

Forest County Commission on Aging

Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2018

1:15 p.m.

County Board Room, Courthouse, Crandon, WI

Members Present: Arlet Steel, Jill Kettlewell, Larry Berg, Tammy Queen, Bob Shepherd, Vicki Lemerande, Cliff Haskins, Mary Meier, Jeanne Weyers

Absent: Richard Ackley Jr.

Others Present: Denise Larson (Center for Independent Living)

Call to order: Regular Meeting called to order at 1:15p.m. By Berg.

Roll Call: Roll call taken and quorum met.

Introductions: Introductions were made.

Approve Agenda: *Motion to approve agenda by Shepherd, second by Weyers, all in favor, motion carried.*

Approve June 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes: *Motion to approve minutes made by Kettlewell, second by Meier, all in favor, motion carried.*

Presentation by Denise Larson from Center of Independent Living on New Freedom Transportation

Program: A comprehensive presentation was delivered by Denise Larson via power point handout.

Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc. (CIL) located in Menomonie, WI 1-800-228-3287 or, 1 715-233-1070 V/TTY. There are also offices in Rice Lake and Eau Claire. Denise is the Transportation Director/Certified Mobility Manager for this organization. They can provide transportation to qualifying persons of ages 55 and over or have a permanent disability that have transportation barrier. The riders use a volunteer driver or voucher program to get to medical, educational, employment related, and social events. They can use funding from over 40 sources. They are non-profit covered by 53.10 funds. The cost is about \$10.00/ round trip. They can also provide Mobility Management using available resources to improve mobility, increase efficiency, and reduce costs. Riders having someone to drive them may qualify for the voucher program giving them vouchers to spend on a portion of their transportation costs. They manage hiring in the local area if possible and recruit the drivers as well as provide orientation, training and recognition. Current mileage reimbursement to drivers is \$.53/mile (loaded). Currently they have 130 drivers providing transportation to more than 3000 riders. They can filter drivers from one area to another to cover transportation needs until more are recruited in the area of concern. They service 29 counties presently with Forest County being in their area of service. Residents in the covered area can make one call to get their transportation needs met. Their mission statement includes: "to advocate

for and with persons with a disability to exercise their full participation in society." Partnering with CIL would require a contract with Forest county, beginning with a COA memorandum of understanding. Motion by Haskins to place this Transportation Program discussion on the agenda for the next meeting in August 2018, for further input and consideration, seconded by Kettlewell, all in favor, motion carried.

Other applicable matters, if any, as allowed by law: Meier asks if Scott Goode will be sitting on the COA...he will not be at present time.

Adjourn: Motion by Shepherd to adjourn meeting at 2:15 pm, seconded by Lemerande, all in favor, motion passed.

Next meeting August 14, 2018 at 1:15 pm in County Board Room.

Minutes submitted by Vicki Lemerande, Secretary