

RCRV BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 19, 2014, 1:30 PM

American Red Cross

Attendance: (BOLD indicates presence)

RCRV Board Members:

T. Lamb, **D. Knuth**, **C. Wehage**, **J. McDonough**, J. Green, **J. Klein**, T. Brennom, B. Clark, B. Ellis, D. Grimm, **E. Holstrom**, V. Jackson, **C. Koop**, D. Lenth, **A. Meyer**, J. Murphy, K. Nelson, **R. Pierce**, **B. Ocken**, F. Spading, **J. Spencer**, **K. Sutherland**, J. Vacherlon, J. Wauer, J. Wells, **M. Wilson**, J. Wirth

Community Service Agency Members:

Kathy Horan	Aging Services
Kathy Waychoff	College Community Schools
Meghan Schneekloth	Four Oaks Bridge
Ann Griffin	Grant Wood AEA
Tracey Robertson	Heritage Agency on Aging
Jessica Link	Cedar Rapids Public Library
Wayne Clayton	Options of Linn County
Barb Klawiter	REACT Center
Melissa Hall	Red Cross
Laura Nass	Horizons
Kayla Paulson	RSVP (also RCRV Membership Chair)
Kristen Weaverling	Salvation Army
Heidi Soethout	Sixth Judicial District
Jessie Diesing	SPANDA
Carole Dzingle	United Way
Angie Ehle	WRAP
Karla Terry	Linn Mar Schools

Rockwell Collins:

Melanie Richert Senior Community Relations Specialist

CALL TO ORDER

Dave Knuth presided, determined a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. There are 22 board and agency members present.

MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes from the February board meeting was moved and seconded. Motion carried contingent on changing "1 ??????" to "1 repair" in the WRAP report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PRESENTATION: Tracey Robertson provided a 30 minute presentation on the Elder Abuse Intervention Program entitled "Elder Abuse Hurts, Too." The detailed report covered detection, reporting, intervention, and prevention of financial abuse, physical abuse, self-abuse, sexual abuse, verbal/emotional abuse, hoarding and abandonment.

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OLD BUSINESS: Dave Knuth stated that to date we have received no grant requests for this year's funds from Rockwell Collins. The cutoff for applications is 10:00 AM April 3rd. The theme this year is Inspiring Tomorrows STEM Professionals. Would like another volunteer or 2 to evaluate applications.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ROCKWELL COLLINS REPORT: Melanie Richert reported she met with a gentleman representing a new non-profit organization in Iowa City named STEAM Room Fab Lab. Similar to Makers Fair at Science Center. It is similar to STEM but introduces arts into STEM concept. It is aimed at high school students, adults, inventors, engineers and artists. The aim is to include the arts in STEM, hence the "A" in the name. The organization has been furnished a lot of equipment, machinery, wood working tools et cetera. Makers can rent space for a small fee. Melanie is not sure whether the organization is eligible for one of the Rockwell Collins grants due to not being aimed specifically at k through 12 ages. John McDonough responded that there is no such limitation on the grant. Melanie asked whether they could make a presentation at a future board meeting and John McDonough responded that any meeting they would be welcome.

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS:

Options of Linn County: Wayne Clayton stated he no report. No project requests active at this time. However, with warmer weather they will be getting out and about with their rehabilitation and employment.

WRAP: Angie Ehle reported they have 14 jobs in queue with 9 designers (need additional designers). With good weather they hope to beat 14.

Setting up for UW Day of Caring April 9th.

Setting up for volunteer appreciation event April 24th. Initiations will be going out this week.

The ramp builders have been nominated and are finalists in the UW Group Volunteers Award. They have 750 votes to date and desire more.

RSVP Agency Report: Kayla Paulson reported they still need pen pals for a Grant Wood 5th grade class, writing to 1 or 2 students. Goal is to assist them learning responsive writing, grammar, writing a consistent message through an entire letter.

The Chief of Staff for National Community Service for corporation visited last week. Kayla was able to visit 3 ½ hours with him discussing ways of:

- Collaborating national service programs throughout the community
- Collaborating with national service programs at UW
- Collaborating in new and unique out of the box ways

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He was surprised at the large number of agency boards or advisory panels this group sits on (over 50) and the relationship with Rockwell Collins.

There will be significant changes with RSVP on the national level:

- Expect to lose 2/3 of funding due to cuts
- No changes anticipated with local volunteer programs as 2 years of funding for Kayla's position have been assured

Kayla is hosting the Iowa Chapter of RSVP directors here the end of May. A suggested session was to feature RCRV. So, some volunteers or the executive team may be asked to help with presenting to help them understand the how a relationship like this can work.

Kayla's annual grant report preparation is underway. Kayla met with agent services to stress need for their impact numbers and survey results.

They are doing their volunteer appreciation at Hills Bank at 9:00 AM May 20th.

Summer meals:

- They have approximately 12 new sites
- Need volunteers to drive meals to sites
- Looking for 2 to 3 people to volunteer at sites while kids are there (in an engagement capacity as opposed to babysitting.)

Horizons Report: Laura Nass reported meals on wheels is getting ready for the summer meals program for youths. Program is in its 4th year. Serving 300 kids.

