion followed regarding transportation barriers elderly and disabled residents of Dodge County face. Jeff addressed that Dodge County is involved in the Get to Work program, with a grant from Easter Seals. They hope to use the software available in the Transportation department. Lack of transportation is a long standing problem for both disabled and elderly and the Commission will continue to discuss.

### **Update from Elder Benefit Specialist, Amanda Higgins: SHIP Funding**

Kris spoke for Amanda as she couldn't attend the meeting today. New Medicare cards will be dispersed to members starting April 2018 thru April 2019. The Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) runs from October 15 thru December 7. The SHIP funding was approved on the federal level. Brief discussion followed on all topics.

### **Supervisor's Report:**

- **Business Cards for Members:** Business cards were created and dispersed for all members of the Commission. Commission members were also given the newest ADRC marketing pens.
- **Information on Hospice and Palliative Care:** Kris reviewed information as written in *The Difference Between Palliative and Hospice Care* handout provided for members of the Commission. William asked if there was a possibility of putting together a simplistic list of differences between palliative and hospice care. Kris will see about putting something together. A local social worker will come to a future meeting to speak in more detail about the two topics. Discussion followed.
- **Upcoming events:** The Steppin' Out for Dementia Awareness Walk put on by the Dementia Concerns Coalition (DCC) will be held on Saturday, October 14, at the Wesley Center in Waupun. Every spring and fall the DCC holds a conference. This year the conference will be held in conjunction with the DCC Summit on Wednesday, October 25. All are encouraged to reach out to the ADRC to get registered for these events. Jeffrey stated that he attended this conference last year and can attest to how educational it was and would recommend to anyone on the Commission that can attend to do so. The summit/conference is all about supporting caregivers. There will be a series of free *Alive Inside* showings throughout Dodge County within the next month including a showing at the Towne Cinema in Watertown.
- **Awarded next Dementia Innovations Grant:** Dodge County was awarded the second round of the Dementia Innovations Grant in the amount of \$67,400. The ADRC just recently finished the initial 18 month grant geared towards education of providers, first responders, law enforcement and materials and programs for libraries. The second round grant will be more focused on educating doctors'

offices and clinics, ERs, and schools on Dementia. Amanda Mersch from the Public Health Unit along with the Adult Protective Services Unit will be spearheading this part of the grant.

- *Bi-Monthly Data:* Kris reviewed information as written in *SAMS Agency Call Report for August and September 2017* and also the *Community Support Services Division for July and August Stats* handouts provided for members of the Commission. The Commission would like to continue to see these statistics at every meeting. The ADRC is currently working on creating a survey monkey to ask residents of Dodge County how we're doing. This will be on our ADRC webpage.

Discussion from William Hoekstra that he is hopeful this Commission will increase its focus on those with intellectual and physical disabilities. Kris offered to bring some of the outreach material used by the ADRC at the next meeting.

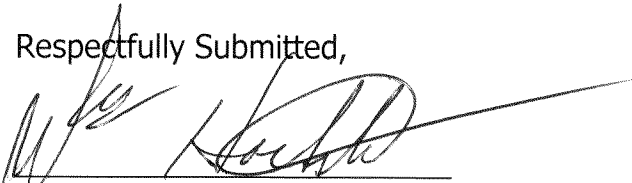
### **Next Meeting**

The next meetings of the Commission on Aging and Disability Services will be held on **Tuesday, December 12, 2017**, at **9:00 am** at **199 County Road DF** in **room G046** on the **ground floor** of the Henry Dodge Office Building.

### **Adjournment**

Dianne Birkholz motioned and Gary Schmidt seconded to adjourn this meeting of the Commission on Aging and Disability Services at 10:16 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



William Hoekstra, Secretary

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