



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

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, January 20, 2014

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: John Correa, Chuck Frayer, Bob Holdridge, Marjorie Ledell, Scott Perlman, Lisa Rasmussen, Bill Ritchie, Karin Woll

Absent: Patti Gray

Staff: Colete Anderson, Jacqui Kamp, Mary Beth O'Donnell

Welcome and Call to Order

- The chair, Bill Ritchie, called the meeting to order and asked for approval of today's meeting agenda and minutes from the November 2014 meeting. Motion to approve both items was seconded and unanimously approved.

Work Committee Updates

- TimeBanking – Karin
 - The concept is neighbor helping neighbor, paid in hours rather than money, give and take exchange. Will compliment other volunteer organizations already in place. Organizations such as churches, non-profits, businesses can become members. They would have access to volunteers to help with their events.
 - Rule: participants must agree to respond to requests for help and request help themselves. One can give hours to others who don't have any.
 - Program aids independence; fights depression by giving opportunity to get out and help others and provide for one-on-one contact; flexible, can work around your schedule.
 - Must agree to background check. Use WA state check unless you're a new resident then would use Federal. TimeBanking membership fee (\$25-30/year) covers background check.
 - Orientation, instructions on software, handbook of rules, expected behavior, liabilities, etc. all provided in the beginning. Hours will be tracked and monitored via software. Monthly meetings held to get to know others, usually potluck format.
 - Launch in beta test area (W. of I-5 and N. of Hazel Dell) in September, but no one will be turned away if out of those boundaries. Full launch January 2016. Marjorie will help with marketing the program.
 - Three grants have been identified and HSC will write those.
 - Karin asked CoA members for their help during the start-up process.
- Mental Health Committee – Lisa

- First meeting will be February 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at NAMI offices.
- Meeting this Friday, 01/23, at 4:30 pm on Senior Award event. Discuss committee mission. Event will be in February or March of 2016, not this year. She's talked to WSUV and there will be other partners to come.
- Bill reported that he's meeting with Herrera Buetler's staff next week on the Senior Job Fair. Concept is how to keep people 60+ in the work force or return them to the work place.
- Lincoln NBA – Bob
 - Bob is enthusiastic about proceeding to work with them. They are very aware of the needs and it's important to come up with services and programs to serve those needs.
 - The homes are older and remodeling will be necessary to allow for aging in place. In 10 years, the vast majority of residents will be retired.
 - A committee is being formed to work with Bob and the CoA to get ideas on paper for future projects. Fund raising will be important to implement plans. Possibly form a non-profit in order to apply for grant money.

Open Business

- By-laws need to be edited with new language to accommodate change from Board of County Commissioners to Board of County Councilors. They will be carefully reviewed for all edits and brought forward for approval in February.
- CoA will continue to meet with Councilors and County Manager on a quarterly basis, 10 minutes are allotted.
- Motion entered to approve appointment of Marjorie Ledell as Communication officer on the Executive Committee. Motion unanimously passed.
- Motion entered to edit policy 2.0 Communication to add word "Officer" in place of "Work Committee Chair" where applicable. Motion unanimously passed.
- Motion entered to approve Communications Plan 2015. Motion unanimously passed.
- Review of 2015 events list.
 - Keep:
 - Senior Lobby Day (optional attendance);
 - Job Fair;
 - TimeBanking hOur Impact Program Launch
 - FVRL Focus 50
 - Delete:
 - Home and Garden Fair
 - 50 Plus Connections
 - Recycled Arts Fair
 - Clark County Fair
 - Add:
 - Senior Lobby Fall Conference in October, Tacoma
 - Further discussion:
 - Clark PUD Weatherization OH

Presentation: Kachina Inman, Director, Healthy Living Collaborative of SW Washington

Healthy Living Collaborative is a diverse group of community partners from Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties who work to reduce and prevent chronic disease and associated risk factors. They do this by promoting policy, systems and environmental changes that create and support healthy communities. Their members share ideas and research on the impact of these strategies in the community.

One of their partnerships is with Vancouver Housing Authority. They are currently conducting a survey on affordable housing in our community. Kachina went through a list of the questions from VHA in order to gather input from the commission. These questions will also be sent via email so the CoA can provide a more thorough response.

ACTION: JACQUI TO EMAIL COA THE VHA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT QUESTIONS. COA MEMBERS TO RESPOND TO KACHINA WITH THEIR ANSWERS.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned following the presentation at 6:02 p.m.