

## Council on Aging

### Board meeting minutes

Liz called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. on April 24, 2017. Dodie and Brandi were present along with board members Liz Smith, Cheryl Sandquist, Claudia Dippold, Joyce Martin, John Skibsrud and Commissioner Dan Sager.

Last month's minutes were reviewed. Brandi noted a correction to 2 uses of Pioneer funds for out of town transport. Cheryl moved and Joyce seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Liz recommended that the February meeting minutes be accepted. John moved and Cheryl seconded to accept that recommendation. Motion passed.

Dodie presented the financials for March. There were two payments to nursing program in March –catching up from previous month. John moved Joyce seconded to approve the financials. Motion passed.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Transportation: 440 rides in March, 1 out of town trip. Thursday evenings are averaging 3 riders per week. No use of Pioneer funds.

-Bus taken to prison this past Friday for scheduled repairs. Prison on lockdown so have not received invoice yet. Recommended next: rear brakes, repair of leaky hose from radiator to heater. Dodie will receive an estimate on that repair with the invoice from this one.

-will try to promote out of town once MV-1 arrives

-had an inquiry from a person who is interested in a substitute driver position.

-MTA conference coming May 17-18<sup>th</sup>. Dodie went over some of the topics. Brandi on the list for manager training-not offered this time. No PASS training needed yet for current drivers.

-Dodie working on a simple logo to help with program recognition.

Homemaker: 14 participants, 27 visits. It has been a rough year for illness, for homemaker and for clients.

Health Services: 21 participants, 96 visits. Blood pressure screenings 17 participants, 51 screenings. 84% of surveys on nurse program back-all positive. Health Fair was Friday 4/21. Dodie gave out lens cleaning cloths, lots of materials. It seemed to go very well.

Loan Closet: 7 users

Community Caregivers: 13 participants. Ida Miller from DLMC spoke about the Health Fair.

Referrals: SHIP: 15 clients, 26 visits, I & A: 77 clients, 81 visits

Outreach: helping a client with a USDA home repair grant (Liz discussing Action Inc.'s Home Solutions as a possible precursor to or instead of the USDA program).

Commodities: 60 participants

Senior Companion: Our current companion very ill. A non-stipend companion may be coming on board soon, filled out an application.

Senior Center: 1167 Congregate meals in March, 1110 Home Delivered Meals.

Unfinished Business: Clair and Brandi had done 46 tax returns through March. Program now finished. Board members signed thank you card for Clair. His mileage has been reimbursed through AARP.

-Old hospital proposal. Dodie and Shellie working on projects and ideas to bring in revenue, set up business plan, etc. Commissioners offered to help with utilities to get the program started. Liz wondered about a survey or assessment of need for the services to be offered in the "one stop " senior center.

Dodie asked Dan regarding the indigent medical fund from the county-is it still available? Dan will investigate.

Date of next meeting: May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Liz adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Cheryl announced that Greg Gianforte would speak at the Rotary meeting noon on Wednesday April 26. Dodie also announced a Montana Relay (communications devices for deaf/hard of hearing) speaker at the Senior Center on the same day.

Respectfully submitted by

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