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## **MADISON SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES MAY 12, 2016**

**Present:** Wendy Oberg, Marcy Sanders, Sheri Purcelli, Pat Melady, Austin Hall, Jim Ball, Dale Kach, Gerry Kerins, Laurie Murphy

**Absent:** Craig Benard, Bennet Pudlin, Jason Ulstad

**Meeting was called to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Gerry Kerins.

**Commission Member Reports:** Gerry discussed the drastic cuts in the State Commission of Aging. Currently, all 7 commissions are being rolled together with individuals designated for specific areas. Laurie Murphy was introduced as a new commission member. She is director on the Strong House. A question arose regarding ability to fix the bus. A lower quote was gained and one bus will be repaired. Wendy asked a question representing SILL and Madison providing bus transportation to SILL events. Austin plans to apply for DOT state grants.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were approved by Jim Ball, seconded by Wendy Oberg. All in favor.

**Public Comments:** Jim and Barbara Ryan attended to observe the commission meeting.

**Tax Relief Update:** The Tax Relief Committee presentation to the BOF was postponed due to the state budget issues.

**Financial Report:** Austin summarized the financial report, stating that there were no unforeseen expenditures.

**Staff Report:** No change in MSC Staff. Stephanie has excelled in the kitchen and has done a fantastic job.

**Activities Report:** The report was reviewed. Last month, 275 different individuals attended the center. Meals continue to be at maximum output.

We discussed ways to increase health services such as podiatrists and nutrition. Marcy brought up engaging a podiatrist. Discussion ensued around the ability to charge Medicare using MSC as the facility location. Austin will contact other senior centers to determine their practices.

**Correspondence/Publicity:**

- a. Austin was nominated as the secretary of the CT Association for Senior Center Personnel.
- b. Heather was named Person of the Week!
- c. The senior center has been well utilized for community organization meetings

**New Business:**

- a. Marcy brought up contacting community and DHHS organizations to assist seniors in home projects. Organizations contacted were the Leo's, Interact and Excel. Youth and family will be sponsoring a Big Event in September, which may also help seniors.

**Adjourn:** Sherry Purcelli made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Marcy Sanders. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

**Next Meeting:** June 9th 2016 – 5:30pm – Senior Center Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Sanders