

## COUNCIL ON AGING

Liz called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The April meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Dodie was present along with her assistant Brandi, board members Chery Sandquist, Claudia Dippold, John Skibsrud, Joyce Martin, and commissioner Dan Sager.

The minutes from the March meeting were read. One correction was made, from Pioneer Bank Foundation , to Pioneer Federal Community Foundation. Cheryl moved to accept the minutes as corrected, John seconded. Motion passed.

Financials for March were read. . John moved to accept, Cheryl seconded. Motion passed. Financials for April also read. Joyce moved to accept, Cheryl seconded. Motion passed.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Transportation: March: 463 rides, 2 out of town. April: 494 rides, 4 out of town

-2016 Grant: being processed

-SB180: passed, governor signed. More funds possibly available for FY 2016

-PASS training: April 6-8, 1) enforcement of seat belt usage, 2)infectious disease training-spill kit evaluated, 1 needed for van., 3) Grab and Go bags purchased to contain groceries in the event of a sudden stop (accident prevention), 4) FTA driver training programs being upgraded. 5) Some discussion re requirements of wheelchair clients to use lap or shoulder belts-should use.

-\$1000 donation from Pioneer Federal Community Foundation for out of town medical transport. Thank you letter from COA board signed and sent. Article written for Silver State Post to be sent out (regarding out of town transportation).

-have used bus barn for washing bus. Worked out very well.

Homemaker: March: 13 participants, 44 visits. April: 16 participants, 42 visits.

Health Services: March: 19 participants, 69 visits. 20 clients for BP screenings, 46 visits. April: 19 participants, 82 visits. 22 clients and 61 visits for BP screenings.

-Attended Health Fair April 24. Ruffled a donated walking stick, and bucket of gardening supplies, had flyers and info on various programs. Brought the van, but raining so wasn't able to share info from it. Interest in Senior Companion program and "Medicare and You" booklets.

-Dodie will meet with Tony Pfaff to discuss nursing contract the end of May in time for budget planning.

Community Caregiver: March: Evelyn Pool with Montana Association of the Blind  
April: Mark Gollinger, Veteran's Employment Specialist. 11 participants each month.

Loan Closet: 4 users in March, 8 in April

SHIP: March: 19, April: 18. I & A: March: 59, April: 46.

Commodities: 52 participants.

Senior Companion: 2 Companions: 1 sees 5, 1 sees 3.

Senior Center: Have not received most recent financials.

- March: 1149 Congregate meals, 933 Home delivered. April : 1319 Congregate meals, 978 Home delivered.

-considering doing a Sunday "café" offering a.m. meals. Area V Joe Gilboy agreed that they could as long as it is run as a fundraiser for the Senior Center.

-some discussion regarding having our board look over the Senior Center financials each month as a "check and balance" for them.

### Old Business:

-Area V audit revealed some issues, bookkeeper fired, investigation ongoing. Joe does not think it will impact this year's budget. Dodie reminded that the Area V board will be very important for helping to deal with the impact of this.

-VITA: 57 returns completed. Letter of thanks to Clair Bradshaw from the commissioners and from our Board completed, signed and sent. Also sent a \$50 check as a thank you gift.

-Secure Rural Schools funding has been returned to Powell County. The removal of this funding prompted the county to unfund 1 hour of Dodie's pay last year. The board encourages Dodie to pursue refunding of her salary, plus perhaps additional funds for more assistance. Liz also mentioned that requests for a share of that funding must be in by May 29<sup>th</sup>.

### New Business:

-Deer Lodge Medical Center has invited Dodie to participate in the Patient and Family Advisory Council Meeting each month, to help ensure the best care at DLMC.

-Looking at Budgets for FY 2016. Will be working on it the next month or so.

Next meeting is June 22, 2015. Liz adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm.