

ATTENDEES

ICOA:

Jackie McAvoy

Council Members:

Rose Spencer—Benewah
Carey Spears—Bonner
Gini Woodward—Boundary
Tari Yourzek—Boundary
Joanna Adams - Kootenai
John Albee— Kootenai
Linda Beecher—Kootenai
Heather Gray—Kootenai
Carrie McCrite - Kootenai
Zak Zakrajsek—Kootenai
Peggy White—Shoshone

Service Providers:

Erma Williams - Kootenai

Staff:

Marilyn Anders
Pearl Bouchard
Fran Hunsaker
Bill Langer
Bobbie Sailor
Cherie Saltness
Bob Small

Joyce Drush

** new council members*

The Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 1:32 by the council president, Tari Yourzek.

President's Report..... **Tari Yourzek**

The president's report was a reflection on gardening as it relates to preparing, planting, fertilizing and growing for families and communities. Life challenges can take away from our rich, nutrient soil. She challenged all to find what renews us, what feeds us and makes us better.

Approval of Minutes, October 13th, 2010 **Carey Spears**

Carey asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the previous Advisory Council meeting as submitted. Carrie McCrite so motioned; Joanna Adams seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Volunteer Report..... **Bill Langer**

Bill defined volunteering as an "act of donating our time to help a cause". He reported that currently in the North Idaho RSVP program there are over 600 volunteers donating their time to over 75 non-profit agencies. Representing one of many wonderful volunteers in North Idaho, Rose Spencer was recognized for having "volunteered the most and turning in the least amount of hours."

Director's Report..... **Pearl Bouchard**

Report on AAAs: A review of AAA's in Idaho was conducted due a number of complaints originating out of Area III sent to a legislator; all area agencies were included in the review. The evaluation of that report is now completed and available online at: <http://legislature.idaho.gov/ope/index.htm>. It is entitled "Coordination and Delivery of Senior Services in Idaho". Pearl reminded those present that Frank Henderson was key to finally getting the funding formula correctly established some years ago. She added that there is some concern that ground may be lost due to what is in the evaluation.

Planned Giving: Bob Small was please to announce the entertainment and MC for the upcoming Founders Recognition Event being held on May 4th at the Post Falls Senior Center. Both KHQ's George Maupin, and internationally recognized entertainer Rod Erickson have graciously agreed to participate in the program to recognize those committed to supporting the establishment of our endowment. He also pointed out that there are a few founding memberships still available.

Planned Giving: *(continued)* Breakout group discussions covered the topics of policies to increase the endowment fund, seeking & accepting gifts, and how the funds will be used. Suggestions for increasing the fund included: limiting the brochure information to the purpose of the fund, making “interest only” withdrawals—not principle, requiring an executive committee decision on withdrawals based on dire needs such as for waiting lists, and maintaining a minimum of \$100,000 in the fund.

Discussion for Seeking and Accepting Gifts included consistency in a message to the public, giving reports of how funds will be/are used, having staff designated to answer questions about the fund, designation between donations and bequeaths, and the publication of donors names.

AAA may from time to time request outside proposals for use of distributions. When proposals are solicited, a committee composed of members from the Advisory Council on Aging, with representation from each of the five northern counties, shall be appointed to assist in project selection.

Idaho Commission on Aging Report **Jackie McAvoy**

Jackie reported that Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) has suggested a reduction in funding of services to seniors with no decrease in the proposed services leaving many to wonder how they propose to make that happen. A meeting on April 19th will address possible solutions. However, one suggestion of supplanting state funds with federal money is not possible as it is not legal.

County Council Updates

Benewah **Marilyn Anders**

Marilyn announced the appointment of Rosemary Niemer as meal site coordinator in Benewah County. She will replace Mike and Terry Lape.

Bonner **Carey Spears**

Great effort has been made in the establishment of Elderhelp in Bonner County. However, the group has recently lost their Kootenai County Elderhelp endorsement. They are hoping their program will continue with a possible endorsement from Angels over Sandpoint.

Carey also reported the appointment of Joyce Drush as the new director of the Sandpoint Area Seniors, and Jonnie Bradley was happy to announce the final edit for the current edition of *Wise Guys*.

Boundary

Mary Moss is the newest member of the Boundary County Council, according to Mary Jacobsen. Goals for the Boundary County Council will include additional Adult Protection presentations, and working to re-establish the Board of Guardians.

Kootenai..... **Carrie McCrite/John Albee**

County council discussion included topics of Adult Protection, and the crisis at two of the senior centers; the resignation of Lake City Senior Center’s director, and Post Falls extensive water damage and restoration. John Albee also stated that as of yet there has been no commitment of support for the seniors centers from the county commissioners.

Carrie added that grant money for the Board of Guardians is down from the previous year which leaves the board's future in question. The loss of the NICE bus has also left the question mark about transportation for rural areas of the North Idaho's Panhandle. Commissioners appear to think that there is no problem. This could be due to a lack of outcry from the public. But the FED now seems to be taking notice of a national concern and are leaning toward a requirement for all communities to be afforded some kind of transportation.

Shoshone.....Peggy White

Peggy was happy to announce that a grant was awarded to purchase two buses.

Recognition Award Presentation..... Carey Spears

It was with much gratitude that Tari Yourzek was presented with a beautifully sculpted award in recognition for her dedication and continued support to the agency and to seniors of northern Idaho as chairman of the Advisory Council.

Tari thanked all for the opportunity to support the northern Idaho senior community and declared her desire to continue to serve on the council as a county council representative.



Annual Report Highlights..... Pearl Bouchard

Pearl took a moment to review the 2010 Annual Report pointing out some areas of particular interest. They included a focus on the history of our agency, reinforcing it's longevity; communicated a need to change how we do business to better meet the needs of our senior population. It highlighted areas of growth such as Information & Assistance, Case Management, Home Delivered Meals and Family Caregiver Respite; as well as some areas of decline such as Transportation and Congregate (group) meals.

Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Update..... Bobbie Sailor

Bobbie reported that the Idaho Commission on Aging (ICOA) is in the process of changing our contract year from the current January – December (calendar year) to a July – June fiscal year. The intent of this change is to improve the overall contracting and budgeting process.

This change will put the Federal and State funding we receive from ICOA on the same cycle. By making this change, we will also then be on the same cycle as North Idaho College, our umbrella agency.

In order to move forward with this change, ICOA has issued a six month budget period (January – June 2011) based on 2010 funding level excluding 2009 carryover.

July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 will be a full 12 month budgeting period and will be based on the Federal 2012 award, and will be allotted to us based on the Intrastate Funding Formula.

The AAA directors will be meeting with ICOA staff next week to discuss budgeting items.

Election of Officers

MOTION ► John Albee proposed that the council accept the proposed slate of officers: Carrie Spears as Chairman, Heather Gray as Vice Chairman, and Peggy White as Secretary, serving as the AAANI Advisory Council Executive Committee. Joanna Adams seconded the motion. Voting was unanimously in favor and the motion carried.

For the Good of the Order

- Reminder of the upcoming Aging Well conference
- Pearl reported that the Older American Act was due to be reauthorized in March. However nothing has been heard so far. This is a red flag which could lead to suspending the OAA and all funds if not decided by October 1, 2011. She encouraged all to contact their elected officials.

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Approved By: Peggy White (Via E-mail). *Respectively submitted by Fran Hunsaker*

Next Meeting: October 12th, 2011

Our thanks to Pinewood Care Center for hosting our meeting.