

POWELL COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

BOARD MEETING JUNE 22, 2015

Liz Smith called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. on June 22, 2015. Dodie Rennfield and assistant Brandi Schwab were present along with board members Cheryl Sandquist, Claudia Dippold, John Skibsrud, Elizabeth Smith and Commissioner Dan Sager.

Minutes from the May meeting were read. John moved to approve, Claudia seconded, motion passed.

Dodie reviewed May financials. Cheryl moved to approve, John seconded, motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Transportation: 506 rides, out of town medical: 2

- Work was done on the bus to include the exhaust pipe and water pump.
- FY 2016 grant has been processed; Dodie reviewing paperwork.
- Minivan spill kit purchased and in place. First aid kit already in place
- Article put in Silver State Post about out of town medical transport
- Had a problem with a hospital patient who had out of town transport to a test in Butte. Had determined with the hospital that he could be transported in our minivan. Turned out he was in too much pain to be moved easily and required quite a bit of help in and out of the van. Some at TAC thought we shouldn't do transport with any hospital patients. The Board's consensus was that we should continue to provide transport, working on communication with the hospital, and reserving the right to refuse to transport and/or call the ambulance if the patient is unable to transfer easily into the vehicle.

Homemaker: 15 participants, 42 visits

Loan Closet: 3 participants

Health Services: 15 participants, 61 visits. 18 participants in blood pressure clinics, 47 screenings.

-Dodie met with Tony Pfaff at DLMC regarding the nursing contract. They agreed that the current contract amount seems to be working. Dodie will set up a new contract for FY 2016.

Community Caregiver: 12 participants. Tina Arvish, VA Clinical Care Coordinator was the speaker. She will be a good resource person for Dodie with the VA.

Referrals: SHIP: 8, I & A: 32

Commodities: 50 participants. 50 new canvas bags bought in May

Senior Companion: 2 Companions, 7 clients.

Senior Center: 1148 Congregate, 856 home-delivered meals served.

Dodie went over financials for senior center. Shelli had called Dodie with a request to meet with the board to discuss the contract amount. The senior center would like to see it increased to the prior amount of \$30,000 per year. They believed the cut had come when the #'s of meals decreased, and as the #'s are back up, the funding should be raised. The Board and Dodie felt that the cut came in 2012 when Area V funding was cut for the Council on Aging. Board members would like to see a projected budget for FY 2016, that would include a fund for capital improvements. Board members also acknowledged many improvements at the Center, hard work and good ideas. No decision on contract amount at this time; the board felt that Dodie and Shelli should communicate further.

NEW BUSINESS:

Out of town transport: after the article was written in the Silver State Post advertising the program of 1 day to each town per month for medical appointments, Dodie learned 1) that we can't just offer out of town medical appointments, rather that transport out of town for any reason, to include shopping, must be offered to all. We can restrict the # of stops in a day, and the # and weight of extra bags, etc. and 2) that we must be able to offer wheelchair accessible transport out of town to anyone who requests. The minivan is not wheelchair

accessible. Dodie has checked with the school superintendent Rod Simpson about the possibility of a contract to lease their 12 passenger wheelchair accessible bus, to use if/when necessary. Have to work out insurance issues and a contract. Another possibility is to work with an individual who has a wheelchair accessible van. Dodie did research cost to put a lift on our minivan: \$15,000-\$20,000. Cheryl wondered if we could request a DOT grant for that amount for that purpose. Dodie may investigate. The DOT may look out for an accessible vehicle and allow us to trade (with another agency), or we could put in a request for an accessible vehicle in FY 2017. The Board did think we should request a vehicle next grant cycle.

COA budget for FY 2016- Dodie reviewed the numbers with the Board. Some adjustment may be needed if Senior Center Contract is changed. Cheryl moved to table the budget until next month, John seconded. Motion passed.

Area V meeting: Dan Sager attended. He had budget 2016 figures for Dodie to review. Also had information on the fraud case currently being investigated. Nearly \$73,000 involved over approximately 4 years.

Date of next meeting: July 27, 2015. Liz adjourned the meeting at 1:25 pm