

## **Fallon County Council on Aging**

Regular Meeting – June 28, 2016

The June meeting of Fallon County Council on Aging was called to order by president, Betty Mueller. Five members were present: Alice Kay Schweigert, Rose Straub, Betty Mueller, Robert Boggs, and Ruby Bruce. Also present were Carla Brown, Council on Aging Coordinator, Tiffany Davis, Council on Aging Associate, and Marilyn Mischel, Program Specialist.

There being no additions or corrections noted for April 26, 2016 meeting, the minutes stand as approved as mailed.

### **ACTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM LEAD AGENCY...**

The FY 2017 Transportation Operating Grant has been approved by the Montana Transportation Department.

A discussion was held on the planned expansion of services that will begin with the new fiscal year. Carla shared some thoughts on the specifics of how the expansion will be implemented in regards to providing service to rural residents, as well as requests to provide non-emergency medical transportation. She stated that there would be an article in the upcoming "Seniors In Action" newsletter.

Our long awaited "new" bus should be delivered in approximately five months. The new vehicle will have 12 seats and two wheelchair stations. The wheelchair lift will be in the back of the vehicle. We were originally awarded the vehicle during the FY 15 grant cycle. Although we had requested that the vehicle be a diesel, the state was unable to obtain a diesel chassis with the proper specifications, therefore the new vehicle will be gas.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Interviews for the homemaker position, which was left vacant by the resignation of Sandy Pickett, have been conducted. Marcia Sears was hired to fill the vacant position. She started work on June 6.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Debi Wiman, who has served us through the skilled nursing program for many years, recently resigned from her position. Various programmatic and staffing changes are in the process of being made between Fallon County Council on Aging and Fallon County Public Health as both departments continue to work together providing services to the elderly residents of Fallon County.

Five board members' terms were scheduled to end on June 31, 2015. Four members – Robert Boggs, Judy Gunderson, Maurice Tunby and Betty Mueller - submitted Letters of Intent indicating that they would remain on the board. Bea Barkley decided to resign. Bea served on the Board of Directors since February of 1998. A Thank You acknowledging her many years of dedicated service will be sent. A discussion regarding soliciting a new board member was held.

Election of officers was held. Rose Straub made a motion that the present slate of officers remain in their current positions. Robert Boggs seconded. Motion carried. Tiffany Davis will continue to act as secretary.

The annual contract for the congregate and home delivered meal program is in the process of being renewed. Carla discussed the idea of not pursuing the official renewal of the legal contract as there has traditionally been little use of that program. Board members were in agreement.

There will be a Nutrition Training offered in Glendive on September 29. The current plan is that both Carla and Tiffany will attend. An invitation is also being extended to the Fallon Medical Complex kitchen staff as they provide both our congregate and home delivered meals.

The monthly activity logs were discussed. Carla made specific mention of the unduplicated statistics. It is always interesting to see how many people make use our various programs.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Carla announced the dates for several upcoming events: Action For Eastern Montana's Annual Meeting, August 19 in Glendive; SHIP/I & A Annual Recertification, August 24-25 in Billings; and the Governor's Conference on Aging, September 13-15, also in Billings.

Marilyn Mischel stated that the Budget Contract that Fallon County has with the Area I Agency on Aging has been signed by the commissioners.

Carla talked about the recent tornado and the tornado relief efforts. The Community Cupboard was contacted regarding our ability to accept surplus items donated for, but not collected by, tornado victims. Being given an opportunity to view the surplus items, we chose a small amount of toiletry products, canned goods, and pet food. Carla had previously contacted the tornado relief organizers and expressed a desire to assist victims in restocking their pantries. As of today's date, \$750 in grocery vouchers have been distributed for this purpose.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE - OCTOBER 25, 2016 - 2 P.M. - BAKER SENIOR CENTER**

HOSTESS - Alice Kay Schweigert