

**Oneida County Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes**  
**May 19, 2011**

**Present:** Sonny Paszak, Catherine Parker, Peter Wolk, Bob Metropulos, Maxine Meyer, Carol Pederson, Nancy Brisse, Sean McAdam. **Absent/excused:** Joan Hauer **Staff:** Dianne Jacobson, John Potters

**Call to order:** 12:00 a.m. Meeting called to order by Jacobson at the Oneida County Dept on Aging building in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, who noted that the agenda had been properly posted and the media notified.

**Approval, May 19, 2011 Agenda:** Motion Wolk /Pederson approving agenda. All ayes, motion passed.

**Election of officers for term May 2011- April 2012**

Jacobson called for nominees for Chairperson. *Motion Wolk/Pederson nominating Paszak for Chairperson.* Jacobson called for other nominees twice more, there were no other nominees. *Motion Wolk/Meyer calling for a unanimous vote. All ayes, motion passed.*

Paszak called for nominees for 1st Vice Chairperson. *Motion Metropulos/Pederson nominating Parker for 1st Vice Chairperson.* Paszak called for nominees for 1st Chairperson twice more, there were no other nominees. *All ayes, motion passed on unanimous vote.*

Paszak called for nominees for 2nd Vice Chairperson. *Motion Wolk/Parker nominating Pederson for 2nd Vice Chairperson.* Paszak called for nominees for 2nd Chairperson twice more, there were no other nominees. *All ayes, motion passed on unanimous vote.*

Paszak called for nominees for Secretary/Treasurer. *Motion Meyer/Pederson nominating Wolk for Secretary/Treasurer.* Paszak called for nominees twice more, there were no other nominees. *All ayes, motion passed on unanimous vote.*

**Approval April 14, 2011 Minutes:** Motion Pederson/Metropulos approving April 14, 2011 meeting minutes. All ayes, motion passed.

**Date/Time and Locations of Future Meetings:** The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 12:00 noon at the new Dept on Aging building on Keenan St.

**Department on Aging efficiency evaluation spreadsheet:** Potters described how the internal study is comprised of a team of various department heads, how departments will rank and score their individual programs and how the departments will then be interviewed. It is anticipated that when completed, the culmination of this three-part process will be presented at the October County Board meeting. The study is to improve efficiency by eliminating duplication and ineffectual programs, but not to eliminate employees. Jacobson reviewed staffing and the department breakdown as shown on the spreadsheet. Motion McAdam/Metropulos to accept and approve the Dept on Aging efficiency evaluation spreadsheet as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

**New Building Plans, Construction, Parking and Furnishings:** Jacobson reported that Phase I of the remodeling project, is making good progress. Phase II is currently being planned and the Building & Grounds Committee will go out for bids sometime soon. Jacobson asked for approval to hire Mary Ann Seefeldt, professional interior designer from Three Lakes to assist us with color, design decisions as well as the furnishing. Seefeldt (Designed Interiors) was hired by the commission ten years ago for our current building's last remodeling and did a wonderful job. Funding for this professional service is available from CY Program Income. Motion Metropulos/Brisse authorizing the Dept on Aging Director to enter into an agreement with Designed Interiors LLC for no more than \$1thousand for interior design consultation.

**Tri-County Transportation Commission report.** Jacobson reported that Gwen Larson has continued to meet with all county and tribal jurisdictions involved in the formation of a transit commission. The three counties and three tribes will have to submit a letter of intent, indicating their agreement to participate in the transportation commission. Each jurisdiction could determine what portion of their current transportation funding would be given to the transit commission to operate/manage transportation for the area. The City of Rhinelander has also indicated interest in joining the transportation commission. With such an agreement in place, a transit commission would be eligible to draw down 55% more funding for this 3-county geographic region.

**Family Care and ADRC Committee update:** Jacobson reported the current draft of the state budget does include funding for Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) expansion to new counties, like Oneida. The Governor supports the statistical findings that ADRC's give people the options and information they need to delay or prevent needing public assistance funding. However, a recent audit of Family Care has raised concerns about the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) not being as cost effective as needed. Currently the state budget is calling for a freeze for any new MCO expansions to new counties and a cap on MCO funding for current Family Care counties.

If the budget is passed with funding to expand ADRC's, but not MCO's, it is good news for Oneida County. It would mean the ADRC of the Northwoods would be funded (as early as Jan. 2012) and Oneida County satellite ADRC office would be created. New Information and Assistance (I&A) Specialists and Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS) positions would finally be available to assist Oneida County residents. Any ADRC client found eligible for long-term support public assistance (other ADRC have found that includes only 25% or less of all ADRC clients) would be referred to the Oneida County Department of Social Services for enrollment in their current long-term support programs (Community Options Program- COP, Community Integration Program-CIP, etc...).

The Oneida Family Care Committee should be approving a resolution related to joining the ADRC of the Northwoods and forwarding to the June County Board meeting for approval.

**Monthly Departmental Reports:** Reports reviewed. Motion Wolk/Meyer accepting the reports as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

**Advisory Council:** Meyer reported that the spring rummage sale grossed over \$2,600. After expenses, the net was \$2,455.58. Senior Center greeting cards and plant sales continue steady.

**Vouchers and Bills:** Bills and personal vouchers were presented for payment. Motion Metropulos/ Wolk accepting and approving vouchers and bills as presented. All ayes, motion passed.

**Line Item Transfers:** Motion Wolk/Meyer approving line item transfer as presented. All ayes, Motion passed.

**Out-of-County travel:** None

**Topics for Future Agendas:** ADRC, new building and department efficiency updates.

**Public Comment/Communications:** None.

**Adjourn:** Motion Metropulos/Wolk adjourning meeting at 1:45 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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P. Wolk, COA Secretary