

Saline County Aging Services Full Board meeting
March 22, 2021, 1:30 PM
Assembly Room, Saline County Courthouse

The minutes were digitally recorded.

President Lorene Horky called the meeting to order. Roll call showed that a quorum was met with nine members present. Also in attendance was County Commissioner Marvin Kohout. Staff members present were Program Manager Lori Moldenhauer, Outreach Coordinator Madison Hoover, and Program Assistant, Laura Mackeprang.

Melissa Larmeu, DeWitt's new Senior Center Director, was introduced. Since Commissioner Stephanie Krivohlavek was unable to attend, Commissioner Marvin Kohout came in her place. (2.35)

OLD BUSINESS/ACTION LIST

The last full board meeting was in January of 2020. When Covid hit, the meetings were canceled. Lori kept the board in the loop with updates instead of meetings. The staff has kept busy, even during Covid. It was just a different kind of busy. Instead of the regularly scheduled events, the Covid funding they received enabled SCAS to deliver food packages to the homebound and very elderly throughout the county.

Standing Updates

Financial

Fundraising/Grants/Donations

Grants that were applied for and obtained in 2020:

--TransCanada	\$ 5,000.00
--Cornhusker United Way	\$ 1,636.36
--Share the Love Event	\$ 4,115.70
--Black Hills Energy	\$ 500.00
--Areawide Agency Grant	\$ 9,539.00

TOTAL \$20,791.06

It was a good year for grants. Most of the grants went to create a physical fitness area. A NuStep and a treadmill and hand weights were purchased. The main construction in the office is done. Hope to have meetings there soon. The grants will go toward finishing touches on the remodeling, physical fitness area, and an upright refrigerator. Left over grant money and next year's grant money will go toward getting new windows for the office front. Currently they are single paned windows. Lori will be looking at double paned windows. (6.02)

Budget

Lori is currently working on the Aging Partners budget for next year. The funding went up approximately \$5,000.00. This was a nice surprise, since they had been told earlier to expect a decrease.

In the middle of last year, Randy Jones, AP Director, wanted the funds they send to DeWitt Senior Center to go through the county like all the others do. So now DeWitt's funding is going through SCAS, and SCAS cuts them a check.

Lori & Kathy did a per capita breakdown to divide the \$5,000, which is for both SCAS and DeWitt Senior Center. DeWitt will get about \$272.

Lorene asked if any of the grant money had to go to anything specific. The money from AP was the only one that had to go toward something physical fitness, hence the exercise equipment.

Marvin Kohout said to keep applying to TransCanada for grant money. (9.35)

Goals/Workplan Update

Medicare D Open enrollment went very well. There was no help doing the comparisons from Lincoln volunteers because of Covid. Lori and Laura did all of them, with Madison and Tia taking care of the office. They saw approximately 250 people and saved Saline County residents approximately \$107,537.00. Clients contributed around \$665.00. (10.30)

Our Covid funding from Aging Partners for the year is done in March, but more funding is in the works. We do not yet have the details on when or how much more funding will be available. (11.15)

We are going to continue our mailers. Lori is looking into bulk mailing discounts to send information, puzzles, etc. to the clients.

NEW BUSINESS

We are starting to plan our reopening for programs: New Tai Chi and Stepping On classes throughout the summer, while still abiding by the Covid recommendations.

We helped a lot of people sign up for the Covid immunization through Public Health Solutions. When the state rolled out their immunization registration, it seemed that people were falling through the cracks, especially if they doctored out of the health district. (16.30)

Lori wants to do remote days in Western and Friend, where she can have set dates to be at those places for people to see her without having to come to Wilber. She is able to work remotely, so if people don't come in, she would still be working, just not out of the

Wilber office. She has also spoken to the Crete Area Medical Center and the person there is interested in having programs there.

A new caseworker for our county has been hired by Aging Partners. She will be the new Trudy. Her name is Kelly Grimes. (19.10)

Laura has started to cut back her hours to ease into semi-retirement. Lori will be looking to hire someone so Laura can train her on her responsibilities. Laura will still be a part of SCAS, just in a different capacity. She will still be around for Medicare D open enrollment. Madison is learning the data work. (20.40)

The Shamrock Shuffle, the annual fundraiser, is this coming Saturday. The event has grown every year. It has attracted 17 sponsors this year and had approximately 150 participants. This is a lot of support. It starts at the Legion Park. It is a fun run.

