

# Oneida County Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2010

**Present:** Sonny Paszak, Maxine Meyer, Peter Wolk, Matt Matteson, Catherine Parker, Jeanette Pederson and Carol White **Absent with Notice:** Bill Schell and Pat C. Peters **Staff:** Dianne Jacobson, Julie Plamann. **Guests:** Mary Gould, Charles Wickman (County Board Supervisor – Dist.17), and Walter Meyer

**Call to order:** Called to order by Sonny Paszak at 11:01 p.m. at the Department on Aging office, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, noting that the agenda had been properly posted and the media notified.

**Approval of Agenda for March 8, 2010:** Motion Pederson/Parker approving the agenda. Motion carried will all ayes.

**Approval of Minutes from February 18, 2010:** Motion Wolk/Meyer approving the minutes of February 18, 2009 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Date/Time and Locations of Future Meetings:** Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 12:00 noon at the Oneida County Senior Center.

**Department on Aging Building Committee Update:** Jacobson described the recent turn of events, explaining that due to a timely phone call, the Northern Advantage Job Center building is also now being considered as an optional site to relocate the Department on Aging. The building is only 10-years old and appears to be adequate in size for the departments needs. Limited parking is adjacent to the building, but a large parking area is nearby. An area for the kitchen and volunteer drivers would need to be developed, but appears to be satisfactory in other ways. The Dept on Aging Building Committee will discuss this option at today's meeting. No action taken, update only.

**Reply letter to the Lakeland Senior Center Board President::** Jacobson reported on a telephone conversation with Dean Brandow, over the reply letter sent to him regarding the 'letter to the editor' that appeared in the *Lakeland Times*. Brandow was unable to attend today's meeting and unsure about April's meeting. Brandow asked if the Dept on Aging could attend a meeting at the Lakeland Center. Charles Wickman was present and addressed the commission, commenting that he felt that the food served at the Lakeland Center was, "...mediocre to acceptable ...". He then circulated photos of food service and events at the Lakeland center; commented on the spectrum of services provided by the Lakeland Center and further commented "...that Lakeland possibly won't use the Commission on Aging nutrition program..." because some felt that Lakeland itself could serve better meals. Commission members spoke in support of the current food service. Jacobson informed Wickman that the department has procedures for food service comments and stated a survey of participants is soon to be done that would give a broader view of the satisfaction level. Jacobson reiterated that Lakeland receives funding only from the Dept on Aging in Oneida County, and receives no other counties or state funding. Wickman stated he represents District 17 and does not represent the board of the Lakeland Center. No action taken.

**ADRC of the Northwoods Planning Committee Update:** Jacobson reviewed the common message that is released after each 5-county meeting. The April 2010 meeting will be held in Florence County on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Director's Monthly Report:** Report reviewed, Jacobson commented that a news release is being sent to the media announcing that applications are being accepted to fill spring vacancies for citizens who may be interested in serving on the Commission on Aging. A sub-committee of Matteson, Meyer and Paszak will review applications. Jacobson presented a brief update on the Tri-County Transportation Study currently underway. One suggested outcome of the study is to create a Tri-County Transit Commission that would be a separate entity that would have the authority to greatly increase funding options for transportation in Forest/Vilas/Oneida counties. Jacobson explained transit commission requirements and how federal funding can be solicited. The first step

is to send a letter to the State of Wisconsin indicating that Oneida, Vilas and Forest County are entertaining the option of forming a Transit Commission. No commitment is necessary from any county at this time, but the state must be informed by April 15, 2010 of our interest in pursuing this option.

Motion Parker/Wolk authorizing Jacobson to send a letter of intent to the State of Wisconsin indicating that Oneida, Vilas and Forest counties are interested in pursuing possible application to create a Tri-County Transit Commission.

All ayes, motion passed.

Motion Wolk/Matteson accepting the Director's Report as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

**Advisory Council news/update:** Meyer reported that a St.Pat's Day bake sale is slated for March 12, greeting card sales continue steady and the raffle license is still pending. The annual Senior Center Spring Rummage sale is set for April 29, 30 and May 1st. Update only, no action taken.

**Monthly Departmental Reports:** Reports reviewed.

Motion Parker/Meyer accepting and approve the monthly departmental reports. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**Vouchers and Bills:** Jacobson presented bills and personal vouchers for payment.

Motion Wolk/Paszak accepting and approving all vouchers and bills as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Line Item Transfers:** Year-end line item transfers were reviewed. The county Finance Dept requires that accounts retain only \$1 at year-end. All Federal and State monies must be spent.

Motion Matteson/Wolk approving the year-end line item transfers as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

**Out-of-County travel:** Jacobson will travel to Stevens Point on April 7, 2010 for a Director's meeting and to Antigo on April 4, 2010 for a GWAAR meeting, both are budgeted items. Jacobson also requested permission for Schroeder to travel to Oshkosh on April 11, 2010 for certification as an instructor in Zumba Gold, and exercise program to older adults.

Motion White/Pederson approving the April 2010 department out of county travel. All ayes, motion passed.

**Topics for Future Agendas:** Normal agenda items as well as invitation to members of the Lakeland Senior Center board to attend the meeting and discuss issues.

**Public Comment/Communications:** None.

**Adjourn:** Motion White/Wolk to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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P. Wolk  
COA Secretary