

RCRV BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 21, 2015
Horizons

Attendance: (Bold indicates presence)

RCRV Board:

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

Community Service Agency Members:

<u>Laurie Mitchell</u>	Aging Services
Kathy Waychoff	College Community Schools
Unassigned	Four Oaks Bridge
Ann Griffin	Grant Wood AEA
Melissa Adams	Heritage Agency on Aging
Jessica Link	Cedar Rapids Public Library
<u>Wayne Clayton</u>	Options of Linn County
Shana Beal	Red Cross
<u>Anna Ronnebaum</u>	Horizons/NTS
Kayla Paulson	RSVP & RCRV Membership
<u>Allyson Schnoor</u>	Salvation Army
Unassigned	Sixth Judicial District
<u>Carole Dzingle</u>	United Way
Hilery Livengood	United Way
Angie Ehle	WRAP
Karla Terry	Linn Mar Schools

Rockwell Collins:

Guests: Laura White, Pat Knuth, RCRV

Call To Order:

Terry Lamb presided, determined a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 1:34.

Minutes:

The Board, with a motion by Vern Jackson, seconded by Don Grimm, and unanimous approval of the attendees, accepted the minutes of the October, 2015 meeting

Presentation: Charlie Becker gave a thorough report, with visuals, of the operations of Camp Courageous in Monticello, Iowa. He reviewed the history of the camp, led by Dottie Cummins in support of her son Charlie, in the early eighties. They went from 211 campers in 1974 to over 7000 last year. They expanded the original 40 acres to the current 200, and offer canoeing, XC skiing, rock climbing, zipline, rappelling, bicycling and horse riding. They do respite care and emergency

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services along with medical administration and diet where needed. They are privately supported with donations of funds, time and in-kind stuff. They are staffed by volunteers from around the world. 95% of their campers are from eastern Iowa.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Partner Agency Reports:

Wayne Clayton – Options of Linn County

Abilities in Action conference-Oct 7 at KTOS: Options shared display table space with RCRV and shared information about RCRV and Options with people who attended the conference.

Volunteering: our consumers love to volunteer their time and talents with many non-profits in the area. Options consumers were just recognized with an award nomination for our volunteering efforts with the Cedar Rapids school system.

New vans in service: We just added three new vans to our fleet of vehicles, which will help get our consumers out in the community to pursue their interests.

Family meeting coming up Oct 27 at Options: We will share information on our growing day hab program & on managed care, which will organize the distribution of Medicaid funding in Iowa beginning in 2016.

Kayla Paulson – United Way's 55+ Initiative Report

Kayla Paulson was in Houston along with Jessica Link presenting at the National Conference on Volunteering and Service. Her report was submitted prior through email.

We are in the heat of campaign and by now you should have gotten a campaign letter. If you have not gotten a campaign letter and would like to support the United Way's Volunteer Engagement (which the 55+ Initiative is part of) you can reach out to me, Kayla Paulson at KPaulson@uweci.org or 319.398.5372 x837, and I would be happy to help you.

We will start to send out monthly alerts about open volunteer opportunities via email. If you would like to be included in those please email kpaulson@uweci.org and let me know. Also, if you are volunteering somewhere that could take advantage of this opportunity feel free to provide them with my contact information.

We will be writing a new 3 year grant over the winter. If you see any gaps in service or have ideas of new programs and projects that we could support with volunteers please let me know. All of you are the reason that we have the grant; I encourage you to help shape it

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Anna Ronnebaum – Horizons

Meals on Wheels just keeps rolling; volunteers always needed, and great flexibility tolerated; Turkey Trot season approaching.

Angie Ehle –

Allyson Schnoor – Salvation Army

-We are looking for volunteers for our Annual Red Kettle Campaign. We currently have just over 900 hours reserved to ring the bells out of 7,660. If anyone is interested they can contact me. We also need help with Toys for Tots registration and distribution. Registration is November 16th - 20th, and distribution is December 8th - 10th.

-We also have our Red Kettle Kickoff on November 13th at the Cedar Rapids Marriot. This is our first annual kickoff event and will be held as a fundraiser to start out holiday campaign season. Tickets are on sale now, and we will be having local media personality, Denny Frary, as a guest speaker!

