

Roosevelt County Council on Aging Board Meeting
Thursday, April 16th, 2026
Roosevelt County Health Department Conference Room
10:00AM

Voting Members Present: Gary MacDonald: Wolf Point, Jim Harvey: Froid, Joy Johnson: Culbertson

Non-Voting Members Present: Julie Bach: CCOA Coordinator/Secretary, Alyssa Toavs: Aging Services Outreach/Program Assistant, Lisa Baxter: Action for Eastern MT Aging Services SHIP & SMP Coordinator, Gordon Oelkers: County Commissioner, Lori Harrison: Volunteers in Action

Absent: Judy Romo: Bainville. She had another meeting scheduled at the same time.

Gary called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

Introductions

There is a quorum.

Minutes from February 11th, 2026, were approved. Jim made a motion, Joy second.

REPORTS

AEM- Aging Services Specialist, Lisa Baxter- Governors Conference on Aging will be in Kalispell this fall. Reminder to nominate Centenarians. Medicare could be issuing new cards due to a data breach. Suggest that if you feel it is a scam, call Medicare or Aging Services to verify.

VIAMT, Lori Harrison- next month is the quarterly gathering. Last gathering was about Seasonal Affective Disorder. At the next one, Lori would like to do a spring activity like painting on tumblers. VIAMT office moved buildings, so Lori has been busy at the office. The new office is at 120 Main Street in Scobey. It is also Volunteer Appreciation Week next week. Lori is willing to meet with Joy in Culbertson to see about getting the workstation going again.

Outreach/SHIP, Alyssa Toavs- March Outreach: how to avoid a scam brochure from Federal Trade Commission, How to Avoid Government Grant Scams from Federal Trade Commission; AEM Newsletter, Slam the Scam Week, Medicare Enrollment Periods, and Seniors using SHIP; Senior News, What is a Senior Companion and AARP Online Exercise Classes; Nutrition Education, National Nutrition Month, Care Share, Medicare Scams; Senior Listening, Long Term Care Ombudsman.

April Outreach: Senior Listening, Medicare Supplement Basics; AEM Newsletter, Legal Document Clinic in Miles City on May 20-21st; Medicare Summary Notices will only be mailed every 6 months, versus the previous every 3 months; Care Share, Medicare Scams. All documents are shared at each Senior Center. As always, there is a lot of information on our Facebook page *Roosevelt County Aging Services* and on our page on the Roosevelt County website.



Facebook



Website

SENIOR CENTER AND COMMUNITY REPORTS

Bainville, Judy Romo- Absent

Culbertson, Joy Johnson- Will have an Open House in June during Frontier Days. (Second weekend in June). Attendance for meals is sporadic. Doing activities but fluctuating numbers make it difficult.

Froid, James Harvey- Good core group, but numbers fluctuate. Glad to see people visiting after lunch. Not much for activities.

Poplar, Open- Gary is still trying to work on recruiting.

Wolf Point, Gary MacDonald- Numbers have been good. Seeing new faces, solid core group. Meals have been excellent.

COORDINATOR REPORT, JULIE BACH-

- Home Delivered Meal (HDM) recertifications complete and HDM Policy forms have been updated.
 - Gave each board member a new copy of the policy.
- HDM bid notices have been submitted to the newspapers and sent to the current contractors.
 - Roosevelt Medical Center for Culbertson and Northeast Montana Health Services for Wolf Point & Poplar.
- Sent out the Voluntary Contribution Policy to all congregate meal sites
- Webinars
 - AARP Webinar Series with Dr. Marsha Goetting from MSU Extension on estate planning. These were shown on the TV at the WP Center and advertised on our Facebook page.
 - You can find the recorded webinars at <https://www.aarp.org/states/montana/wednesday-wisdom>
 - Alzheimer's Association Montana Chapter with Melanie Williams: Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia Confirmation
 - National Council on Aging: From Eligibility to Enrollment (Medicare)
 - Justice in Aging: Navigating the SSA: Options for Advocates (Social Security)
- Capstone Training: training from the State Aging Coordinator
- Safety Training: both west and east end employees
 - Need to check on updating PPE
- CSFP training: updated signage, updated our website with information, & received 2 additional slots
- Medicare and I&A clients
- Monthly reports

OLD BUSINESS

Poplar Board Member Needed- Ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ruth Kendig, our Culbertson representative, passed away in February.

Welcomed new board member Joy Johnson

- Elect Vice-President for rest of FY26- Jim nominated Gary. Gary made a motion. All were in favor.
- Review Services and the FY26 budget for FY27 Budget- SHIP and I&A/R, Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals, Senior Centers/Meal Sites, Homemaker and Personal Care Services and Limited In-Home Respite, and Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). No one had requests for any changes. Budget is due to be submitted to the County the beginning of June. Board members are welcome to contact Julie with any questions or concerns.
- Older American Month Activities, Alyssa Toavs- Wolf Point Senior Center will be hosting Roosevelt County Health Department for planting flowers and blood pressure checks, Keri Sansaver for Chair Yoga, Greg Hunter from Nemont for scams and fraud, Mike Leinen from Independence Bank for scams and fraud, Cam Burshia from Wolf Point Volunteer Fire Department, and Roxann Smith from Fort Peck Community College to speak about the buffalo restoration projects.
 - We are still working on the east end of the County, and we hope to have even more participation next year.
- Julie gave a handout advertising the Mobile Memory Café that will be coming to Wolf Point on Thursday, July 16th and to Culbertson on Friday, July 17th. This is being brought to us by the MSU Extension to raise awareness and to provide resources regarding dementia.

Comments:

Date and Time for Next Meeting will be Friday, June 12th in Culbertson at 10:00AM.

Gary asked for a motion to adjourn. Jim made a motion. Joy seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04.