AGING & ADULT CARE OF CENTRAL WASHINGTON (AACCW) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING February 16, 2017

MINUTES

OPENING

Members in Attendance

Karen Cady, Judy Gladden, Eloise Hurst, Judy Main, Marylu Martin, Geneva McCoy Jardine, Kathleen Miller, Angie Padron, Janel Rieve, William Riley, Sally Siegel, Gwyneth Thorsen, Dean Warren, Ellen Warren, James Wilson, Leanne Wilson.

AACCW Staff

Bruce Buckles, Tammy Harvey, Valerie Graber, Erin Nelson, Diane Tribble, Jill Dempsey.

Guest

Dale Lathrop

MINUTES

Ellen Warren moved that the November 17, 2016 minutes be approved as submitted. Leanne Wilson seconded, and the motion carried.

REPORTS

Legislative Committee -Bruce Buckles reported on nursing home closures in Quincy, Ellensburg and Ritzville. AACCW is working with existing nursing homes in the region to try to help them stay open. He also reported on legislative efforts for maintaining the Health Homes program. Debbie Peterson manages the successful Health Homes program for AACCW. Judy Gladden shared a success story in Tonasket, spearheaded by the veterans group who donated a van. With a donation from the Community Foundation, community fund raising and in-kind donations, the van was fitted with a mobility lift and is now fully operational to transport disabled veterans. In addition, emergency services and the nursing home have been able to remain operational due to community advocacy and support. Jim Wilson reported on the continued success of fund raising for the Davenport Senior Center. He reported that the cook is great and she and her family donate many hours per month to this nutrition program that assists seniors in remaining healthy and in their own homes. Sally Siegel reported that the new cook in Odessa is great too. As a result, they now

serve double the number of people they had been and the meals schedule has increased from two (2) to three (3) days per week. The Warrens reported that the city will be tearing down the Entiat Senior Center. The meal site will temporarily move to a local church until the new city building is completed. Bill Riley reported on the Quincy Hospital's poor financial status and a recent state audit.

Membership Committee— Marylu Martin went over the attendance and she stressed the importance of members calling in so that AACCW can make lunch purchases well informed of how much food to order. There are currently (3) vacancies for Adams County, one (1) opening for Lincoln County and one opening for Okanogan County. Shelley Kinsler of Othello has submitted an application for consideration for one of the Adams County openings. Mary Lou went over the application with the group reporting that Shelley would be interested in serving on the Special Projects subcommittee. Geneva McCoy Jardine made a motion to recommend the COG's approval of Shelley Kinsler to the Advisory Committee. Leanne Wilson seconded, and the motion carried. Mary Lou reported that Margarita Comar's term is ending this month. As Margarita is not at today's meeting, it is unknown if she is interested in serving another term. This will be determined at the next meeting. The training today will be on the Long Term Care Ombuds program. William Riley agreed to contact the Grant County Sheriff's office to see if they can provide a program in March addressing the effects of illegal drug use and trafficking. For the remainder of the year, the proposed training is as follows: In May, Diane Tribble will discuss the 1115 Waiver; Personal Emergency Response (PERS) will be the topic in June; Hospice the topic in August; SHIBA the topic in September; and Diabetes Self-Management will be the topic in November.

<u>Special Projects Committee</u> – Karen Cady reported that the DVD's are not yet completed for the on Mini Scam Jam presentations. She asked that members determine how many Senior Centers in their respective counties would be interested and equipped to show the presentation. A sign-up sheet for DVD's was circulated. Diane Tribble informed the group of several upcoming presentations by the Alzheimer's Association and also asked for volunteers to help with planning and fund raising for the Alzheimer Walks in Wenatchee and Moses Lake.

<u>State Council on Aging (SCOA)</u> - Peggi Moxley was unable to attend the last meeting and there was no report.

Quarterly Reports-Quarterly reports were reviewed and discussed.

TRAINING-

Shawna Pringle gave a presentation on the Long Term Care Ombuds program.

NEW BUSINESS-

<u>Client Specific Discretionary Funds Requests</u>- Valerie Graber presented a request to cover the cost of hotel expenses, including some damages that totaled \$437.55. Jim Wilson made a motion to approve this request. Salley Siegel seconded, and the motion carried.

Monitoring Report-Jill Dempsey reviewed and discussed the monitoring reports completed for ResCare In-Home Care and Beneficial In-Home Care.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.