

**Oneida County Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2008**

Present: Mary Martin, Matt Matteson, Maxine Meyer, Catherine Parker, Sonny Paszak, Jeanette Pederson, Bill Schell, Carol White
Excused With Notice: Pat C. Peters, Peter Wolk
Staff: Dianne Jacobson, Stephanie Schroeder
Guests: Dick Vranek

Call to order: Called to order by Mary Martin at 1:30 p.m. at the Oneida County Senior Center. It was noted that the agenda was properly posted and the media notified.

Approval of Agenda for November 19, 2008: Motion by B. Schell to approve the agenda and take items out of order if needed, second by C. Parker. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2008: Motion by B. Schell to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2008, second by C. White. Motion carried.

Dates of Future Meeting: Next meeting will be on December 17, 2008 at 1:30 at the Senior Center. Future meetings will be discussed at the December meeting.

Public Comment/Communication: Dick Vranek commented on a thank-you letter he sent to Peter Wolk complimenting Jennifer George, Benefit Specialist. Mr. Vranek is guardian for his adult daughter and she was billed for services she should not have to pay for. Mr. Vranek spent 1,100 hours and contacted over 10 agencies to resolve this problem to no avail. He then went to Jennifer for help and after 2 phone calls Jennifer had the situation resolved. Mr. Vranek wanted the Commission on Aging to know how valuable J. George is to older adults.

Vouchers and Bills: Motion by S. Paszak to approve all vouchers and bills as presented, second by B. Schell. Motion carried.

Vouchers and Bills Amendment: Motion by B. Schell to amend the bills to include additional payment to Huseman for removal of the old refrigerator unit and installation of the new unit at the Lakeland center in the amount of \$240.00, second by M. Matteson. Motion carried.

Line Item Transfers: None

Monthly Departmental Reports: Reports reviewed. M. Meyer reviewed activities at the Center. Motion by S. Paszak to approve all departmental reports as presented, second by M. Meyer. Motion carried.

Northern Area Agency on Aging: Report reviewed. M. Martin reported the severance package for NAAA Executive Director may be revisited at the December NAAA Board meeting. Social Security increase for 2009 will be 5.8 percent but that will, for the most part, be eaten up by Medicare. Motion by M. Meyer to approve the NAAA report as presented, second by J. Pederson. Motion carried.

Transportation Subcommittee Recommendations for 2009: Minutes from meetings in packets. Three transportation proposals were received and opened at the Transportation Subcommittee meeting in October; one from Headwaters, one from the Lakeland Retirement Foundation (LRF), and one from Disc Cab (Minocqua). The subcommittee reviewed all proposals and also considered the fact that a major transportation study is going to start in January 2009. Headwaters, Inc was awarded a grant for the study—not in the form of money, but for professional transportation consultation services by the Community Oneida County Commission on Aging minutes

Transportation Association of America (CTAA) from Washington D.C. CTAA issued a request for proposals nationwide and a firm called LSC Transportation Consultants, Inc. (from Colorado Springs, CO) was selected to lead the 6-month study. This in-depth study of all transportation services in the 3-county area will include analysis of our programs and funding. The subcommittee recommends that the COA approve the same agencies and funding levels as 2008, until after the study is complete. Because this funding is below what LRF reports they need to operate, LRF included in their proposal their service will reduce to 4 days per week. The Subcommittee recommends LRF be strongly encouraged to consider reducing their large service area so they could reduce costs, but maintain 5 day/week service.

Accountability was also expressed as a concern. Motion by B. Schell to amend the annual transportation contract to require LRF to submit a monthly report similar to what the Dept on Aging submits every month to the COA, second by C. Parker. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Meyer to award the Lakeland Retirement Foundation \$11,100 and Headwaters \$23,444 from the Oneida County s.85.21 funding for year 2009, second by C. Parker. Motion carried.

Aging and Disability Resource Center Information Memos 1 & 2: D. Jacobson reviewed these 2 documents. The Informational memo series have continued to be issued by the state to assist counties in creating ADRC's. The Department on Aging's goal is to be designated as the ADRC agency when Family Care starts in Oneida County. The Human Service Center Workgroup will eventually make a recommendation to County Board as to the ADRC designated agency for Oneida County. The County Board will also receive recommendations and make the decision on which agency will be the Care Management Organization (CMO). When Family Care starts many of the duties currently performed by staff at the Department of Social Services and the Human Service Center will no longer be needed.

Human Service Center Workgroup Report: This group continues to review the options and recommendations that came out of the TMG Study. There have been quite a few people attending these meetings to observe. The workgroup meets November 24th at 1 p.m. and the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. A request has been made to change location to the County Board Room so the public can hear the meeting better.

Director's Monthly Report: Report in packet, no further comment.

Out-of-County Travel: None

Topics for Future Agendas: None

Public Comment/Communications: None

Adjourn: Motion by C. White to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m., second by J. Pederson B. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Schroeder
Secretary

S. Paszak
Secretary