

MINUTES OF ASCOG AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL
10:00 A.M. THURSDAY JUNE 17, 2010
JERRY D. MORRIS BUSINESS & INDUSTRY SERVICE CENTER
RED RIVER TECHNOLOGY CENTER DUNCAN, OK.

NOTICE OF THE MEETING WAS GIVEN BY LETTER TO THE STEPHENS COUNTY CLERK DATED MAY 27, 2010. AGENDA WAS POSTED AT ASCOG, 802 MAIN, DUNCAN, OK JUNE 14, 2010 AND ON TO THE WEB SITE AT 4:48 P.M., JUNE 27, 2010.

Members Attending

Rubye Benson	Jack Lowery	Charles Sparks
Jalmer "Bo" Fallon	Charlie Maguire	Mordell Trammell
Haljean Gillispie	J.D. McLemore	Marlene Walker
Thelmer Hutcheson	Sharon Orstad	Rev. Charles Watson
Loretta Jackson	Bernice Priest-Willcox	
Rowena Scott-Johnson	Kenneth Saupitty	

Members Absent

James Fullerton
David Thomas
Fern Turner

AAA Staff Attending

Ken Jones
Melissa Colin
Joe Stuckey
Ruben Sotelo
Von Saltzman
Peggy Rush
Sheri Cathey

Project Staff Attending

Dan Lowrance
Tara Brown
Jillian Welch
Rachel Berry
Oleta Butler
Debra Smith
Tammy Clement
Dick Huck

Guests

Bill Patterson
Jane Mershow
Merlene Rust

Meeting was called to order by Rowena Scott-Johnson, chairman, at 10:05 a.m.

Ken Jones, ASCOG Supportive Services Division Director, explained to everyone that following the ASCOG Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council (AAAAC) meeting on this date, the

Comanche County Nutrition Project appeal hearing would be held at 1:30 p.m. and anyone interested in attending was welcome to do so.

Approval of the minutes from the April 15, 2010 special meeting were briefly discussed with Jalmer “Bo” Fallon asking why there was a difference in the scoring numbers given at the meeting from those listed in the minutes. Ken Jones explained that a section had been left out at the meeting causing the scores to be lower but that they were correctly included in the minutes. He stated either way the outcome was the same with Comanche County receiving a final total of 147 points, Tri-County Nutrition receiving 141 and Delta Nutrition receiving 174 total points. With there being no further questions Rev. Charles Watson made the motion to approve the minutes with Jack Lowery seconding. Those voting yes were Benson, Fallon, Gillespie, Hutcheson, Jackson, Scott-Johnson, Maguire, McLemore, Orstad, Priest-Willcox, Saupitty, Sparks, Trammell and Walker.

Approval of the minutes from March 18, 2010 regular meeting were briefly discussed with Jalmer “Bo” Fallon requesting the spelling of her name be corrected. Ken Jones apologized for the mistake and assured her it would be done. With there being no further questions Jalmer “Bo” Fallon made the motion to approve the minutes with Rev. Charles Watson seconding. Those voting yes were Benson, Gillespie, Hutcheson, Jackson, Scott-Johnson, Lowery, Maguire, McLemore, Orstad, Priest-Willcox, Saupitty, Sparks, Trammell and Walker.

Ken Jones gave a discussion on the attendance of AAAAC members. Stating the Open Meeting Act needs to be adhered to and compliance was now being met. He stated that he telephoned all council members, though he was not able to reach some, explaining the importance of attendance and in doing so five members had resigned their positions. He further stated the council now has 19 members therefore requiring attendance of 10 for quorum to be met. In the future if meetings do not have quorum the meetings will not be held.

Discussion was made on the transition for nutrition services effective July 1, 2010. On June 22, 2010 Ken Jones stated that a contract should be signed to move nutrition service to Delta Nutrition Project. He thanked Tara Brown for her assistance and professionalism with the transition. He further stated the actual budget would not be known until July 1, 2010. He said announcement of the budget would be placed on Facebook and he would be sending e-mails to those involved. Also at the June 22, 2010 meeting a transition plan would be discussed with the nutrition sites. A brief discussion with questions were directed to Mr. Jones and to Dan Lowrance who stated that Delta Nutrition Site would be doing the AIM input for the sites and all the accounting after the transition and that the sites would continue to submit invoices at the first of the month as always. Mr. Lowrance offered to visit with anyone who had further questions after the AAAAC meeting.

Ken Jones informed the council of the vacancies in the Silver Haired Legislature (SHL) and the AAAAC. He outlined which seats were appointed by Mayors, etc. and which were vacant. He stated that formal seats on the SHL were for two years. He asked the council to please submit any ideas for filling the vacancies to him.

Ken Jones gave an update on the Comanche County Nutrition Project appeal on the decision to grant the contract to Delta Nutrition Project. He advised the council that there is an appeal this date at 1:30 p.m. He further stated the board is expected to vote today on any further action being taken. It is the same executive committee that had the vote in April that is hearing the appeal this date. An individual chairman of the committee was appointed, a former judge, Gerald Hayes. He advised the council that Comanche County has stated they will appeal to the state level and, if so, this would be a lengthy process. He assured them this would not disrupt anything at the nutrition site level, it was strictly administrative. Due to the pending appeal however, only temporary contracts can be awarded until the process is complete. Tara Brown asked what would take place for the nutrition site on July 1, 2010 -- Ken Jones stated all 32 nutrition sites will be the responsibility of Delta Nutrition Project.

