

**Oneida County Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2008**

Present: Mary Martin, Matt Matteson, Maxine Meyer, Catherine Parker, Sonny Paszak, Jeanette Pederson, Bill Schell

Excused With Notice: Pat C. Peters, Peter Wolk, Carol White

Staff: Dianne Jacobson, Stephanie Schroeder

Guest: Sandy Martin, Paul Spencer, Tara Vandenberg

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 December 17, 2008: Motion by S. Paszak to approve the agenda and take items out of order if needed, second by C. Parker. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2008: Motion by B. Schell to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2008, second by J. Pederson. Motion carried.

Dates of Future Meeting: Next meeting will be on Thursday, January 15th, 2009 at 1:30 at the Senior Center and tentatively Wednesday, February 18th, and Wednesday, March 18, 2009, both at 1:30 p.m.

Public Comment/Communication: Dick Vranek's letter that was discussed at the last meeting was circulated. Dick Vranek commented that he might also send a letter to the editor of the Rhinelander Daily News regarding the expedience in which Benefit Specialist Jennifer George helped him. K. Parker relayed a report on how she has heard many good comments regarding the "Breakfast with Santa" event.

Oneida County Department of Social Services programs current and future under Family Care: Paul Spencer, Director of the Oneida County Department of Social Services, and Tara Vandenberg, Lead Social Worker Supervisor, passed out copies of their '07 Annual Report. They reviewed their current responsibilities, staff and case loads and speculated how that would change when Family Care is enacted. As many as 5 social workers and 2 clerical positions would be eliminated from the Social Services Department because that responsibility would be under the new Care Management Organization (CMO). P. Spencer felt that it would take approximately 4-6 years before the state is able to expand to all counties including Oneida.

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

Line Item Transfers: None

Monthly Departmental Reports: Reports reviewed. M. Meyer invited all the Commission Members to attend the upcoming activities at the Center. Motion by M. Martin to approve all departmental reports as presented, second by M. Matteson. Motion carried.

Northern Area Agency on Aging: Report reviewed. M. Martin reported that at the December 3rd NAAA Board meeting the attempt to review R. Siccio's severance package was denied, as the wording on the agenda item was not sufficient to bring it back up for discussion/vote. The articles of dissolution are dated for March 31st since the NAAA finance will need to finish paying out claims for '08. All Oneida County field staff have been rehired and will work out of their homes. S. Martin commented that the OCDOA report contained in the December packet was a pretty good assessment and that the NAPIS

report was very accurate due to good input. Motion by M. Meyer to approve the NAAA report, second by C. Parker. Motion carried.

Human Service Center Workgroup Report: D. Jacobson reported that one option reviewed by the workgroup would be to put five departments under one “umbrella”. Those departments would be Social Services, Veterans Services, Dept. on Aging, Human Services, and Public Health. If Oneida County decides to pull out of the Tri-county arrangement, Vilas and Forest Counties would be on their own to provide current Human Service programs (AODA, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities). This is only one of three options being considered and is only being reviewed in the interest of full examination.

WisDOT s.85.21 2009 Application: D. Jacobson reported the annual WisDOT s.85.21 application public hearing is scheduled for Monday, December 29th at noon at the Senior Center. The full application is available for review prior, and all budget items were previously approved in the 2009 budget. Motion by B. Schell to approve the Oneida County application for 2009 WisDOT s.85.21 grant funds as included in the 2009 departmental budget, seconded by J. Pederson. Motion carried.

Director’s Monthly Report: OCDOA goals for ’09 were distributed and reviewed. These goals were also submitted previously to the NAAA as part of the annual County Aging Plan. Each department of county government is required to submit annual goals in December. Motion made by M. Martin to approve the OCDOA 2009 goals as submitted, second by C. Parker. Motion carried.

Out-of-County Travel: None

Future Topics for Agendas: It was suggested to invite Ann Clearman, Director of the Human Service Center to speak at a future Commission on Aging meeting.

Public Comment/Communications: M. Matteson commented on the January 29th Emergency Management Department meeting. Topics of discussion will include space needs at the “bus barn”.

Adjourn: Motion by B. Schell to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m., second by J. Pederson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Schroeder
Secretary

S. Paszak
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