

ROOSEVELT COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING

JUNE 13TH AT 10:00AM

CULBERTSON SENIOR CENTER

Present: Julie Bach, Alyssa Toavs, Lisa Baxter, Gary MacDonald, Judy Romo, Ruth Kendig (via phone), and Jim Harvey

Absent: Lori Harrison

Judy Romo called the meeting to order at 10:02AM

Introductions

There is a quorum.

Minutes were unanimously approved from April 10th, 2025.

REPORTS

AEM, LISA BAXTER- Passed Ombudsman (Advocate for nursing home residents) test, but will not be in Roosevelt County. Roosevelt County is served by Irina Pulse. Attended Alzheimer's and related diseases conference, working on the State's dementia plan. AARP partners with Senior Planet, and there are many live webinars on financial, medical, and computer data protection. They will also provide one free hour of technical support for your smartphone, computer, or tablet. Shared Knowing Your Medicare Rights handout from Quality Improvement Organization.

VIAMT, LORI HARRISON- ABSENT

OUTREACH/SHIP, ALYSSA TOAVS- Shared May and June outreach packets for Board members to put into their binders. They will be able to share what they've learned with their community members. Included in the packets were: Senior Listening, Care Share, Medicare Minute, Nutrition Education, Senior News, and AEM Newsletter. These handouts are also shared through Facebook, Roosevelt County website, KVCK radio station, and distributed at all Centers.

SENIOR CENTER AND COMMUNITY REPORTS

BAINVILLE, JUDY ROMO- Bainville's thermostat will be replaced. The building has got a new sidewalk (museum paid for it). Lost two members from Bainville. Have not figured out how to get the younger senior citizens in as regulars. Bainville hired an assistant cook. She has cooked once, she is very nice and everyone loved the meal.

CULBERTSON, RUTH KENDIG- Numbers are still down. A member passed away.

FROID, JIM HARVEY- About the same as always. Still eating in the small senior room.

POPLAR- OPEN

WOLF POINT, GARY MACDONALD- Numbers seem to be up a little bit. Meals are always great, everybody enjoys them. Via Julie from the WP Senior Group meeting- The Wolf Point Senior Group was talking about dissolving since no one wanted to be board members. After hearing what was entailed to dissolve, they were able to vote in officers for the board and will continue to be a group. Currently, they continue to carry liability insurance so they may have after-hour activities at the center.

COORDINATOR REPORT, JULIE BACH- Assistant Cook for Bainville has been hired. Julie handed out the Roosevelt County Congregate Meal FY25 summary. The State has clarified that Grab and Go meals are NOT currently available but that may change when they redo their Aging Plan (2027). People who wish to remain anonymous have reported over the years that they do not want to receive Home Delivered Meals from RMC (Culbertson provider) because they are not edible. They want to get take outs from the Congregate Meal. Our congregate meal programs are not set up for that option. Julie has shared that Home Style Direct is an option. They are a company out of Idaho that freezes & ships home cooked meals which can be heated in the microwave or oven. No one has been willing to pursue that option as they want a hot meal delivered. A few people in Wolf Point are frustrated that they cannot bring a guest under 60 without paying the full meal cost (current average is \$25). People under 60 who are not spouses to someone 60+ do not count as qualified meals. One of the seniors was given a phone number to call the state and he was given the same information that Julie had shared with him. That matter seems to be resolved for Wolf Point. The FY26 budget has been turned into the Clerk and Recorder. Waiting to hear from AEM about State and Federal funding.

OLD BUSINESS

POPLAR BOARD MEMBER NEEDED- will get a card from Julie and will get together with Rick Kirn's wife

WOLF POINT COOK NEEDED- still needed

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM- We do not need to pay a match if we do not have any companions. We have not found anyone interested in Wolf Point to be a companion. Nobody wants to commit to turning in timesheets, watching Zoom meetings, etc. If there were a companion on the east end of the county, we would need to find a workstation that would be able to take care of the timesheets and Zoom meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSS AND APPROVE BY-LAWS- No one wanted any additional changes. Gary made the motion to approve. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HOME DELIVERED MEAL CONTRACTS FOR FY26- Julie submitted to Commissioners and they were approved. Roosevelt Medical Center stayed the same at \$17.50 per delivered meal. \$12.00 per meal, \$5.50 delivery. Currently 1 client. Wolf Point went \$20.42 per delivered meal. \$15.67 meal, \$4.75 delivery, and out-of-town delivery is .70 per mile. Currently 6 clients.

AMENDED CSFP CONTRACT WITH AEM- the State encouraged AEM to get more people on this program but has now said that there needs to be cuts. No cuts needed to be made for Roosevelt County slots. We have 12 slots/clients.

MEMBER TERMS EXPIRING: JUDY ROMO (BAINVILLE) AND JIM HARVEY (FROID)- The Commissioners office will be sending a form asking if you want to continue to be on the Board.

Meeting is adjourned at 11:07AM.

DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING- CULBERTSON FRIDAY AUGUST 15, 2025 at 10:00AM.