

## COMMISSION ON AGING COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FOREST COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2022

TIME: 1:15 P.M.

PLACE: FOREST COUNTY COURTHOUSE COUNTY BOARD ROOM

### CALL TO ORDER

Miller called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

### ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Matuszewski, Sponable, Miller, Jungwirth, Koziol, Abney

Absent: Van Grinsven & Sommer

Others Present: Tammy Queen, Cindy Gretzinger & Kathy O'Melia

### APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Koziol to approve agenda, second by Abney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

### APPROVE DECEMBER 14, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Sponable to approve the December 14, 2021 meeting minutes, second by Matuszewski. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

### INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions by all members.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### EBS REPORT

Kathy O'Melia presented BEN SPEC Program Statistics. O'Melia reports that Medicare Open Enrollment from October 15, 2021 to December 7, 2021 was very busy. Potential enrollees were misled by commercials incorrectly promising extra money and more services. O'Melia reports that clients were duped by unscrupulous insurance agents. Increases in Medicare Part B premiums were offset by a Cost of Living adjustment in Social Security Benefits. O'Melia has provided information via articles that she has put in local media outlets. O'Melia can see people in her office on a limited basis.

### BUDGET UPDATES

Meal Sites are serving high numbers of Home-Delivered and Carry-Out Meals. A lot of C1 funding from 2021 from had been moved into C2 (HDM) to cover expenditures. Donations for meals are more than \$2000 over last year. The FCPC may not reallocate money to the COA Alzheimer program. ARPA funds are available for developing and sustaining new programs.

## DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE APPROVE HUMAN SERVICE VEHICLE OPERATION POLICY

Motion by Gretzinger to approve Human Service Vehicle Operation Policy, second by Sponable. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

## UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECT WITH FORESTRY

Queen met with Travis Wollenberg, the Forest County Forestry Administrator, regarding funding a wheelchair lift for the boat landing at the County Park as well as recumbent bikes, to be paid for by DOT trust fund which can only pay for the lift machinery, not installation. The Forestry Service will coordinate with the Commission on Aging and Forest County to facilitate completion of this project.

## UPDATE ON BUSES AND NEW BUS DRIVER

Mark Gatton has been hired as the new bus driver. Gatton will be getting a CDL. The COA buses are in good shape with recent maintenance. Local media will be used to promote bus usage. Queen is waiting for response on application for 5304 grant in order to do a feasibility study.

## DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IN RESIDENT GUIDE

No action taken.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Queen reports that the Crandon Meal Site has two new volunteers and that she also has a volunteer to help her in her office. The Wabeno Meal Site has another HDM driver. Queen and Blaszczyk, Social Services Director are working on hiring a clerk to be shared between COA and DSS. Both of these departments are running smoothly. There are 4 participants in the Alzheimer's Caregiver Program and 6 in the NFCP. There are two Strong Bodies classes in Crandon and one in Armstrong Creek. Committee member Laurie Van Grinsven is interested in teaching a Living Well with Chronic Conditions class. COA Committee members may be taking part in Advocacy Training in June, 2022. Queen has ordered a new printer to replace the nonfunctional printer in her office.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Sponable, second by Matuszewski. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

These minutes are not official until approved and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Commission on Aging Committee meeting.