

COUNCIL ON AGING
DECEMBER 11, 2007

The Polk County Council on Aging met in conference room A & B in the Polk County Government Center in Balsam Lake on December 11, 2007.

Present: Diane Stoneking Neil Johnson
Bill Hughes Mary Stachowski
Wanda Johnson
Janice Nelson

Absent: Tom Nilssen

Others Present: Kari Flom and Jeff Fuge (via phone)

Call to Order: Bill Hughes called the meeting to order at 8:37 am.

Introductions: Janice Nelson, community member from Luck, was introduced to the group. She will be filling the community spot left vacant by Carl Johnson.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion by Stachowski and second by N. Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion passed. All in favor.**

Minutes: Minutes from the November Council on Aging meeting were included with the mailing for the December meeting. **Motion by Stoneking and second by Stachowski to approve the minutes. Motion passed. All in favor.**

Financial Report and Bills: Flom explained the financial reports. The budget is on target for year end with 74% of the budget spent. A new grant for Medicare Part D has been added to revenues (\$5652) through June 2008. The grant will allow for additional hours for Medicare Part D. The bills were reviewed. **Motion by Stoneking second by N. Johnson to approve the financial report and bills. Motion passed. All in favor.**

Public Comment: No public was present. Flom shared that Jack Overby passed away recently. Our thanks to Jack for all of his years of work with the Council on Aging. Flom also shared that Supervisor Nilssen is home ill and unable to attend this meeting. Cards were signed by the group for both.

Update on Aging and Disability Resource Center Development (ADRC): The first meeting of the ADRC development council was completed. Rich Kammerud and Dr David Markert attended. No minutes have been made available from the meeting. The second meeting will take place on December 13 in Siren. Diane Stoneking has been appointed as an interim member of the ADRC Development Council (with County Board of Supervisor approval scheduled for the January 2008 meeting). Flom will report at the January Council on Aging meeting.

Contracts for 2008: Landlord contracts for the five meal sites have been sent. As of this date none have returned. Flom will follow up and inform the board in January.

Northern Area Agency on Aging board meeting: Hughes reported on the meeting last week. There has been discussion regarding a referendum vote for permanent Senior Care.

Joint Resolution between Aging and Polk County Transportation for the Disabled & Elderly, Inc: Via speaker phone Jeff Fuge, Corporation Counsel, joined the meeting. Discussion was held on the joint resolution regarding leasing the vans to Aging Programs so the vans can be on the county umbrella for insurance. **Motion by Stoneking second by Stachowski to approve the joint resolution. Motion passed. All in favor.** N. Johnson recused himself from the motion. Flom recused herself due to conflict of interest.

Temporary Help for 2008: Medicare Part D grant: The temporary transportation person needs to be designated temporary emergency help during the time of the Medicare Part D grant. This line item has been included in the 2008 Aging Programs budget. **Motion by N. Johnson second by Stoneking to allow Aging Programs to utilize Maxine Jensen as temporary emergency help during the Medicare Part D grant. Motion passed. All in favor.**

Upcoming Out of County Meetings: The out of county meeting calendar was handed out to the Council on Aging members. **Motion by Stachowski and second by Stoneking to approve out of county meetings. Motion passed. All in favor.**

Information: The Federal mileage reimbursement rate will increase to 50.5 cents per mile starting on January 1, 2008. The Aging Programs budget will be reworked to include this increase of expenses.

The topic of having a budget committee was discussed at the Department Head meeting. Some counties develop a special budget committee that guides and directs the budget process. Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of a budget committee vs. the current system in Polk County.

The annual Christmas Tea was held last week. Many guests attended, even with the snow storm, and lots of good food was shared.

January's meeting will be Flom's annual review. A packet was given to each Council on Aging member for review before the next meeting.

Next Meeting and Finance committee meeting date: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2007 at **8:30 am**. The finance committee meeting will be at **8:15 am** and will include Bill Hughes, Wanda Johnson and Neil Johnson. Diane Stoneking and Mary Stachowski will be excused from the meeting due to travel.

Adjourn at 9:52 am: **Motion by Stoneking and second by Stachowski to adjourn. Motion passed. All in favor.**