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COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING – AGENDA

Tuesday, May 19, 2009 – 1:30 p.m.
Spartan Room-Dept. of Human Services Building
3255 122nd Ave, Allegan, MI 49010

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1:30 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER:**
CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:
COMMUNICATIONS:
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. April 21, 2009
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
INTRODUCTIONS:
PRESENTATION: Marcy Formigoni, Casco Township
ACTION:

1. Cost share policy & suggested donation scale
2. Request For Proposals to be released
 - a. Chore Services
 - b. Companion & Friendly Visitor
 - c. Education and Wellness
 - d. Transportation

DISCUSSION:

1. Update on Dept. of Senior Services-Rob Sarro
2. Goals-update from focus groups

REPORTS / MISC:

1. AAAWM update-Eleanor Nielsen
2. Director's Report-Tammy Grigg
 - a. Monthly report- March
 - b. Financial summaries- March & April
3. COA calendar for June
4. Story – George Smeenge

ROUND TABLE:

ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT MEETING: June 16, 2009 in Spartan Room

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Commission on Aging meeting minutes
April 21, 2009
Spartan Room at the DHS Building

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson George Smeenge at 1:35 pm.

Confirmation of Quorum:

Quorum was confirmed with 10 members present: George Smeenge, Don Black, Sally Brooks, Eleanor Nielsen, Judy Graff, Naomi Whetzel, Terry Burns, Theresa Lynn, Becky Rininger, and Susan Gawaluch. Excused absence: Doris Hawkey.

Approval of Minutes:

Judy Graff moved and Naomi Whetzel seconded that the minutes be approved. 9 yes, 1 opposed (Don Black).

Judy Graff moved and Naomi Whetzel seconded that the minutes of each meeting be completed and available for viewing within one week of the meeting; with the agenda for the next meeting being available one week prior to each meeting. Becky Rininger stated that she believed there was a rule in place which required the minutes to be available eight (8) business days after a meeting. 9 yes, 1 opposed (Don Black). Passed.

George Smeenge also brought up a sign-in/reservation sheet for guests and speakers to be used for scheduling speakers and documenting guests.

Public Participation:

None

Approval of Agenda:

Judy Graff requested that the Open Meetings Act be added to the Discussion of the agenda as item #3. Roll call vote for approval of agenda: Don Black-no, Sally Brooks-yes, Eleanor Nielsen-yes, Judy Graff-yes, Naomi Whetzel-yes, Terry Burns-yes, Theresa Lynn-yes, Becky Rininger-yes, Susan Gawaluch-yes. Motion passed.

Introductions:

None

Presentation:

Kimberly Donlin of Generations Adult Day Care presented a brief update on their programs and progress.

Discussion:

Discussion was moved ahead of Action due to Rob Sarro and Debbie Daniels being already present and waiting to speak.

1. Rob gave an update on the timeline and goals of the Dept. of Senior Services
2. Deb updated everyone on the staffing situation. A new O&A Coordinator, Rebekah Walton, has been hired and will start with the department April 27.

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3. Rob talked about the Open Meetings Act. There is no problem with board members discussing issues outside of meetings as long as a decision is not made and data is compiled and presented at a public meeting, where the decisions are made.

Action:

1. Cost share policy & suggested donation scale. Don Black moved that the issue be tabled until the next meeting, Sue Gawaluch seconded. Unanimous vote passed. George would like a one-page summary from the Director of the pros and cons of the issue.

Don Black excused himself and left the meeting.

Reports / Misc:

1. AAAM update-Eleanor Nielsen. Good news-most items on the slate are receiving an increase in funding.
2. Director's Report-George Smeenge. George would like to see the board members informing each other on issues throughout the month so as to speed up the monthly meetings.
3. Goals-update from focus groups. Millage Committee, Theresa Lynn, Becky Rininger, and Terry Burns have met and set a timeline for pursuing the millage renewal. They stressed that they are not using county resources to accomplish this goal.

George Smeenge presented his spreadsheet of goals. He would like this used by committees to report their progress. He also presented his Core Activities Diagram. Judy Graff commented that anyone seeing this would be thoroughly confused.

Judy Graff brought up RFPs and suggested that the board needs to discuss them before they are released. Becky Rininger moved that RFPs not be taken until COA can discuss them. Naomi Whetzel seconded. Passed by unanimous vote.

4. Story-George Smeenge
Judy Graff told a transportation story for Doris Hawkey

Adjournment:

Moved by Becky Rininger and seconded by Theresa Lynn. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm by Chairperson, George Smeenge.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday May 19, 2009, @ 1:30 pm, Spartan Room