

Saline County Aging Services Full Board meeting  
January 27, 1:30 PM  
Saline County Extension Office  
Western & Wilber Hosting

*The minutes were digitally recorded.*

President Lorene Horky called the meeting to order. Roll call showed that a quorum was met with twelve members present. Also in attendance were County Commissioner Stephanie Krivohlavek, staff Program Manager Lori Moldenhauer, and Outreach Coordinator Madison Hoover, and guest Barb Schwisow. 2.00

Marty Stones moved to approve the minutes as dispersed. Motion approved. 2.20

### **Old business/Action List**

#### **Building Renovation**

Lori said that the main part is almost complete, except for some trim work. Lori is now getting a quote to see how much will be needed to get the back done. She is down to about \$12,000 left of the grant money and wants to make sure she has enough to finish. She has more grant money coming in. She should be able to get the back done with the funds she has.

The sign is still at K & G's. The hope is for it to be up in the spring.

#### **Full Circles**

November was Alzheimer's Awareness month. Randy and Pam Kozeal from Whispering Pines were the speakers at each Full Circle even. Lori said they were very good speakers and is considering having them back again in November.

December was a busy month, so Full Circles were held only in Wilber and Western. Bingo was the activity. 5.15

#### **Meeting with the Commissioners**

Lori met with the Commissioners in regard to the budget and salaries. The commissioners transferred funds to pay for salaries. All income goes into one pot, so Lori will have to track the grant money herself.

Stephanie said that there was confusion on everyone's part concerning the grant money. Because all income went into one account, Lori's grant money was used to pay for salaries. This made it look like Lori didn't have any grant money.

So the county is paying the salaries from the general fund. Stephanie said that this was decided a year ago, but something was lost in the communication with last year's budget, so the grant money was 'lost'.

SCAS incomes go into specific accounts: HDM, grant, foot clinics, etc. But all income goes into one bucket. The grant money was in there, but because the budget wasn't correct last year when it came to the salary, so it was using the grant money for salaries.

Stephanie was concerned that the mix-up would jeopardize future and back grants. Grants are to be used for a specific use, as applied for. It would be incorrect to have grant money that was given for a specific need used for salaries.

Lori is tracking the money very closely. 12.30

Stephanie wanted to acknowledge Lori's persistence to get this whole thing straightened out. Lori was grateful for Stephanie's help with it. She said that everyone was very supportive, but it was the confusion with the budget that threw everyone.

The money from Aging Partners will be used to fund rest of our business. It will not be used for salaries. Aging Partners' funding will not decrease because of the increase funding of the county. 17.00

Marty would like to see a funding report in the near future. Lori said that she is working on Aging Partners budget; it should be more accurate and now match the county's budget.

The county is now paying for staff salaries. Funding from Aging Partner's is given from numbers served, not by salary needed. Lori spoke to Aging Partner's Randy Jones and Denise Boyd and their financial officer to make sure that we would not have funding from them decrease because of the county's funding of the salaries. Tim McDermott, County HR, also called Aging Partners to make sure. Aging Partners funding will not change. 30.27

#### Medicare D Open Enrollment Update/Savings

191 people were served during Medicare D Open Enrollment. The staff was able to save county residents \$75,270 this year, which is almost double the savings from last year.

Many of the Med D events were taken to the towns, which Lori thinks was appreciated. Scott Bartels said that the Western people really liked it. Lori is planning on doing it that way again next year. 31.15

#### Standing Updates

##### Financial Report

A contribution box was put out wherever there was an open enrollment event. People contributed \$568.00, which Lori said was like getting a grant.

A \$500.00 grant was obtained from Black Hills.

SCAS participated in the 2019 Subaru Share the Love event. Lori said that the shares that are available from the grant are limited to two maximum this year. As part of qualifying for the grant, SCAS passed out info on the Subaru Share the Love event at the Hometown Holidays in Wilber. They sold popcorn and hot cocoa, too, as a fundraiser. 32.45

SCAS belongs to the Cornhusker United Way. Scott Bartels reported on the changes that are happening. Some of the larger companies that support CUW are no longer allowing CUW to present to their employees. So funding has decreased over the last 3-4 years.