The election of AAAAC officers for the SFY 2011 was briefly discussed with a motion being made by Jack Lowery with Marlene Walker seconding to elect an election nominating committee comprised of Rev. Charles Watson, Charlie Maguire and Jalmer "Bo" Fallon to meet and come up with a slate of nominees. Those voting yes were Benson, Gillespie, Hutcheson, Jackson, Scott-Johnson, McLemore, Orstad, Priest-Willcox, Saupitty, Sparks and Trammell.

Ken Jones gave each council member a draft copy of the Community Expansion and Nutrition Assistance (CENA) applications for independent senior centers. He reminded the council that this is state money not federal and though it is flexible it cannot be mixed with other grants. He explained that the board of directors of individual senior centers would complete the applications and submit them to ASCOG. He outlined there were some new additions to the application this year which required documentation to help offset issues such as when required meetings are held and what leadership is in place. There are 44 potential applicants and \$230,000 in funds available. He suggested to the council to establish a guideline for determining award amounts for CENA applicants and they would need to establish a committee, appointed by the chairman, who will approve the CENA awards of eligible independent senior centers. ASCOG staff will review all CENA applications and prepare a spreadsheet for review and approval by the CENA awards committee of the recommended award amounts for each independent senior center. The spreadsheet will reflect that at least 75% of the funding is awarded to senior centers that are located in communities where no other senior nutrition program is readily available. Priority will be given to senior centers who serve the most meals. Additional priority will be given to senior centers that are open the most hours/days per week. Funding priority will be given to requests for food and energy costs. The chairman will appoint one member of the AAAAC from each county to serve on

the committee. The chairman can choose to sit on the committee or to appoint another person to be chairman for the committee. Discussion followed with questions. Jalmer “Bo” Fallon moved to accept the recommendation of staff and to have the committee report to the full council for approval. Rev. Charles Watson seconded. Those voting yes were Benson, Gillespie, Hutcheson, Jackson, Scott-Johnson, Lowery, Maguire, McLemore, Orstad, Priest-Willcox, Saupitty, Sparks, Trammell and Walker.

The discussion was made regarding changing the times and dates of future AAAAC meetings. Ken Jones explained the reason for doing so is to avoid scheduling conflicts with the ASCOG board of trustees meetings which are currently on the same day. He recommended meeting the 2nd Thursday at 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., quarterly. Several members stated they would be unable to attend the 2nd Thursday in September, but that the 2nd Tuesday would be available. Rev. Charles Watson made the motion that the AAAAC meetings be held Tuesday, September 14, 2010 and Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Thelmer Hutcheson seconded. Those voting yes were Benson, Fallon, Gillespie, Jackson, Scott-Johnson, Lowery, Maguire, McLemore, Orstad, Priest-Willcox, Saupitty, Sparks, Trammell and Walker.

The AAAAC bylaws regarding membership were explained by Ken Jones. He stated in the past there had been a problem with member attendance and quorums were difficult to attain. Much discussion on how to rectify the situation followed. The suggestion to reduce the council to one appointee per county was made and the motion made to approve by Rev. Charles Watson. Haljean Gillespie seconded. Those voting no were Benson, Fallon, Hutcheson, Jackson, Scott-Johnson, Lowery, Maguire, McLemore, Orstad, Priest-Willcox, Saupitty, Sparks, Trammell and Walker. Further discussion ensued with several members stating that this was the largest attendance they had had to a AAAAC meeting in quite some time and it was determined that early notification and reminder calls were steps that had been taken this quarter that seemed to help. Ken Jones stated that perhaps a copy of the bylaws should be provided to each member and Jalmer “Bo” Fallon made a motion to table the discussion and vote until the September 14, 2010 meeting. Jack Lowery seconded. Those voting yes were Benson, Hutcheson, Gillespie, Jackson, Lowery, Maguire, McLemore, Orstad, Priest-Willcox, Saupitty, Scott-Johnson, Sparks, Trammell, Walker and Watson.

Staff progress reports followed. Ken Jones acknowledged guest Merlene Rust with the Rush Springs Nutrition Site as having had a benefactor for several years that provided space for meals to be served in the area. A natural disaster had rendered that no longer viable and the Rush Springs schools offered a building for use but only for the six weeks that school would not be in session. He explained that in that six weeks time frame they were hoping to find a new location. Several churches and the Lions Club were possibilities. However, the Lions Club was only available for four days per week. He stated they would be given flexibility to allow a successful transition to be achieved. Fund raisers were possible, land donation was another possibility.

Ruben Sotelo announced the next ombudsman volunteer training would take place July 14-15, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. He stated volunteers were needed. He was asked what the status of the Duncan Care Center was since his update at the March 18, 2010 meeting and he stated they had been re-inspected and they had not passed. He said they were still waiting to decide to close or have another re-inspection, but only had four residents currently with one looking to move.

Ken Jones introduced Peggy Rush who has been promoted to Backup Managed Care Supervisor. Peggy stepped in while the supervisor and another backup supervisor were out for a length of time and proven herself to be very valuable to the division.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 14 at 10:00 a.m. to be held at the Red River Technology Center in the Jerry D. Morris Business and Industry Service Center.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Ken Jones, Director
Supportive Services Division