

BENZIE COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 15, 2014

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. Bob gave the Prayer of Invocation; the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Roll Call: Present: Bev Holbrook, Ron Dykstra, Jane Elzerman, Niel Haugen, Bob McQuilkin, Donna Malecki, and Denise Favreau. Absent: Rosemary Russell. Item added to the agenda under Old Business: (F) Planning Committee. Motion by Denise, supported by Ron to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes, motion carried. Corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting from the August 23 Coho Fest Lunch, not Fundraiser Breakfast, \$185.00 was raised. Also Bev was added to the Holly Berry Arts & Crafts Fair Sign Up. Volunteers are now Bob, Rosemary, Bev and Denise. Motion by Donna, supported by Bob to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. All ayes, motion carried. Motion by Denise, supported by Bob to approve the Financial Statements for Sept. 2014. All ayes, motion carried.

Public input: none. Suggestion box opened: Suggestion #1: adjust the bathroom doors so they would be easier to open. They are too heavy for people to open who are using wheelchairs or walkers. Suggestion #2: Computers are needed at the Gathering Place for seniors to use. Doug stated that computers have been donated but they are trying to find a place to set them up so people would have privacy when using them. Also he said someone has offered to buy the piano, but if we sell it, people may get upset.

Information items:

- A. Director's Report-** Doug's report was received and reviewed. Updates: New Collaborations with Betsie Hosick Fitness Center, Elizabeth Oliver Art Center, Crystal Mountain to promote Senior Health Program. The idea is to hold activities at these locations in collaboration with the Gathering Place. Also BCCOA is in compliance with Affordable Health and HIPPA regulations.
- B. Program/Service Report Sept. 2014-** Added 4 more drivers to the HDM routes. Since Sept. 2013, Home Delivered Meals are up 25%; Congregate Meals, up 11%; Dining Out Program 414 vouchers were purchased and 630 vouchers were redeemed by participating restaurants; MMAPS-12 clients were provided services; Guardian Medical Monitoring-21 clients received this no charge service; Benzie Bus Passes-120 bus passes were given to clients, total value \$1,800; Lawn Chore program-85 clients had their lawns cared for and 132 lawns were mowed; Senior Companion Program-currently sponsoring 4 Benzie County Residents; twenty-five individuals were provided with foot care; The Gathering Place offered a total of eleven core activities that 504 people

attended. This is an increase of 19% from August 2014. The top five activities for Sept.: Bunco, Bingo, Day Trips, Flue Shot Clinic, & Exercise activities.

- C. Senior Center Update-** Upcoming events are Benzie County's Baby Pantry Baby Shower at 1 p.m. (10/20); Halloween Costume Contest (10/28); Dining Out Day, 11:30 a.m. going to Interlochen Eagles (10/22); Walk in flu clinic from noon to 3 p.m. (10/30); Halloween party during lunch (10/31).
- D. Board of Commissioners Update-** County Commissioner Glen Rineer gave his report.

Action Items:

- A. 2015 Budget Revision-** Jane made a recommendation, supported by Denise to accept the 2015 Budget Revision. Roll call vote: Ron Dykstra, Aye; Jane Elzerman, Aye; Niel Haugen, Aye; Bob McQuilkin, Aye; Donna Malecki, Aye; Denise Favreau, Aye; Bev Holbrook, Aye. Absent: Rosemary Russell. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

- A. Discharged Home Making & Home Delivered Meals Client Survey-** sent to all Board members. Please turn in to the Administrative office by end of week of Oct. 24th .

Old Business:

- A. Area Agency on Aging BCCOA Audit Report-** Good Report. AAANM commends the COA's development/coordination on the Dental Assistance Program. "It is exciting to see new ideas and programs that are addressing unmet needs in the community! Thank you for your continued dedication to older adults in Benzie County!"
- B. Fund Development Committee Updates:**
- C. Updates on funds for the next vehicle purchase for HDM-** We currently have \$18,898.70. The goal is \$22,000. We still need \$3,101.30.
- D. Report on the 9/12/2014 Staff & Volunteer In-service Training-** Great day!
- E. Discussion of Veteran's Home Care Proposal-** Doug will set up an appointment for the board members to hear a presentation to give a chance to ask questions.
- F. Planning Committee-** This will be tabled until after the first of the year 2015.

Public Comment: Frank Walterhouse announced dates for board County Commissioners' board meeting: 10/21 (Thompsonville); 11/18 and 12/2 Government Center. There will not be a meeting 11/4. Frank also stated that there will be at least 2 new commissioners elected after the Nov. 4th election.

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Denise, supported by Ron to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Favreau, Secretary

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014

THE GATHERING PLOACE SENIOR CENTER

4:30 PM