

## Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2017

Liz called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. on October 23, 2017. Dodie and Brandi were present along with board members Claudia Dippold, Joyce Martin, John Skibsrud, Liz Smith and Commissioner Dan Sager.

Last month's minutes were reviewed. John moved to approve the minutes as read Joyce seconded. Motion passed.

Dodie reviewed the financials. She reported that the county audit was completed as far as we know. He did suggest that Dodie go through every item on the financials in the meetings. He also suggested that if Brandi does the deposit that Dodie do the bank reconciliation. Joyce moved and John seconded to approve the financials as presented. Motion passed

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Transportation: 335 rides, 31 participants. 3 roundtrips out of town, two using Pioneer funds (total \$38.50), with a balance of \$344.92.

-FY2017 Capital grant-still expecting the vehicle in November

-DOT regional manager called re FY2018 capital grant. Wanted to make sure that the high top van was what we really wanted, as it is not seating 12 passengers. Dodie agreed that we wanted the high top van-that the drivers mentioned visibility issues with the current bus, and that 9 seats plus two wheelchair stations would be sufficient for our needs.

-New driver will do backup out of town.

-Billing for maintenance this month was for the A inspection/oil change done last month.

-Dodie briefly talked about the DOT workshop training: customer service, strategic planning some of topics. Several transit systems shared how they do things, changes they have made and why, etc.

Homemaker: 15 participants, 42.5 visits. Trying to work in a few more clients, gave a reference for substitute teaching. Still some rearranging of schedules.

Health services: 19 participants, 70 visits; 19 participants, 46 blood pressure screenings. Contract has been signed, but current nurse is retiring. Tony at the hospital will be advertising soon.

Loan closet: 6 users, lots of returns.

Community Caregiver: 10 participants

Speaker Emily Bottino, Area V VISTA worker. She talked about the Medicare 101 programs she is doing, and also Medicare fraud and Abuse.

Medicare 101 at the Senior Center had 8 participants. (Had some discussion regarding Medicare Advantage plans and supplements in the board meeting at this point).

Referrals: SHIP: 13 clients, 14 visits. I & A: 61 clients, 81 visits

Brandi shared briefly about the September SHIP and I & A recertification, about Medicare fraud investigations, new Medicare cards, Alzheimer's state plan, Big Sky waiver, Montana Fair housing.

Outreach: Dodie visited two homes in Deer Lodge in September. She had just today received a contract from Action Inc. regarding LIEAP outreach. Some changes will be necessary, and she is coordinating with their new Outreach coordinator for the 6 county areas.

Commodities: 59 participants. Have put some current info in commodities bags, had LIEAP applications available for them to pick up.

Senior Companion: no progress made here thus far, need to visit with county attorney re liability issues if we started a volunteer program

Senior Center: Home delivered meals: 973, Congregate Meals: 1079

Copy of financials available for review, doing well. Current board meeting minutes also available.

Unfinished Business: Firewood giveaway November 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon at the Blue Ribbon Pavilion done by Montana Correctional Enterprises. Brandi has contact information for the lady organizing deliveries, and will contact people from last year who would need a delivery.

Date of next meeting: November 27<sup>th</sup>. Liz adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.