

**MINUTES
HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2007**

THOSE PRESENT: Charlene Brady, Linda Olson, David Radermacher, Melvin Ewert, Kristen Hosking, RD

CALL TO ORDER

The Health and Aging Committee was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Chairperson Charlene Brady.

NOTICE OF POSTING

Notice of Posting was given by Mrs. Brady.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6, 2006 MINUTES

Motion David Radermacher; second Melvin Ewert to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2006 meeting. Motion Carried.

VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE PROGRAM

Kristen Hosking, RD presented information regarding a new legislative advocacy project developed by the Southeastern Area Agency on Aging. The goal is to get two (2) volunteer advocates from each community in the county, provide training to them on legislative issues, and ask them to be the liaison to their communities regarding aging and legislative issues that affect older adults. We are currently looking for community volunteers.

Motion David Radermacher; second Melvin Ewert to support the creation of a volunteer advocate program in Washington County. Motion Carried

LONG TERM CARE UPDATE

A report was given on the steering committee established in the county to look at the Long Term Care reform, Family Care, and Aging and Disability Resource Centers. It was stated that the ADRC must be in place before any managed care for long term care can be started in the county. It was also noted that there are prevention funds for services that can only be accessed by counties that have an ADRC. Washington County has all the components needed to start an ADRC.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It was reported that there were 251 persons served by individual appointments for Medicare Part D plan enrollments between the end of October, 2006 and December 31, 2006. This was the open enrollment period for the Part D benefits for the 2007 year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion David Radermacher, second Melvin Ewert to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

