



Clark County Commission on Aging
1300 Franklin Street, 6th Floor
Vancouver, Washington

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chuck Frayer, Bob Holdridge, Pat Janik, Bill Ritchie, Ali Caley Smith, Karin Woll, Marjorie Ledell

Absent: Linda O’Leary

Staff: Kathy Schroader

Welcome and Call to Order

- Chair Bill Ritchie opened the meeting. Motion to approve the agenda and minutes from September 15 was unanimously approved.
- Chair Report – Bill – I’ve been very involved with working with the homeless situation here in Vancouver.
- Vice-Chair report – Bob –Good meeting with the County Manager Mark McCauley, we will continue to have updates with him.
- Communication – Marjorie –Motion to move that Bill Ritchie be the COA representative to the Council on Homeless, –seconded and unanimously approved. Motion to move that Ali Caley Smith be the COA representative to the Public Health Advisory, – seconded and unanimously approved.
- Treasure report – Chuck – holding at 853.00
- hOur IMPACT – Karin – We now have a formal partnership with Fort Vancouver Regional Library District – libraries are going to be information hubs. The first library session will be November 18th at the Battle Ground library at 6:30 pm. We now have a formalized partnership with the Clark County Youth Council.
- Universal Green Design – Chuck – We have two videos on our website, one is dealing with universal design that’s put out by AARP and another video on the topic of aging in place. We are close to finalizing a Design Guide which includes good design methods and assessable design methods. It should be completed within the next six months.

Open Business Updates

- City Meetings Update – Postponed – We need to ramp things up again get involved with the cities.
- Bill Reported that he had talked to five of the six Cities and reported that they were open to the idea of task forces.
- He will meet with the City of Washougal October 12th.

- **Progress Report** – Walt Gordon – of what CTRAN is doing not only in conventional ways to provide service, we are also looking at alternative ways to provide service Neighbors helping Neighbors to address transportation needs.
- **Travel Train Program** – Veronica Marty – We offer one on one support for seniors and people with disabilities on how to use public transportation – fixed route and fare transit. We provide a Riders Digest – how the fares work, basics about the accessibility, planning your trip, how to use the book, read the schedule. We look at customer service skills when hiring drivers. In addition to what we are doing within our own organization we have what is called the 5310 A federal grant money used to provide specialized service for seniors and people that have disabilities and to do something unique of different than what is normally provided by public transportation one of these projects is Mobility Management.
- **Mobility Management 5310 program** – Bill Baumann, Human Services Council – One Call/One Click – increase access and transportation in Clark County. Contribute to larger community goals and initiatives, such as mobility management, transportation coordination, and livability. One Call/One Click Transportation resource website, established thru the veterans transportation community living initiative grant. A one call-one click transportation information center may provide:
 - Program Information, service characteristics, eligibility criteria, and referral to an appropriate service provider.
 - Counseling Assistance: provides, Itinerary planning, determination of eligibility for services, and ombudsperson or advocacy services.
 - Access to Transportation Services: Carpools, vanpools, or commuter services; car-sharing or car loan programs; bus schedules.
 - Call Center: serve people who do not have access to the website – one of the needs of this program is that we need volunteers to man the phone lives and provide transportation information.

This program is in test only at this point.

- **Other Transportation Programs** – Medicaid transportation Brokerage, Reserve a Ride, Employment Transportation, Sponsor ride program and Bike to work.
- **Volunteer Driver Program** – Carolyn Brown, Catholic Services – volunteer driver program. We provide transportation to low income adults and people with disabilities. New program called ride scheduler, where the volunteers can pick their schedule from their computer at home. We need more volunteer drivers – they are screened; background check and training, vehicle check and road test.

Public Comment

Jan Wichert Director of Employee and Resident Service for Vancouver Housing Authority
There is a new nonprofit called Bridgeview Housing, they are trying to get capital improvement for a Community Center that would be a HUB for access to service providers like SSI, Job service, DSHS and COA and others – Recommended that she come speak at a COA meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

The next open, general meeting will be December 18.

The Clark County Commission on Aging provides leadership and creates community engagement in addressing the needs and opportunities of aging.