

Council on Aging

Liz Smith called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. on January 26, 2015. Dodie was present along with her assistant Brandi Schwab and board members Claudia Dippold, John Skibsrud, Joyce Martin, Liz Smith, and new commissioner Dan Sager. Guest Larry Hart also present.

November minutes were read. John made the motion to approve, Joyce seconded, motion passed.

November financials were read and discussed. Joyce made the motion to approve, John seconded, motion passed.

December financials were read and discussed. John noted a discrepancy between ending balance on the check register and ending balance on the financials. Dodie promised to look into it (interest on the checking account after reconciling, and .05 error in recording a deposit).

Director's Report:

Transportation: November: 361 rides, 131 over 60, December: 383 rides, 137 over 60. 5 Assisted Transportation in December

-TAC meeting 12/11. Discussed rates for out of town transport. Set rates currently at \$25 to Anaconda, \$30 to Butte, and \$40 to Missoula. Hoping to schedule 1 day per month to Anaconda, 2 days to Butte and 1 to Missoula. Looked at FY 2016 Coordination plan at TAC meeting.

-Survey held off for now because of Area V's 4- year plan survey to be done soon.

-Suggested MOU with Deer Lodge Medical Center to provide assisted transportation to medical appts out of town at increased rates if on days other than our scheduled ones. Met with approval.

-Lion's Club donation to help with Assisted Transportation, \$120.00, which is nearly used up. Can request additional funds.

-According to ADA rules we cannot require an aide to attend a patient. We can strongly suggest.

-FY 2016 Coordination Plan was read and discussed. John moved to approve the plan, Claudia seconded. Motion passed.

-When discussing the Coordination plan, Liz brought up possible need for transportation from Ovando/Helmville or Avon/Elliston to Helena as part of Powell County. It was suggested by John that perhaps we offer mileage to those needing assistance. Dodie will investigate that as part of our regular budget as grant budget limitations prevent having it part of our grant request.

-Looked at FY 2016 grant request thus far. Financial portion basically complete. Copies sent home to look at and prepare to approve full grant in February.

-Some discussion regarding match funds for a new bus in the next few years. Powell County Foundation, Women's club possible sources.

-Dodie is looking into the possibility of contracting with a local mechanic for maintenance. Al Murphy was a possibility, as was Bill Forsman at the bus garage. She is thinking we might get more thorough maintenance and better records with a contracted individual.

Homemaker:

November: 12 participants and 48 visits. December: 13 participants and 42 visits.

Health Services:

November: 14 participants, 35 visits. December: 13 participants and 53 visits.

Jeri Payne hired by DLMC in December. We pay 43% of her costs as per our contract with DLMC; Public Health pays 57%. Positive response so far, and 18 clients this month, as well as blood pressure clinics at the senior center.

Loan Closet: 6 each month

Community Caregiver: 13 participants in December (Nov-election day)

Joe Gilboy and Mary Fleming from Area V Agency on Aging were guest speakers. They discussed Options Counseling- a service provided for minimal cost to those seeking help with finding various programs and services.

Referrals: SHIP: Nov.- 46, Dec.- 23 I & A: Nov-. 27, Dec-. 25

Commodities: 52 participants (Scott delivers 17, the rest are picked up)

Senior Companion: 2 companions, seeing a total of 7 clients currently, with two more to begin soon.

Senior Center: November: 763 HDM, 987 Congregate meals served.

December: 901 HDM, 970 Congregate meals.

Mike Blakely caught up on financials-Dodie has copies for anyone to view.

New Business:

Taking appointments for the VITA program, which begins February 9th. Will go Mondays and Tuesdays through February with Clair Bradshaw. May be just one day per week in March and April.

Levy request-what do we do to get that going? John will pursue and report back.

Date of next meeting: February 23, 2015. Liz adjourned the meeting at 1:35 pm.