

COUNCIL ON AGING

Liz Smith called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm on July 27, 2015. Dodie was present along with assistant Brandi, visitor Bob Stone, speaker Shellie Boggess from the Senior Citizens Center, Commissioner Dan Sager and board members Cheryl Sandquist, Claudia Dippold, John Skibsrud, Joyce Martin and Liz Smith.

June minutes were read. Claudia moved to approve the minutes as read, Cheryl seconded. Motion passed.

Dodie reviewed the June financials. Cheryl moved to accept the financials, Joyce seconded. Motion passed. Dodie did a quick report on the Petty Cash account/expenditures for FY 2015.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Transportation: 446 rides, 6 out of town medical

-bought 2 new front tires for bus, piston on door replaced

-brakes checked by Mt Powell Tire, okay

-regarding an accessible vehicle for out of town transport: Rod Simpson from SD #1 is working on a lease agreement to be approved by their insurance company and ours. Driver would require a CDL-Bob Stone believes all 3 drivers are current.

-DUI Task Force contacted Dodie to use a bus and driver to offer free rides during the fair and rodeo. Working on how that would work.

Homemaker: 15 participants, 41 visits.

Loan Closet: 8 users

Health Services: 14 participants, 54 visits, 24 people and 55 visits for BP screenings.

-Contract with DLMC ready for nursing program. Waiting on Area V contract before putting out others.

Community Caregiver: 8 participants. Speakers Susan Whitney and Adam Wright from Renaissance assisted living. 2 new rooms, will now provide memory care.

Referrals: SHIP: 8, I & A: 45

Commodities: 50 participants

Senior Companion: 2 companions; 1 seeing 5 clients, 1 seeing 3

Senior Center: 1302 Congregate meals, 970 HDM

-requests for flyers/application forms at the center from an individual

-request for Dodie to come and/or speak regularly from same person.

-new contract will be put into place once Area V contract is received.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Regarding the Senior Center, Shelli presented their budget and a comparison of meal counts from 2014 and 2015 thus far. #'s are up. She mentioned the #'s of free meals served has risen considerably, and skyrocketing cost of food as reasons for requesting an increase in our contract amount. A question was asked re income limits for free meals: Shelli advised us that she cannot by law ask someone's income if they are over 60 years of age. A question was asked re the Bingo program-suggesting another day or an afternoon time to increase revenues. There is a trustee helping with cleanup, lifting and storing, as of this week. Dodie advised that the COA is able to increase our contract amount. John moved to raise the contract amount to \$2500 per month, Chery seconded. Motion passed.

-Dodie reported 59 returns completed in VITA program.

-Dan Sager said that the commissioners are working on the county budget and considering restoring the hour of Dodie's salary that was removed in the FY 2014 budget. He will let us know when the budget is complete.

-COA budget: Dodie reviewed the FY 2016 budget with the board. Cheryl moved to accept it, John seconded, Motion passed.

Liz announced the Human Resource Council is celebrating 50 years on August 19th at Emma Park in uptown Butte. Fundraisers, food, music.

Date of next meeting: August 24th.

Liz adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm.