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Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2011

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VACANT SEAT

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chairperson, **Don Black** at 1:45 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

- Members present: Don Black, Terry Burns, Toni Carroll, Eleanor Nielsen, Stuart Peet, Paul Visscher and George Waden
- Members absent: Sally Brooks, Sara Miller and Patricia Pera
- Guests present: 10 guests present
- Sherry Torres explained to the meeting guests the services that are available through Allegan County Department of Senior Services

BOARD EDUCATION:

- Don Black demonstrated 3 exercises that can be done, while seated, during television commercial time

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2011: Eleanor Nielsen moved and Paul Visscher seconded. **All voted yes – motion carried.**

ACTION:

1. Don Black stated there are two action items on the agenda to rescind two previous motions, which the COA is not able to take action on because it requires two-thirds vote of the body and two-thirds vote not present. Sherry Torres explained why the two motions needed to be rescinded.
2. Motion made to change the September COA meeting date to September 27, 2011 at 10 a.m. **Terry Burns** moved and **George Waden** seconded. **All voted yes – motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Guest introductions made

Mission Statement

"Dedicated to serving Allegan County seniors by developing and coordinating services that support their independence, maintain their dignity, and preserve their quality of life"

- Would like to see more activities for Senior Citizens in the Wayland area, such as bingo

DISCUSSION:

- Sherry Torres would like to work together with COA members on mini grants which would be used as start up money to create mini COA groups throughout the county
- Thoughts on mini grants include:
 1. Use Casco Township program as a model
 2. Church in Pullman possible option
 3. Train the trainers programs available
 4. Prospect – find out where people want to get together and what they want to do when they get together
 5. Looking at St. Therese in Wayland
 6. Sustainability through donations
 7. We need a group of people who want to make a difference
 8. Sign up sheet sent around for people who are interested in helping
- The Allegan County Department of Senior Services will be moving to the first floor and share space with the Health Department

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Sherry Torres presented her director's report which was included in the prepared packet.

REPORTS INCLUDED IN BOARD PACKET:

1. Outreach & Assessment Report presented by Rebekah Dietsche
2. I & R Log
3. COA Action Items Log
4. Financials
5. Quality Survey Results – In Home Support Services
6. Acronyms

ROUND TABLE

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by **Terry Burns** and seconded by **Stuart Peet**. **All voted yes – motion passed.** Meeting adjourned by Chairperson, **Don Black** at 3:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

August 16, 2011 – 1:30 p.m.

Location to be announced

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tammy Chapin.