

**MINUTES
HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2005**

THOSE PRESENT: Linda Olson, Delores Kruepke, Charlene Brady

CALL TO ORDER

The Health and Aging Committee was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Chairperson Charlene Brady.

NOTICE OF POSTING

Notice of Posting was given by Mrs. Brady.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 3, 2005 MINUTES

Motion Delores Kruepke, second Charlene Brady to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2005 meeting with corrections. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. Also, Charlene and Ralph will attend the Social Security sessions at the Pre-White House Conference on Aging in Oshkosh. Motion Carried.

REPORT ON SENIOR DINING SERVICES

Linda distributed 2004 Nutrition Program chart showing Expense/Revenue donations. State, Federal, and County funds pay for the Nutrition Program.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF SENIOR LAW CONTRACT FOR
EXPANDED BENEFIT SPECIALIST SERVICES**

During an 18-month period the Office on Aging will receive an amount of money in two grant periods. The first period will be September 30, 2005. The second will be October 2005 – Sept 2006. The grant monies will be used towards Benefit Specialist needs. Our allocation is \$26,000. The first year funds will have to be spent in six months. This will begin April 1, 2005.

There are limits on how the money is spent. Linda requested permission to enter into a contract with Senior Law for Medicare Part D services. Senior Law provides lawyers, paralegals and legal backup to all counties in Southeastern Wisconsin. Motion Delores Kruepke; second Charlene Brady to enter into a contract with Senior Law. Motion Carried.

Linda distributed Social Security timelines for summarizing Part D drug coverage for Medicare. This will have a drug benefit with a co-pay. OOA will also work with Social Security on presentations. In May 2005 letters will be sent out in order of the last four digits of Social Security Numbers.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Linda distributed information on Recent Research Findings on Retirement and Aging from the Urban Institute.

There will be no bus service going to the Pre-White House Conference on Aging in Oshkosh. Charlene and Ralph will be going on April 18, 2005.

The Senior Conference will be held on May 5, 2005. Linda distributed registration forms for Committee members to hand out to anyone who may be interested in attending. The registration deadline is April 27, 2005. Linda invited the Committee to visit the Conference.

The next meeting of the Health and Aging Committee will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2005, immediately following the Board of Health meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m. The Committee will discuss attending additional meal sites for the rest of the year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Delores Kruepke; second Charlene Brady to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.