

Oneida County Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2011

Present: Sonny Paszak, Catherine Parker, Peter Wolk, Bob Metropulos, Maxine Meyer, Carol Pederson, Bill Schell. **Absent/excused:** Jeanette Pederson, Sean McAdam. **Staff:** Dianne Jacobson, Julie Plamann. **Guests:** Gwen Larson, Larson & Assoc, LLC; Ken Krall, WXPB.

Call to order: 11:00a.m. Meeting called to order by Paszak at the Northern Advantage building in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, who noted that the agenda had been properly posted and the media notified.

Approval, April 14, 2011 Agenda: Motion Wolk /Metropulos approving agenda. All ayes, motion passed.

Approval March 16, 2011 Minutes: Motion Wolk/Parker approving March 16, 2011 meeting minutes. All ayes, motion passed.

Date/Time and Locations of Future Meetings: The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 12:00 noon at the Dept on Aging building at 1103 Thayer St.

Tri-County Transportation Commission report - Larson & Associates, LLC

Jacobson introduced Gwen Larson of Larson & Associates, LLC. Larson has been working with Forest, Vilas and Oneida Counties as well as representatives from the three American Indian tribes located in these counties to develop a Tri-County Transit Commission. The main advantage of creating a Transit Commission is a sharing of transportation resources (and vehicles) and being able to qualify for up to 60% more funding. Larson reviewed a written report outlining her progress to date. The goal is to create an application to create a Transit Commission including a resolution that all county boards and tribal councils must approve sometime this summer.

Commission on Aging Vacancies - Approve new members

Applications were reviewed. Motion Wolk/Metropulos nominating Joan Hauer and Emily Stalsberg to fill the vacant seats at the Commission on Aging. Motion failed and was withdrawn.

Motion Parker/C.Pederson nominating Joan Hauer and Nancy Brisse to fill the vacant seats at the Commission on Aging with Emily Stalsberg as alternate. Motion passed with all ayes. Jacobson will forward the recommendation to the County Board for approval at the May 2011 meeting.

Department Programs and Services Review: Jacobson described how each county department head has been asked by the efficiency team to review and evaluate programs and services provided by their department. The review sheets contain a weighted score worksheet. A final version of the department assessment will be presented at the May 2011 meeting.

Family Care and ADRC Committee update: Jacobson briefly reviewed the common message #12. The ADRC planning continues to progress but will likely begin operation without an MCO due to the State freeze on further MCO expansion. It is anticipated that the inter-governmental agreement will be presented to the County Board in May or June of 2011. No action taken information only.

Northern Advantage Job Service Building: Jacobson reported that the current building tenants will vacate the building by April 18. Huotari Construction will be able to begin Phase I (construction of the kitchen) earlier than projected. Jacobson didn't anticipate moving the Dept on Aging to the new building until fall when remodeling of both floors should be completed.

Pier Willow Dining Site update: Previous concerns were reported regarding no landline phone service at the Pier-Willow Senior Dining Site. Jacobson reported that Cell-Com has a tower in the Little Rice Township that serves the Pier Willow region. A Cell-Com telephone transmits well from that area. She also stated that a charged cell phone should be able to contact the 911 emergency number from the Pier Willow dining site if it is needed.

Monthly Departmental Reports: Reports reviewed.

Advisory Council: Meyer reported that the annual 'Senior Center' rummage sale will be held on May 5, 6, & 7 at the former WPS building at 111 E Davenport St. She also reported on plant and card sales to date as well as the March bake sale.

Vouchers and Bills: Bills and personal vouchers were presented for payment.

Motion Wolk/Metropulos accepting and approving vouchers and bills as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

Line Item Transfers: Jacobson explained that the 2010 year-end closing required several line item transfers to balance the year-end. Motion Parker/Wolk approving line item transfer requests. All ayes, Motion passed.

Out-of-County travel: Jacobson will travel to Lincoln County, Merrill on April 18 for the ADRC of the Northwoods planning meeting. Schroeder will attend the Wisconsin Association of Seniors District meeting in Stevens Point on April 28. Jacobson and Piazza will attend the Alzheimer's Association State conference in Baraboo on May 2 & 3. Motion Wolk/Schell approving the out of county travel as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

Topics for Future Agendas: Normal agenda items, update ADRC and remodeling of new building.

Recognition of outgoing members (Jeanette Pederson and Bill Schell, Jr.)

Paszak presented Schell with a commemorative plaque and thanked him for his 6-yr service on the Commission on Aging. Pederson was unable to attend this meeting.

Public Comment/Communications: None.

Adjourn: Motion Meyer /Metropulos adjourning meeting at 12:42 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Wolk, COA Secretary