

**City of Marshfield Committee on Aging
City Hall Plaza – Room #108
Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2010**

The monthly meeting of the Committee on Aging was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mike Feirer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Feirer, Becky Huebner-Leu, Jean Doty, Gerri Steinwagner, Marvin Spletter and Pat Forman

MEMBERS ABSENT: John See

GUESTS PRESENT: Judy Carlson, Kelly Cassidy, Jackie Bodette, Jennifer Cummings and Alderperson Tom Buttke

MINUTES: There was a motion made by Pat Forman, seconded by Gerri Steinwagner to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2010 meeting. Motion carried. (NOTE: while there were no corrections, there was a clarification of a statement under the heading “AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN”. The minutes state “there is currently no waiting list for the Family Care in Marathon County”. Jennifer Cummings (ADRCCW) said this was misleading and added, “Currently we are allowed by the state to only take a certain percentage of those on the waiting list over a three-year period. Every month we continue to take people off this waiting list.”

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS: The regular February 5th meeting of the Senior Citizen’s Center Board of Directors has been rescheduled to February 19 at 10:30 a.m. There will be a brunch on February 12th. Mary Dickman of the Alzheimer’s Association is the speaker and will address Alzheimer’s and dementia issues.

**AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN
UPDATE:**

Jennifer Cummings, Director of Aging and Wellness Services

A second meeting with Langlade County was held last week. Still working on structure and policies to be put in place by November 1, 2010. Jennifer commented that “all counties are unique in the way they do things and the goal is to keep those [differences] in place as much as possible.” An elderly advisory council called Family Caregiver Coalition will be started with more meetings being done via video-conferencing when possible. Jennifer welcomes questions/comments from everyone in order to learn and do a good job in her position.

Jackie Bodette, Mobility Manager

Jackie gave a new pen to everyone present. Wood County is the only one to be providing transportation options at this time and shared a handout that outlined these programs. There are currently 35 volunteer drivers in the current program that has been in existence since the 70's. They process volunteer driver applications and background checks and provide training. Drivers receive fifty cents a mile as reimbursement. Additional information was provided about transportation options available locally and in the rest of Wood County as outlined in several handouts, including: radio cab and shuttle service, Ride Share Program (info available at www.rideshare.wi.gov) Jackie and Judy Carlson are working to provide another "Car Fit " which will be scheduled sometime next Spring. Car Fit participants will be evaluated on their sitting position in their vehicle, how to use mirrors, reach appropriate pedals, where the lights are and how to move the seat. Their vehicle is also checked by mechanic and a physical therapist is available to check their mobility.

Jackie will make plans to be at the Senior Center on April 9th to present transportation options available to area seniors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kelly Cassidy reported that six volunteers have been trained and will be helping seniors with their taxes starting February 15 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 – 11:30. The Marshfield Area United Way will be scheduling the appointments this year. Seniors can call 384-9992 to make an appointment. There is a \$56,000 income limit in order for seniors to receive the free tax preparation assistance. Kelly suggested a computer(s) with a dedicated line be used in 2010—cannot use wireless due to confidentiality.

Marvin Spletter asked for information regarding a recent newspaper article and rumors that the Senior Center may have to move in the next two to three years due to library expansion/remodeling. Mike Feirer assured Marvin that plans are still in long-range discussion at this time.

Gerri Steinwagner recommended that the Senior Center have an on-site coordinator who would assist with scheduling and issues/concerns that are brought up from time-to-time. Mike Feirer said that the funding simply was not there and there no plans to hire such a person in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS:

Experience Works

Kelly Cassidy reported that Experience Works has been approved to have an office at the Senior Center. They have someone hired but will need a phone and computer before they

can get moved in and start conducting business. Experience Works places older adults into the workforce at non-profit organizations.

Senior Health Fair

Dates for the 2010 fair were discussed. Kelly will reserve Wildwood Station for October 14th & 15th, using the 14th to set up and then conducting the fair on the 15th. Jackie Bodette will make transportation available to and from the event for seniors at multiple senior citizen developments in the community. A charge of \$1.00 fee would be charged unless a portion of the vendor fee could be used to offset the cost to seniors or perhaps some type of voucher could be available. Becky Huebner-Leu will have Golden Living Center – Three Oaks Chef prepare and provide the salad for the event again.

A motion was made by Becky with Pat Forman seconding it that the Senior Health Fair be scheduled on October 14th (set up) and October 15th (actual day of the fair) at Wildwood Station

MOTION CARRIED.

FUTURE MEETING DATE: (NOTE: quorum is needed at all meetings in order to discuss/approve actions.)

March 4, 2010 at 9:30 at City Hall Plaza, room #108.

Motion to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. made by Marvin Spletter and seconded by Becky Huebner-Leu.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Doty
Committee on Aging Secretary