

MINUTES
AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL
10:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2017
JERRY D. MORRIS BUSINESS & INDUSTRY SERVICE CENTER
3300 W BOIS D'ARC DUNCAN, OK

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Rubye Benson	J. M. Cope
Jalmer "Bo" Fallon	Haljean Gillispie
Thelmer Hutcheson	Loretta Jackson
Rowena Scott Johnson	John Kusel
Ray Merchant	Merlene Rust
Watha Shanks	Sandy Stewart
Petra Taylor	Merlene Walker

STAFF

Ken Jones
Nancy English

MEMBERS ABSENT

Karolyn Anders	Katie Ebner	Lauren Ellis
Louise Hamilton	Charity Helms	Lewie Jeffries
Charley Maguire	Dorothy Moore	Gloria Sterns
Charles Watson		

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Ken Jones gave an overview of the CENA program.

The meeting was called to order by Merlene Rust, chairman

Haljean Gillispie moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting and Jalmer "Bo" Fallon seconded. Those voting "aye" were Benson, Cope, Fallon, Gillispie, Hutcheson, Jackson, Merchant, Shanks, Stewart and Taylor. Those "abstaining" were Johnson, Kusel, Rust and Walker.

Ken Jones discussed the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program's (SNAP) EBT machines for Senior Nutrition Sites. The nutrition sites are required by the Older American Act and CS to accept SNAP card payments on the UBT machine. Plans are underway to obtain the UBT machines at no cost to the sites.

Suggestion has been made for name badges for advisory council members to wear at nutrition sites. After discussion, the item was tabled to determine cost and liability.

The Cement Nutrition site is not in compliance with the DHS and ASCOG policy for serving at least 25 meals per day. Records indicate a steady decline ranging from 21 – 24 meals per day. Delta has been working with local site staff to resolve some internal personnel issues. The Board has not voted to grant waivers of the 25-meal per day policy. In November, ASCOG staff will review attendance at Cement; and, if attendance does not increase, a public hearing will be held at the site by November 30. After a lengthy discussion, Jalmer "Bo" Fallon moved to

adopt this plan of action; the motion was seconded by Haljean Gillispie, and those voting “aye” were Benson, Fallon, Gillispie, Hutcheson, Jackson, Johnson, Kusel, Merchant, Rust, Shanks, Taylor, and Walker. J. M. Cope passed and Sandy Stewart had left the meeting.

Ken Jones advised budget cuts enacted by the Legislature will necessitate changes to the Area Plan. Beginning October 1, nutrition sites will close one day per week but will not close consecutive weekdays during holiday weeks. Closures are to be held to a minimum to balance their budgets. Hopefully projects can limit site closures to no more than eight days per year and an additional four days for staff training and meetings. Sites serving fewer than 25 meals per day will have to increase meals or face site closure. Cyril, Blanchard and Temple are to submit plans detailing which days they will close for staff review and possible grant waivers. Nutrition projects will be cut equitably based on overall ratio of cuts to congregate meal and home-delivered meal funding. DHS has approved this action plan. After a lengthy discussion, John Kusel moved to approve this plan; Bo Fallon seconded, and those voting “aye” were Benson, Cope, Fallon, Gillispie, Hutcheson, Jackson, Johnson, Kusel, Merchant, Rust, Shanks, Taylor and Walker.

A presentation on Medicare fraud prevention, extra help and upcoming open enrollment events was made by Ken Jones. New Medicare cares will not have social security numbers.

Haljean Gillispie moved to adjourn, Thelmer Hutcheson seconded, and those voting “aye” were Benson, Cope, Fallon, Gillispie, Hutcheson, Jackson, Johnson, Kusel, Merchant, Rust, Shanks, Taylor and Walker.

Ken Jones – Director
Supportive Services Division