Melanie Richert – Melanie has left RC for a position with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Jenny Becker at RC is working the search for a new RCRV contact at the company. Melanie sent the following:

Dear RCRV FRIENDS:

By now you have heard the news that I am now working for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cedar Rapids as their Development Officer. My primary responsibility will be fundraising and relationship building for the organization.

My time spent with each one of you was so meaningful to me. You are all so inspirational and make me proud to say I was a part of the RCRV family!

Keep up all of the great work in this community - it does MAKE a DIFFERENCE in so many ways. If there are ways that BBBS and RCRV can collaborate OR if you ever need a guest speaker, you know where to find me :)

I invite all of you to please keep in touch (shoot me an email so I have yours too!):

Melanier@beabigcr.org

Take care,

Melanie Richert *Development Officer*

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cedar Rapids and East Central Iowa
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319-377-8993 ext.106 fax: 319-377-9205

Laurie Mitchell – Aging Services

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Laurie has a new job, and there will be a new RCRV representative from Aging Services.

Committee Reports:

John McDonough - Community Projects:

Medicare Part B will again be \$104.90 for roughly 70 per cent of Medicare recipients as the COLA for SSA did not go up this year. The remaining 30 per cent will be paying roughly \$150 per month. This 30 per cent includes the folks that are paying SSA directly due to not drawing their SSA moneys or the folks that will be signing up for Medicare next year.

We had approximately 1500 folks that attended the 9 seminars that we provided at KTOS this year. I have reserved space for the next two years with KTOS for the first 3 days (Mon, Tue and Wed) of October with Gayle Kennedy., We asked attendees if we should continue these seminars by a show of hands. Most attendees raised their hands. I guess that we will continue. We had Adele Lerma of Cypress CA assist us at each of our seminars. We also had David Carter of Towers Watson OneExchange on Monday and Tuesday with Dwight Turner assisting on Thursday. The seminars went well with few questions during the presentations and lots of questions of a personal nature after the formal seminar. This year the online registrations were slightly higher than the phone calls. Thank you Judy Wirth for handle the phone call messages for our seminars. James Wolfe, Joe Wells, Don Grimm, and Harlan Hanson were the presenters for this years seminars. Kayla Paulson and Claudia Young handled the recruiting portion of each seminar. Thank you all for your efforts above and beyond.....

500 people attended the Arthur A. Collins movie which was held at Sinclair Auditorium at Coe College. A DVD of the film is available for \$15. See Rod Blocksom if you have an interest.

We continue to support area nonprofit agencies, namely WRAP, with approximately 15 ramps in queue at the time, UnityPoint St Lukes Hospital Diabetic and Hospice departments, the CR library, the UWECI 55 + Initiative, the Honor Flight, the Art Collins Legacy Group, the Rockwell Collins Museum and various other nonprofits in the area.

We are now meeting at Kirkwood College Facilities in Hiawatha. We meet in room 210 on the main floor just inside the rh door facing the building from the north parking lot.

If you can dream it, we can do it.

Jim Klein - Data Base (via email):

- I need to collect the returned Insurance Meeting notice postcards so I can update the database before the next newsletter is published.
- I plan to continue in my current position if reelected at the November RCRV Annual Meeting.
- I have the RCRV office computer and will hold it until RCRV has a permanent office.

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- The RCRV database uses Microsoft Access. The RCRV Office Computer does not have Access installed (it did in the past). Can Rockwell Collins provide this? The React Center worked with Rockwell Collins to provide the software in the past.
- I have Microsoft Access on my personal computer and will continue to do database updates at home.

Kayla Paulson - Membership

RCRV Membership Recruiting/Retention Report

Stats for September 2015

- 197 active volunteers
- 0 new volunteers
- 0 inactivated volunteer restarted
- 0 inactive volunteers terminated/inactivated
- 54 members have reported hours (27%)
- 1326.82 hours

Stats for 2015

- 198 active volunteers
- 6 new volunteers
- 3 inactivated volunteers restarted
- 2 inactive volunteers terminated/removed
- 143 members have reported hours (72%)
- 20428.11 hours

Keith Sutherland – Communications: No Report

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American Red Cross