

# **COMMISSION ON AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES**

**Wednesday, December 12, 2017**

Jeffrey Duchac called the Commission on Aging and Disability Services meeting to order at 9:01 am

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## **Roll Call**

Dianne Birkholz, Jeffrey Duchac, William Hoekstra, MaryAnn Miller, Lorna Negen, Judy Patenaude, Gary Schmidt

## **Also Present**

Sheila Drays, Amy Ewerdt, Amanda Higgins, Kris Schefft, Jackie Wendlandt

## **Excused**

Judy Braun, Shirley Kitchen

## **Absent**

None

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

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

## **Action on the Minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting**

MaryAnn Miller motioned and Gary Schmidt seconded to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

## **Public Forum**

None

## **New Business**

- *Staff changes in the ADRC:* Judy Wiese, Dementia Care Specialist, retires on December 13. Ashley Sanborn, new Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS), starts on January 2, 2018. During the vacant time of the DBS position, Access to Independence was contracted with to provide services to Dodge County residents. Amy Ewerdt was introduced as the new Nutrition/Transportation/Aging Supervisor. Pam Couperus is our new Aging and Disability Resource (ADR) Specialist. Pam will join us at our February meeting.
- *Review new draft by-laws (3<sup>d</sup> reading):* Changes, highlighted in blue, were made to Article 1, Section 3 and Article 3, Section 1. MaryAnn Miller motioned and Dianne Birkholz seconded to approve the bylaws as written. Motion carried.

## **Sharing from the Commission**

None

## **Update from Elder Benefit Specialist Amanda Higgins**

Amanda stated that 95 clients were served during the annual enrollment period (AEP) for Medicare that ran from October 15 through December 7. Discussion following regarding 2018 goals, the MIPPA (Medicare

Patients & Providers) Grant, new Medicare cards, as well as Medicare Part A & B costs for 2018. Discussion followed.

### **Transportation: 85.21 grant and Easter Seals grant**

Kris explained that the 85.21 grant provides funding for the transportation program in Dodge County. The commission approved the submitting of this grant for funding. Discussion followed. Members of Easter Seals in Washington DC provided a training on December 6 and 7 here at the Henry Dodge Office Building. The purpose of this meeting was to get interested community members together to develop goals. The two goals identified were to look at utilizing Dodge County's RouteMatch program and to explore carpooling within businesses. Discussion followed.

### **Disability Services: Changes in Family Care and IRIS providers**

Kris stated that there are now four different IRIS providers and two Family Care providers for residents of Dodge County. See attached handouts provided for members of the Commission on Aging & Disability Services. Discussion followed.

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

- *Health Literacy Workshop on December 13th:* A health literacy workshop will held on Wednesday, December 13 as part of the 3 year aging plan.
- *Information on Hospice and Palliative Care:* A brochure with information on hospice and palliative care will be created and ready to be dispersed by February of next year. This topic will be kept on the agenda for the next meeting. Discussion followed.
- *Report out: Dementia Walk and Dementia Summit:* The Dementia Walk held at the Wesley Center in Waupun on October 14 and the Dementia Summit held at Old Hickory in Beaver Dam on October 25 were a success. The ADRC and Dodge County will be working on becoming a more dementia friendly community starting in January of 2018. Discussion followed.
- *New 3 year Aging Plan to be developed in 2018:* Kris Schefft and Amy Ewerdt will be working on the new 3 year aging plan including round table sessions within the community before writing the goals in hopes to get input from members of Dodge County.
- *Bi-Monthly Data:* Kris reviewed information as written in the *Community Support Services Division Stats for August-October* handouts provided for members of the Commission. Brief discussion followed.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meetings of the Commission on Aging and Disability Services will be held on **Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at 9:00 am at 199 County Road DF in room G046 on the ground floor** of the Henry Dodge Office Building.

### **Adjournment**

Chair adjourned this meeting of the Commission on Aging and Disability Services at 9:54 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



William Hoekstra, Secretary

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