They decided to hire a consultant. SCAT changed their scheduling, so they did not do a fall campaign this year. They are trying to increase social media and are planning on doing a spring campaign.

Because of the cost of the consultant they will be modest in how they will disperse their funds. Scott says that many people don't realize that we have a CUW or the Saline County Area Transit in Saline County. People don't realize how much CUW and SCAT do for the county. He is hoping that things will turn around in the next couple of years as they get the word out. 38.00

### Goals/Work Plan Updates

Full Circles in January, at Friend and Crete featured the Attorney General Office on Scam Alerts. The Wilber and Western Full Circles were rescheduled for April.

In February the speakers will be from the Friend Community Healthcare System to speak about the services of the hospital. Bingo will be played afterward.

In March the speakers will be from Aging Partners.

Craft Days: Gnomes were made from socks in December. Wooden spoon snowmen will be made in February. Lori is considering adding Craft Days in other communities, especially in Western. She admitted that the months get really full and it gets hard to schedule events. 44.55

National Days do not necessarily bring people in, but when they come on those days they enjoy it and it gives SCAS units to report. Lori said they try to plan National Days on the same days as other events. In February there will be pizza day, cream cheese brownie day, mint chocolate day and banana bread day.

Feed America isn't what it used to be. Walmart is marking down their produce first instead of giving it away. 48.00

Taxonomy was changed so we are counting things differently. Feed America is material distribution and other items that we can give away or loan out. We can count them as units. Kitty litter was given away in empty bottle of water to be used to help prevent falls on the ice. 50.40

Lori would like to change the perception of aging. Aging Services sounds old, and most still call us Eldercare. Using the acronym S-C-A-S is a thought, as everyone is doing that now. 53.25

Lori met with the commissions to give them an update. She likes to do this on a quarterly basis.

The Tai Chi and Stepping On are set up for March. The construction delayed starting them earlier, as Lori didn't want to start and then have to stop while the back room is being done. Madison will do Tai Chi, and Lori Stepping On.

Susan Clements, our volunteer Tai Chi instructor, died in December of cancer. She is sorely missed. Madison and Lori will be working to get the Tai Chi program going again. 54.53

Lorene asked about the last month's minutes concerning the Wilber Care Center meals for the Senior Dinner. Carol Fictum said that no one has gotten back to her about the situation. It was a monthly meal provided by the WCC with the three churches taking turns hosting it. Carol said that she isn't sure what the concern was, possibly either the extra meals the WCC had to provide or finding a program every month. Lori said that she is willing to have a program there monthly--it would help SCAS also. 56.15

Marty asked about DeWitt. Bev hasn't been able to come to the meetings. Marty said that she was always on the agenda. DeWitt items are in the newsletters. 58.25

Mr. Brozovsky, former elementary Principle, asked if there was anything he could do. So he is now picking up food for Feed America on Wednesdays when available. 59.20

A heads up: At the next full board meeting, we will need to know if those whose terms are expiring in 2020 will be willing to do another two year terms on the advisory board.

Denise Boyd retired from Aging Partners this month. Jill Engel is taking over for her until someone is hired. Trudy Kubicek said that Mary Dailey, who helped do Trudy's job when Trudy was on medical leave, has also retired. She believes that she will stay on part time until they find someone to take over her job. 1.1.35

The executive meeting on Monday, April 27, 2020, at 1:30 will be held. Lori would like to go over the Aging Partners budget then.

Marty spoke about Bob Turner, who used to work for the railroad. He wanted to do handyman work for free. So Lori will have him come to Full Circles to talk about the handy man work that he is willing to do. SCAS does not have a maintenance man. 1.5.15

Sigma Pheta Kappa (Siggy's) in Crete was looking for opportunities to do volunteer work. 1.7.50

Meeting adjourned.

Next full board meeting will be March 23 with Crete and DeWitt hosting.