

DRAFT MINUTES – BEAVER ISLAND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 – Beaver Island Community Center

Present: Pam Grassmick, Peaine Township; Judi Meister, Food Pantry; Ann Partridge, COA/Community Center; Deb Plastrik, Beaver Island Rural Health Center

Ann Partridge called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. She said that Susie Myers, the school representative, was not able to attend. The agenda was approved as written. (Grassmick/Plastrik)

The minutes of the Oct. 13, 2015 meeting were approved as written. (Grassmick/Meister) There was no correspondence.

Commitment form: The group discussed how to participate in the Charlevoix-Emmet Human Services Coordinating Body. In the past, Pam Grassmick has attended some meetings on the mainland and tried to participate by phone in others. Motion to allow co-chairs to sign the commitment form for participation in the Coordinating Body (Partridge/Plastrik) approved. Motion to authorize Ann Partridge and/or Judi Meister to ask the township boards for support of travel expenses for the meetings (Plastrik/Grassmick) approved. Ann will do some research on telecommunication possibilities for the future.

Health Fair this year or Educational Programs: The group brainstormed ideas for programming that could be offered year-round instead of every other year in a health fair. Some ideas were: flu shots, how we can help our youth, water quality, tick awareness. Motion to explore educational programming and to not hold a health fair this year (Plastrik/Meister) approved.

COA update: Ann reported that she had spoken with Jean Kinsley and that the COA was ready to significantly decrease the availability of senior in-home services on Beaver Island, cutting back on the home health care aide hours. Loss of this service for our senior citizens would be a blow to efforts to help islanders “age in place.” Pam offered to draft a letter to the county commission that islanders could sign. Motion to approve this action (Partridge/Grassmick) approved.

Island Institute: Pam reminded the group that the team from Maine would be visiting April 26-29.

Vote to accept Susie Myers as representative from the Beaver Island Community School: Motion to accept (Partridge/Grassmick) approved.

Next meeting: March 15 at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. Pam Grassmick will not be able to attend. Suggested topic for the meeting: topics for educational programming and when to schedule them.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Plastrik, Secretary