It has become a good fundraiser for SCAS. A portion of the money raised will go to TCBY for their help with the fundraiser. The county is supportive of it: Employees who participate in it are allowed to use it as points in the county's wellness program.

There are two routes for the 1 mile and the 5 K. It starts at 10 a.m. Post ceremony will be at Wil-bol. (23.35)

DeWitt Senior Center report by Melissa Larmeu

Melissa stated that the center provided three curbside meals, courtesy of the the Covid funding. The number of people who were served these meals was 73, 78, and 90 people respectively. Meals were provided by the Kensington in Beatrice and were OAA approved meals. The people are excited about doing it. Melissa said they have been a good draw.

They purchased a new dishwasher and microwave through the Areawide grant, so they will be ready when meals start up again.

She was looking at different exercise classes to do at the center. She found one called 'drum beat boogie,' that looks good. As Covid allows, she is hoping to start water aerobics again and other things. (26.45)

Lorene asked about the mailers that SCAS is doing. Mailings were done using the Covid money for postage to get information and puzzles out to homebound. Lori would like to continue doing mailers and so is looking into bulk mailing to save money on postage. Tia Kreshel, a contract employee, has been helping with Covid deliveries and with the mailings. They do around 600 per month.

Madison will be getting married in September to Dalton Maly.

Sam Cosaert, the other contract employee, has been doing the social media on Facebook. She has been doing a great job, finding things to post. She was instrumental in getting the Share the Love event grant money, thanks to her posts for it on Facebook. Please like us on Facebook.

Both Tia and Sam will be helping with the Shamrock Shuffle. (30.10)

Laura reported that she received an email from Aging Partners (AP) in Lincoln this morning. They are hoping to have the RNs start doing the foot clinics in the counties once again. It is not yet official, but they are hoping they will be able to do April clinics.

We have been using the county RNs to fill in for the AP RNs. There are set sites for the clinics. In Crete it is usually at the hospital, but they are remodeling, so they are being done at the VFW until further notice. In Dorchester it is at the Community Center, in Friend at the Zimmer Medical Clinic, and in Wilber at SCAS office.

The AP RNs also go to the DeWitt Senior Center, so hopefully they will also be able to start having foot clinics. In DeWitt it is every three months. (31.35)

Other news

Marvin Kohout stated that Saline County will get \$2.7 million from the recently passed relief package. He stated that they are working on the rules for using the money. They have four years to spend it. (34.00)

Scott Bartels reported he is waiting for new vehicles. It has been two years since he requested them. He wanted to go under contract to get the vehicles he needed, but DOT won't give them permission to purchase where they are available. He needs a Ford Transit with side lift, so when they aren't transporting wheelchair clients, they can transport 12 people. The company states they don't have a contract to sell it to him. Scott felt COVID might have had some effect on the manufacturing side, but not otherwise. Then they offered him new vehicles using Covid funding, but he found out they couldn't order those either, because they had no contract.

Scott is frustrated because the problem existed before Covid. It has been two years trying to get a vehicle that the states around us already have. (46.30)

Lorene asked about HDM. SCAS is still getting HDM. Nothing has changed. Wilber Care Center provides meals for Wilber. Mom's Meals provides meals for the rest of the county, except for DeWitt.

Only a couple have subsidized meals. Most pay for the meals. Finances are good. (47.50)

Kathy Stokebrand reported that Victory Park on 70th street is being built for the Veterans. The old VA building will be remodeled. The Aging Partners offices will hopefully move there by this summer. (49.25)

Lori asked if anyone knew about Czech Days. Larry said there is a meeting on Thursday. Lori said there have been no lemons or limes coming in. She is afraid her lemonade stand is gone for this year. Kathy offered to check with her friends. Lori said to wait to hear about Czech Days. Since the Shamrock Shuffle is a good fundraiser, maybe it will just be services we would provide.

The next meeting will be June 28. Members will be notified of the place of the meeting. If there are any executive meetings, the executive board will be notified. There will have to be one to go over the budget.

Meeting adjourned. (50.50)