

COMMISSION ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2021

→ Room 1070/1075 ←

Sunset Drive Office Building, 11811 S. Sunset Drive, Olathe, 66061

MINUTES

- Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.
- Introductions of members and gallery
- Pam Shernuk, Chair, asked if there were any corrections needed to the May minutes. No changes. The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Jay Holbert made the motion to approve minutes as written. John P. Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LIAISON – COMMISSIONER ALLENBRAND

- Absent

DIRECTOR OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES (AHS) – DEBBIE COLLINS

- Outreach service side of department is seeing a tremendous amount of people with very high utility bills. Bills that are over \$3,000 and the utility assistance cap is \$350. Working with county and other organizations to come up with additional funding.
- On Monday night, the Charter Commission that meets every 10 years, met to discuss the structure of government and if any changes were needed to charter
 - John Smith asked if she could go over what was covered at meeting. Debbie stated Dan had a copy of power point. Dan stated will let members know how to access meeting.

Adjourned meeting for AAA Area Plan public hearing at 9:12 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:27 a.m.

DIRECTOR OF AREA AGENCY ON AGING (AAA) – DAN GOODMAN

- All 3 aging service charters have been completed; the last charter ended 2 weeks ago (website charter).
 - Received positive feedback
 - Added online feature for requesting Aging information after hours that will send email to Aging Information Specialists to respond back during business hours.
 - Explore Your Options – mailed to all Best Time subscribers

- Proposed SCA budget for FY2022 includes \$445,000 state increase which was \$100,000 more than anticipated. Unanticipated additional funding will be allocated to a new position to assist with the adding of 148 new clients due to increase. Aging Care Services program will be adding 104 if additional county funding of \$250,000 approved by BOCC That will bring anticipated case load to 819 clients in 2022. That is roughly 4% of 60+ Johnson County residents currently living at or below the federal poverty level.
 - Jay Holbert asked if any wait list for program, Dan stated no because it's an immediate need and try to find other services for person.
- Olathe has not had a traditional congregate meal site for many years. Olathe Tower reached out to Nutrition Manager about having a site at their location. Surveyed residents and 65 were interested in receiving meals. Would start as a pilot program for first year to watch cost and attendance. Residents in the community would also be able to attend. Projected start is September 2021.
- Protected Income Levels for Medicaid raised from 1,177 to 2,382 but did not raise asset level. It will stay at 2,200. Anticipating increase of about 500 in assessments.
- 620 people were helped with care packages and received over 40 thank you notes from the people who were helped.

9:54 a.m. break

10:03 a.m. resume

- Election of Officers
 - Date for election of officers was changed to be more in line with term expirations. Officers will be elected in July, so members already know the members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Nomination Committee: Dale Warman, Cindy Schendel & Andrea Leavitt made up committee
 - Dale stated committee suggestion is to re-elect incumbents; Pam Shernuk as Chair and Paula Hurt as Vice Chair
 - Pam asked if any other nominations from the floor – no nominations
 - Karen Weber motioned for voting on officers nominated and Jay Holbert seconded
 - Karen asked for vote – vote was carried
- Peg Deaton Leadership in Aging Award Committee: Kim Mann stated nominations will be held in October. Will start contacting volunteer coordinators at organizations in August. Suggested that the AAA nominate someone.
- Outreach Committee: Jay Holbert stated no presentations at this time due to ongoing covid changes but discussed filming a presentation to send to facilities; Dan stated nutrition, CHAMPSS and Information Specialist have done videos.
- Legislative Committee: John P. Smith stated committee working on platform and looking at adding back some items that were dropped; should have something by August for committee to review. Discussed maybe adding something about COVID and how affected nursing home facilities. Legislative breakfast will be held on October 13, 2021.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – PAM SHERNUK

- Pam encouraged members to join a committee and to let her know if want to stay on current committee
- Need to locate National Health Institute Booklet to hand out to citizens
- Wendy Holmberg retired earlier this month. Thanked Kelli for filling in for this month.
- Please provide picture for Facebook page
- Karen Weber & Stephanie Clayton appointments are ending next month and are no longer eligible for committee due to reached maxed amount of time.
- Commissioner Allenbrand invited former governor Mark Parkinson to August meeting
- Stephanie Clayton will also do presentation on legislation in August
- Pam presented Karen Weber an Outstanding Service Award for her work on the Commission on Aging over the years.
- Pam asked that each committee member talk about their background and what brought them to committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

- None at this time

OPEN FORUM

- None at this time

MEETING ADJOURNED

- **COA Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.**

Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

SDOB Room 1055

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Ridgeview Dr. & Sunset Dr. entrance

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