

ATTENDEES

ICOA:

Carey Ann Spears—
Commissioner

Council Members:

Leslie Crane—Benewah
Velda Ausman-Benewah
Bobby Rogers-Benewah
Jack Bowlin— Benewah
Jonnie Bradley—Bonner
John Albee—Kootenai
Colleen Allison - Kootenai
Amy Bartoo— Kootenai
Tanya Chestnut—Kootenai
Rob Myklebust—Kootenai
Dennie Seymour—Kootenai

Service Provider

Representatives:

Rosemary Niemier—Benewah/
Fernwood
Mike Gardner—Kootenai/
Worley
Ellen Weissman—Sandpoint
Barb Kovacs—Boundary
Allison McArthur

Staff:

Jeffery Hill
Ryan Sheppard
Erin Anders
Bob Small
Marilyn Anders

The Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 10:30am by the council vice-president, Tanya Chesnut. Introductions were made all around.

INTERIM-PRESIDENT’S (VICE-PRES REPORT) Tanya Chesnut

Jeffery and Tanya expressed their sorrow by the news of the passing away of Larry Verhei, AAANI Advisory Council Chair in March. It was shared how much Larry loved the Area Agency and the gratitude we had for all he did for the Agency, to include all of the fundraising that he participated in to help raise funds for the endowment. It was expressed that he would be greatly missed and that we wished his partner, Wayne and his family well in the future.

As Vice–Chair, Tanya agreed to step up to the plate to accept being nominated as Chair of the Advisory Council. The motion was presented and unanimously accepted.

Jeffery and Tanya presented the minutes of the November 2014 Advisory Council meeting for approval. It was motioned for the minutes of the previous meeting to be accepted as presented with the change brought by John Albee. Wording added “one at large” to the previous meeting notes under the “Good for the Order” section. It was seconded via motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT Jeffery Hill

Jeffery shared his gratitude for Larry’s involvement with the Agency and underscored how much Larry will be missed. Jeffery also expressed his own appreciation for being a part of the Area Agency on Aging of Northern Idaho, and noted that he believes the agency is moving forward in a positive and productive fashion.

Jeffery announced the Agency continues to focus on increasing community awareness and maintaining a presence by attending community events, visiting frequently with senior nutrition sites, and being involved where appropriate. He stressed that continued support of in-house staff education, in order to promote ever improving customer service, is a key to maintaining strong and vital services to our seniors. Jeffery emphasized that excellence in customer service is a foundational element in our philosophy of operations.

Jeffery shared updates from the ICOA meeting in Boise. A discussion was then held on the ICOA’s annual review process and on the State Strategic Plan.

Program updates:

- The Area Annual Review plan of correction was accepted by ICOA. The agency has corrected items and issues as identified.
- ICOA has continued to process a new designee for Area III Agency on Aging.

FISCAL REPORT: Marilyn Anders

Endowment Fund: The endowment currently stands at \$ 40,554.07, up from \$32,979.57. The endowment remains on track for growth. Efforts are continuously being made to move the endowment forward. The agency has streamlined the website regarding information and donation information.

Budget Updates: Marilyn reviewed the Agency's current budget and explained various facets during the overview of the agency. The following programs were reviewed:

Case Management/I & A/Transportation/Home Delivered & Congregate Meal Programs/Homemaker Services/Family Caregiver Respite: Trending reports will be reviewed at the November meeting.

**POWER POINT PRESENTATION—OVERVIEW AND ORIENTATION OF AREA AGENCY ON AGING.....
Jeffery Hill/ Marilyn Anders/ Ryan Sheppard/ Bob Small**

TOPICS COVERED:

- UMBRELLA AGENCY**
- FUNDING SOURCES**
- WHO QUALIFIES**
- AGENCY PARTNERS**
- FINANCIAL**
- INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE**
- CARE TRANSITIONS**
- ADULT PROTECTION SERVICES**
- CARE TRANSITIONS SERVICES**
- OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM**
- RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**
- ENDOWMENT**
- QUESTIONS AND WRAP UP**

ICOA REPORT: Carey Spears, Area 1 Commissioner

Carey reported on community outreach and also on the ongoing situation and time spent on Area III and their de-designation. The contingency plan continues to be in place . An RFP ad been submitted and awaiting results. She also discussed SNF/ALF (Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Homes) regulations regarding staffing and that Sam Haws, Administrator at ICOA has brought these concerns to the Health & Welfare committee.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Jonnie discussed outreach at various health fairs. Both Jonnie and Carey suggested conducting more additional outreach events when possible, to include the very small communities, i.e. Priest River and Fernwood.
- It was reported that Sandpoint Senior Center received a \$110k Block Grant and Post Falls Senior Center received \$150k.
- John Albee discussed all of the benefits of having NIC as our umbrella agency.
- Carey suggested there be a little bit more time at the end of the meeting for additional topics under the “For Good of the Order” agenda task item. Tanya indicated we would look at extending it to maybe 10 minutes instead of 5 minutes.
- Tanya Chesnut motioned that we wrap up the meeting to end on time and asked for a motion.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Next Meeting: November 17, 2015