



Town of Fairhaven Council on Aging

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Fairhaven Council on Aging • Board Meeting Minutes August 13, 2024

Present: Martha Reed, Carol Burt, Susan Oistead, Terry Pereira, Joyce Veilleux & Michael Hevey & Jacqueline Kenworthy
Absent: Joan Mello

- 1) **The meeting was legally posted on** August 8, 2024
- 2) **The meeting was called to order by** Martha Reed at 9:06am
- 3) **Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Joyce Veilleux made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 14, 2024 Meeting, Michael Hevey seconded, vote passes.
- 4) **Financial Report:**

Nothing out of the ordinary has been spent during the first month of the new FY25 fiscal year.
- 5) **Old Business:**
 - a. **EOEA Supportive Social Day Expansion Grant:** Social Day has now opened to 5 days. Census is currently low on Mondays and Fridays for now until all case managers know about the program being opened 5 days a week. Voc-Tech will be doing a co-op in September.
 - b. **Veterans room renovations:** Every photo that was on the wall is now framed and back to the center. The moving wall that was approved at town meeting will be installed in the third week of August. The walls will also be painted.
 - c. **Hiring a part-time Outreach Worker:** Job description and opening will be up by the end of the week. This position is funded by ARAW as well as the Formula Grant.
- 8) **New Business**
 - a. **Intergenerational Field Day:** During this event, we had a total of 70 children and 35 adults. Due to the rain, all games were moved inside. They played intergenerational bingo, along with various other games and enjoyed Mac's Soda Bar for the cookout. Blazing Saddles Petting Zoo was a hit! They all ended their day with ice cream from Dorothy Cox.
 - b. **Fall Programs:** Starting to put together holiday programming. We will be hosting Thanksgiving Dinner again. Annual Veterans Day luncheon, is upcoming as well and we are hoping to have AllTrust Bank to sponsor once again. During the luncheon, the wall will be rededicated.
- 9) **Directors Report**

Senior Center/Program Utilization:

	July 2024	Year to Date Total
Events	383	2960
Unduplicated Persons	628	1560
Units of Service	2663	14967
S.H.I.N.E. Appts	31	803
Daily Utilization Rate	88.8	85.88

Transportation Utilization: In July 161 Rides were provide to 55 Seniors.

Volunteers: 24 volunteers provided over 500 hours of service at the COA in June. The dollar value of these hours is over \$11,500.

Community Needs: 5 Seniors were assisted with SNAP applications; 4 seniors were assisted with senior housing applications. 2 new households were registered with CSFP Food Bank services. 1 Fairhaven resident was assisted with funds from the Keeping Seniors Warm Program and 1 Fairhaven resident was assisted with a phone and medical supplies out of the Emergency Fund for \$163.

In-person event highlights: The Single Senior Supper Club had 30 persons in attendance. The LGBTQ+ Supper Club Supper Club was attended by 28 persons attend last month. Over 60 persons participated in the congregate lunch program (382 served meals).

Social Day: Please see the attached reports from Sally Bourke. The program will go back to 5 days per week starting Monday August 5, 2024.

Hybrid Programming: We've been able to live stream several events, including Moving with Moxie, the monthly Memory Café, and Healing with Grace. We are in the process of planning nutritional programming with Community Nurse, Coastline, and the Marion Institute to further expand our programming this fall.

FY25 Improvements: The dividing wall will be completed the end of August. Painting and re-decorating is slated for September.

Summer Programming Update: Our second Intergenerational Field Day was held on Tuesday August 6th from 10-2. Over 70 children and 45 adults participated. The attendance was lower than planned due to weather, but the overall feedback was extremely positive.

Fall Activities Update: We have just begun putting together the Fall and Winter schedules.

10) Social Day Coordinators Report:

Activities: Exercise, Moxie Mobility, Bingo/Jingo, Trivia, Current Events, Reminisce, Men's Group, Craft Corner Puzzle Group, Horse Race Game, Baking Group, Walking Group, Frisbee Toss, Left, Right, Center Game, Greedy Dice, Adult Coloring Pages, Penny Ante, Bunco, Seated Basketball

Entertainment this month:

7/3/24- 4th of July Celebration with **Rebecca Pink**
7/9/24- Entertainment with **Joe Mac**
7/25/24- Memory Café with Entertainment by **Tony & Pat**

Notes:

7/4/24- Fairhaven C.O.A. will be closed to observe Independence Day
7/10/24- Monthly Fire Drill
7/9/24- Last Intergenerational Program with the Wood School Champion Kids Summer Program for the year.
7/18/24- Bristol Hospice (Kim Pouty) will be here to treat the clients to Ice cream from an Ice cream truck!! Yum!!
7/24/24- Fairhaven Police Dog “Blue” will be here

Upcoming Events:

8/6/24- Intergenerational End of summer Cookout and games with the “Kool Kids” and Wood Schools “Champion Kids”
8/21/24- Maggie Rocha from the Fairhaven Fire Dept. will be here to do a Fire safety and Evacuation with the Staff and Clients of the Social Day Program.

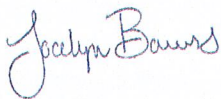
**Total Units Serviced for the month was 289 with a client average of 22*

- 11) **Other Business:** Happy Birthday to our Board Member Susan!

- 12) **Next Meeting :** Tuesday September 10, 2024

- 13) **Roll Call & Adjournment:** Michael Hevesy made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:21am, Jacqueline Kenworthy seconded. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,



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