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## **Polk County Council on Aging**

January 10, 2012

8:45 A.M.

Polk County Government Center

Conference Room A & B

Public is welcome

### **AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**Introductions**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Minutes**

**Bills / Site Reports /Fund Balance**

**Public Comments**

**Update on ADRC consolidation**

**Information/Committee Observations**

**Next meeting date**

**Adjourn**

Patricia Schmidt, Chairman, Council on Aging

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**POLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING  
POLK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
CONFERENCE ROOM A & B  
BALSAM LAKE, WI 54810  
January 10, 2012**

Present: Pat Schmidt, Karen Krupa, Viola Karr, Joyce Bergstrand, Kristine Kremer-Hartung, Warren Nelson, Harry Johansen

Others Present: Laura Neve, Laurie Ince, Deb Miller

Meeting was called to order by Pat Schmidt at 8:45AM

Motion to approve Agenda made by Joyce Bergstrand and seconded by Warren Nelson.  
Motion carried: Unanimous

Motion to approve the December 7, 2011 Minutes was made by Viola Karr and seconded by Kristine Kremer-Hartung. Motion carried: Unanimous

Janice Nelson arrived at meeting at 8:53am.

Laurie Ince presented the Site reports, Fund Balance with some discussion on the Fund balance report.

No public comments.

Director Laura Neve discussed the Aging/ADRC consolidation. Director Neve stated the ADRC/Aging offices officially merged five days ago. Everything is going smoothly so far, with exception of the carpet and that will need to be replaced.

Ms. Neve received a call from Burnett County with regard to their Director of Aging retiring the end of January. Burnett would like to proceed with a merger of their Aging Department with the ADRC NW WI. The merger is in the infant stages and there are preliminary meetings being set up at this point. Director Neve handed out a flow chart that included the Burnett Aging Staff and explained it to the Aging Board.

Nancy Reeves is still with us and will be until she is officially either given a job or laid off. Director Neve has a meeting set up for all of the support staff, today.

Director Neve feels it would be helpful for both her and the board if they would let her or her staff know what they would like on the meeting Agendas. If there is something they want on the Agenda that isn't there or something on there that they would prefer not to have on the Agenda.

Discussion on meetings: The board discussed whether to continue with monthly meetings or switch to every other month. It was decided that monthly meetings should prevail at least until the ADRC has settled a bit. Director Neve will check with the state guidelines to see if there are any specifications as to how often the board has to meet and report back.

Chair Pat Schmidt asked how soon a supervisor will be hired in Polk County. Ms. Neve stated that the earliest would be the end of February and probably March.

Discussion on various meal sites. The ADRC needs to get the word out by possibly putting a monthly column in the local newspapers, as to what it means to be a caring neighbor or information inserts in church bulletins, answer questions clients have in the senior voices as to how many meals they can have, etc.

Director Neve indicated that the ADRC has hired a Resource Specialist to do exactly that, get the word out on various aspects of the ADRC and this could be a good project for her.

Committee Observations: Ms. Krupa talked about mental health issues in Polk County, possibly also an article in Senior Voices regarding how to spot depression in the elderly.

Next meeting: February 14, 2012, 8:45AM, A & B conference rooms.  
(Unless, the ADRC conference room is available and that will be noted on the Agenda)

Motion to Adjourn was made by Janice Nelson and seconded by Warren Nelson.  
Motion carried. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40am

Minutes taken by Deb Miller