



Commission on Aging

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Minutes of a meeting of February 17, 2021
Roscommon County Commission Aging, a Non-Profit Corporation

Meeting place: Administrative offices, Prudenville, Michigan

Meeting called order at 1:04PM by John Sutter, Chairman.

Pledge of Allegiance said by all attending.

Mission Statement read by Tom Pettit, Director

Roll Call: present: Chuck Corwin, Tracy Constance, Maddie Hiller, Kim Warner, Dan Fishel, Marc Milburn, and Kathy Jernigan, Al Schultz, John Sutter.

Member's absent- N/A

Member excused- N/A

Guests-see attached list.

Attending Jim Deamud, attorney, many staff members and Guest Speaker.

- 1) **Approval of agenda** motion made by Chuck and 2nd by Al Schultz. All in favor and passed.
- 2) **Introduction of Guest:** Vicki Goodburne, Region 9AAA
- 3) **Ongoing Personnel Issues:** 1:09PM Closed session Motion made by Kathy and Tracy seconded. We have a quorum.
- 4) **Meeting** was called to order at 1:32PM to open Board Meeting back up and decision was made to forward signed Attestation form to Laurie Sauer at Reg 9.
- 5) **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Minutes of January 20, 2021 amended to **in person replacing On-line Virtual** for Matter of Balance Class. Minutes of February 10, 2021, In Home Service Report and Financial Report. Motion made by Kim, seconded by Chuck for amended minutes. Motion carried. Motion made by Kathy and Chuck to approve other items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.
- 6) **Public Comment:** Emil had questions regarding financial reports and the difference in amounts when he was comparing benefits and salaries from last report. He mentioned that Financial reports were carried over from October and has yet to be approved for the coming year. Chuck made it known that clients need to be patient waiting for the COVID vaccine and when they will be scheduled. He referred clients to call 211 if they assistance with scheduling or trying to find out where they may go to get this vaccine.
- 7) **Directors Report:** Tom announced that RCCOA has partnered with United Way to offer VITA tax prep again this year. Only drop off service will be offered due to the pandemic. Annual general and in-home assessment will be done by Vicki Goodburne from Reg 9 AAA. Agency will be closed on 3/10/21 for annual staff training. Frozen meals will be provided to home delivered clients the day before. Office is still working with Chase Bank to renew mortgage, appraiser was at the center last week. This has been a slow process. Tom was notified that the health department indicated they are only receiving 200 vaccines per week, so they are behind. In-Home services have been going well. Dana Resource Coordinator assisted 164 clients with different problems

and questions for the month of January. This service is going very well for our senior clients.

- 8) **Correspondence received:** Emails from Region 9AAA that were previously discussed. **Financial report** for January was presented by Tom Pettit, which reflected ending December Balance: \$269,910.48 and ending January balance of \$571,160.98. Balance of Loan: \$420,279.87. Budget will be approved with budget reports from last year so that Board members can compare and ask any questions.
- 9) **Country Commissioner's Report** – Marc Milburn had nothing to report.
- 10) **Region 9 AAA Advisory Report-** Report made by Chuck that he was elected to be Chairperson of the Reg 9-AASA committee meetings.
- 11) **Old Business:** none
New Business: Discussion of having small exercise groups at the 3 centers. They will check with Reg 9-AASA if this can be done in a safe manner since Centers are still closed for meals.
- 12) **Public Comments:** Chuck mentioned he was not sure if COVID pay will be ongoing for the Direct Care workers. This would have to be approved by the Governor and then sent to the Senate to be approved. It was also discussed that small exercise groups may not be covered by the grants we receive and we would have to use general funds. Dan talked about the Roscommon Food Drive being held at AuSable River Center and that they do not see as many people showing up. At this time, he asked that he will be retiring from this and is looking for a replacement. He has done this four years now and cannot do this anymore with his health. John said that he also noticed that in St.Helen and he said with COVID the State of Michigan has increased food benefits and schools have been packing weekend food bags for the children to take home. Emil mentioned that Tom made robo calls to senior clients asking them to call Region 9 and Lansing to support him in his position as Director and found this to be unacceptable.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:03 PM by Al Schultz and supported by Marc. Motion was approved by all Board members attending.

Next meeting is March 17, 2021 at 1:00PM at the Administrative offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Maddie Hiller