

WSSB Meeting

February 17, 2016

Aging Division Office Cheyenne, WY

Self-introductions of those present included: Herb Wilcox, Debbie Walter, Kristi Skinner, A. J. Mock, Angelo Rewanello, Randy Firenkas, Sharon Benson, Carmen Rideout, Cathy Florian, Anne Rossi, Tina Saunders, Lindy Linn, Beth Wuhren, Sheela Schermetzler, Linda Chasson, Jana Mclean, Ben Rex, Heather Babbitt, WSSB members: Julie Collins, Bob Whitton, Marge Myers, Terry Hinkle, Jo Ferguson, Elouise Rossler

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Marge at 8:39 A. M. The Agenda was approved with motion by Terry, second by Bob. Minutes of the January meeting approved with motion by Terry, second by Jo.

Financial Report: Heather reviewed, Bob moved to accept, Terry seconded. Approved.

Emergency Grants: Bob reported that Cheyenne Housing has the van (approved funding from WSSB) and report has been submitted. Bob moved for approval, Elouise seconded. Approved.

Approval of 2nd Quarter Reports: All centers were approved by recommendation of the assigned WSSB member. Moved by Bob, seconded by Elouise. Approved.

Report from WASPD: Ann Rossi reported on a bill passing the house re: taxing non-senior meals. Meals will not be taxed. WASPD is working with Governor and legislators re: funding. Governor put funding in budget, removed by legislature. Governor is positive toward continuing funding and proposed \$250,000 beyond present funding. Reception had 20 legislators come, lower attendance due to long running session that day and the Mining Association had reception at the same time.

Council on Aging: Marge reported that the meeting had been cancelled.

Report from Aging Division: Heather reported that no reduction was expected in Aging Division proposed funding. ^{Dept. of Health} Aging Division is exempt from across the board cuts. Heather discussed bills proposed. ^{Partnership} between Aging and Cancer Society, License for free standing emergency centers, ^{WSSB} facilities ~~Pioneer Home, Center in Lander and Wyoming Retirement Home.~~ Caregiver Act re: hospitals identifying caregivers and working with them. Heather also reported the Aging Division needs RN supervisors. Kristi Skinner was introduced as the new ^{WSSB} Community Living ^{Rep to WSSB}.

Heather introduced Linda Chasson who works on contracts. Linda said they are trying to streamline contracts, going to combine into to one and going to two year contracts, knowing that money amendments will happen the second year. WSSB contracts are to be compacted.

New State Plan: Heather and Ann reported funding formulas will be looked at and any changes won't come before September.

Old Business:

Review of WSSB rules. Terry presented his proposal. Discussion ensued. Consensus was to distribute copies to the Directors to review and WSSB will receive their input at the next meeting.

Formula Determination Report: Bob reported that the committee recommends keeping the formula the same. Board in consensus with this.

New Business:

Policy 3 – discussion of what is an eligible satellite site by Board and others. Terry moved, Julie seconded that “serving qualified meals as defined in Policy 19 five days a week” determine the definition of a satellite site. Motion approved.

FY2017 Grant Application: wording on grant application will go back to 10% on revisions until rule change is made.

Updating Contracts – trying to get contracts expedited by getting WSSB large grants pre-approved.

Dates to Note:

March 4 – legislature meetings over

March 14-18 Approve Grants, then send out grant applications

March 16 WSSB meet

April 15 – Grant Applications returned to WSSB representatives

April 18-22 WSSB will meet during this time

June 30 – Contracts back in by this date

Terry moved, Elouise seconded adjournment at 11:10 A. M.

Next Meeting of WSSB: March 16 in Casper 10:00 A. M., place to be determined

Tentative April Meeting – April 20, 9:00 A. M. Pioneer Home in Thermopolis

Respectfully submitted,



Elouise Rossler, Secretary

