Pursuant to notice as required by law, the Senior Advisory Board of the City of Ponca City, Oklahoma convened in open session at 3:00 p.m. on July 12, 2012, in the B. S. Barnes Room, City Hall, 516 E. Grand Ave.


MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Winnie Covill, citizen; Jenni Ellis, Sterling House; Terri Sherbon, Recreation Supt.; Katie Goss, staff.

1. Call to Order
   C. Clark called the meeting to order.

2. Consider and vote on the minutes of the June 14, 2012, regular meeting.
   A motion was made by Brown and seconded by J. Clark to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2012, regular meeting as presented. Vote was as follows: Yes - Brown, C. Clark, J. Clark, Ron Covill, Glenda Hisey, Robert Montgomery, and Turner. No – None. Abstention – None.

3. Receive comments from the chairperson or board members.
   C. Clark reported the Aging Services Division of DHS 2012-2013 budget is the same as last year. They are however concerned about their federal funds and are planning for a 10% budget cut if federal funds are not received. As of this date the Older Americans Act has not been approved by Congress.

   There is a bill currently before the State Legislature which would allow for a redesign of DHS. The Governor would appoint the head of DHS plus the heads of the five boards which would govern each division of DHS. The boards would be by appointment; one from the Governor, one from Senate and one from the House of Representatives. Clark was not sure how the other two positions for each board are to be appointed. There is some concern that if this bill passes the positions would be totally political and turnover every time there is a change in the state governing body. The division of DHS and the appointments will be on the statewide ballot in November.

   Sherbon reported the Senior Center is running smoothly. The first of August Wheatheart will begin providing hot meals on Friday.

   Public Hearings – None.
   Old Business – None.

5. Discuss 2012 Successful Aging Expo and take action as needed.
   A copy of the proposed brochure was passed around and suggested changes were made. The scheduled speakers to select from are:

   9:30-10:30  Mashell Sourjohn, Assoc. State Director, AARP Oklahoma – “Proposed Medicare Changes You’ve Earned a Say”
               Peggy Marsh, MS, LMFT, Tulsa, OK – “Unlock Your Brain: Discovering the Keys to Amplified Aging”
               Doug Bonnesen, MPT, Wichita, Ks – “23 ½ hours and the Single Best Thing We Can Do for Our Health”

   10:45-11:45  Karen Barnes, PhD, Professor, University of Central Oklahoma – “Making the Most of Your Doctor’s Appointment”
                Peggy Marsh, MS, LMFT, Tulsa OK – “Unlock Your Brain: Discovering the Keys to Amplified Aging”
6. Receive report regarding dentistry project and take action as necessary.
   J. Clark reported she and Chuck had contacted Shirley Harris, Executive Director, D-Dent. D-Dent is a 501(c)3 organization which has been in existence for 22 years. The organization has over 400 dentists as members. The Mission Statement of the organization is to provide free comprehensive dental care to all developmentally disabled and elderly Oklahoman in financial need. Ponca City has four local dentists who are members; Tyndall, Otto, Highfill, and Nipper. In order to retain the membership in D-Dent each of the member dentists sees two to four patients each year on a volunteer basis. D-Dent covers all lab costs. Harris is willing to come to Ponca City to discuss the program.

   C. Clark stated any donations received from the community would stay in Ponca City. Clark said he would try to get the group on the Conoco Volunteer Grant program. He also reported NODA has money which provides dental services. Dr. Hal Brown participates in this program. The board needs to meet with Harris and the dentists involved before publicizing the programs. Following that meeting a program could then be presented at the Senior Center regarding the availability of assistance for dental care.

7. Discuss possible Hearing Testing project and take action as needed.
   C. Clark stated a group from the OU Audiology Department could come to do hearing screenings and present a program. There would be no cost to the participant. There would need to be a location that is not noisy for the hearing screening. Suggested locations were the Pioneer Technology Center or Library. Montgomery suggested the board postpone this project and focus on the proposed dental program at this time.

   It was suggested the question “Are you interested in participating in a hearing screening and program regarding hearing loss” be added to the questionnaire distributed at the Successful Aging Expo.

8. Receive committee reports.
   J. Clark reported the Program Committee has met and will sponsor a “Senior Brunch & Safety Fair Saturday July 28. The event schedule is as follows: 8:00 coffee and tea /visit vendor booths
   8:30 Session Dorinda Howe: Home Security and Describing the Perpetrator
   9:30 Brunch
   10:00 Marta Sullivan Hot weather Precautions, Slip and Falls and Kitchen Safety
   10:45 Wrap up and door prizes
   (door prizes will draw for big prize first then small prizes)
   Kathy has contacted Bintz Pharmacy, Fire Department, At Home Medical and Juniors Lock as vendors.

   The committee also discussed another “New Beginnings” program. Kay Anthony recently wrote two articles for the newspaper regarding “Life After Losing a Spouse”. This may be a program in the fall.
Also, discussed as another possible program was taking music lessons as a new hobby after retirement. Suzi Lenhart has several adults who have chosen to pursue music later in life.

Committee programs are a partnership of the Senior Advisory Board, RSVP and Ponca City Senior Center.

9. Discuss items for August 2012 agenda.
   2012 Successful Aging Expo

10. Citizen Comments
    None.

11. Adjourn
    There being no further business Clark adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

Charles Clark, Chairperson

Minutes prepared by Katie Goss