- Rely on grant from USDA
- They make meals in same kitchen as elder meals and take them to the parks
- Submitted a grant application to expand the program to include more health and wellness initiatives. So, instead of just serving meals they will include wellness and nutrition instruction and cooking and exercise classes.

For the first time they will be doing a film screening for victims of homicide.

- They provide service to families who have been victims of homicide. The screening is April 10th. The film is not light and is about a former US senator who was a survivor of his family's homicide.

Need volunteer drivers for meals program, particularly this summer with the kids' meals program.

Consumer credit counselors need volunteers to help with clerical tasks, particularly those with Excel and Word abilities.

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Department of Corrections Report: Heidi Soethout had no report to give.

Salvation Army Report: Kristin Weaverling reported their volunteer recognition night at Titans game will be April 19th and will also serve as a fund raiser.

The Easter dinner is a meal open to anyone in the community April 16th. Volunteers are needed to serve the meal.

The April 15th Spring Fling event is also open to the community and is a youth oriented community integration event.

They have started working on the garden. They plan to expand it this year and need green thumb volunteers to help with planning. The produce is used in the supplemental food program and in meals they prepare.

Need volunteers for clerical help.

There have been changes to the after school youth program. Revamping and need volunteer help with character building activities every Tuesday evening.

Need lots of volunteers for their summer program.

Heritage Agency on Aging: Tracey Robertson stated the elder abuse bill before the Iowa legislature has been extensively amended and changed. Three bills were drafted, the one that has made it through contains recommendations based on the Elder Abuse Task Force recommendations, such as making aging and disability resource centers the point of contact.

The bill passed the senate Human Resources committee 49-0. It was assigned to the house Judiciary Committee which didn't like the bill mainly due to fiscal notes attached. They pared it significantly. The primary focus is on financials, criminal penalties, and protective orders for victims of elder abuse. The bill has to be debated by the house, then the house and senate have to agree on a compromise final version. The bill is Senate File #2239.

Cedar Rapids Public Library: Jessica Link submitted a written report in absentia. On Saturday, March 8th, the library launched 2 new tablet lending programs: Tablets4Tots (sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of CR) and Tablets2Go (sponsored by ITC Midwest). The adult tablet is a Google Nexus 7; the child tablet is a Leap Pad Ultra Learning Tablet. Both devices are available for 1 week loans. The program has been wildly successful and the check-out rate is high. A big thank you to the many RCRV volunteers that helped prepare the tablets and their cases.

Next week, the library will be hosting several Spring Break activity days for our young readers during their academic break. We are still in need of volunteers to help with the Spring Break Crafts and Minecraft activities on March 25-27th. John McDonough was sent more information. Interested volunteers can contact Jessica at 739-0403 or by email at linkj@crlibrary.org.

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The search for a new Library Director continues. The position has been posted and is generating applicants from across the nation.

On Wednesday, April 16th, the library will host its first Volunteer Appreciation event. We look forward to celebrating one full year of volunteer engagement at the library.

Aging Services: Kathy Horan reported Aging Services is always looking for transportation drivers and Witwer support who have skills of almost any kind. Need people who can lead programs, play cards, and build ramps.

RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

Community Projects: John McDonough reported the Governor's Award ceremony will be held at Community College this year at 10:00AM June 17th.

- Melanie has agreed that Rockwell Collins will furnish refreshments
- Need 6 volunteers for ushering and parking

Met last week to choose nominees for RCRV in an executive meeting.

Trying to set up an appreciation event the same date of June 17th. It is the same day as the UW annual meeting and lunch with UW of America CEO.

Science Center has a need for a lot of volunteers including people who sew and can do phone solicitations.

Need volunteers April 19th Makers Fair to meet and greet people at the door and to serve as tour guides.

March newsletter has been sent out.

Database: Jim Klein reported that he received a new list of retirees from Rockwell Collins prior to the mailing going out. The list was incorporated into the database and went out with the mailing.

A list of the new retirees was sent to Kayla Paulson. Kayla wants to track address changes, deletes, and deaths in order to cross reference against her lists.

MEMBERSHIP and RETENTION: Kayla Paulson reported stats for February:

- 62 members
- 1231.22 hours
- Top 5 agencies are:
 - RCRV with over 443 hours
 - REACT 315 hours
 - Marion Food Pantry 76 hours

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- SCORE 73 hours
- Unity Point 65 hours
- Membership:
 - 231 active volunteers
 - 1 new member and 1 inactive removed; 0 inactive restarted
 - 98 reported 3222.69 hours this calendar year
- For the year the top 5 agencies are:
 - RCRV with over 1200 hours
 - REACT 700 hours
 - Unity Point 400 hours
 - Marion Food Pantry 146 hours
 - SCORE 138 hours

Orientation last month was cancelled due to weather. Attendees are expected at meeting tomorrow, March 20th.

Terry Lamb and Kayla are sending out letters to RCRV members currently listed active who have not submitted any hours for 2013 or 2014. Approximately 100 letters going out, so expect a significant drop in active members. In order to stay active and continue to be insured they will have to respond to Kayla.

ADJOURNMENT:

Presider Knuth adjourned the meeting at 2:36. The next board meeting will be 1:30 PM April 16th, location Red Cross.

Submitted by: R. Pierce