

Isabella County Commission on Aging
Advisory Board *Electronic Meeting*
Wednesday, March 3, 2021
12:00pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Board Member Roll Call
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Minutes of the February 3, 2021 Advisory Board Meeting
- V. COA/Isabella County COVID-19 Update
- VI. AARP Virtual Tax Prep
- VII. Have-A-Heart Program
- VIII. Save the Date – Spring Caregiver Training: April 27th: 1pm-4pm
- IX. General Discussion
- X. Adjournment

The next COA Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 12:00p.m.

MINUTES
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Members present: Jackie Curtis, John Dinse- Union Township, Larry Fussman- City of Mount Pleasant, Jessica Lapp- City of Mount Pleasant

Members absent: Lea Dean, Alicia Haley, Ruth Ann Maniteau

Staff present: Jennifer Crawford, COA Director, Mallory Fernandez COA Secretary

Others present:

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m.
- II. Board Member Roll Call
- III. Public Comments-
 - a. John Dinse mentioned District 3 & District 7 seats are still vacant.
- IV. Minutes of the January 6, 2021 Advisory Board Meeting: A motion to accept the minutes of the January 6, 2021 Advisory Board meeting as submitted was moved by Larry Fussman and seconded by Jessica Lapp. The motion passed.
- V. COA/Isabella County COVID-19 Update- Nothing new to report on the county's side. Still Promote Remote. Still closed to the public with the exception of appointments. We are still providing In-Home services, meals, and fitness courses via Zoom. In reference to the open positions discussed last meeting, we went months without applicants for the positions. Since the last meeting, we have received a surplus of applications. In-Home Program Manager Jennifer Martin has completed interviews and is now waiting for background checks on the prospects. For vaccinations, Isabella County Administration was granted 54 vaccines for employees (not including the Sherriff's Department). Of those 54 vaccinations, COA was able to have 8 staff members receive the vaccination.
- VI. Region VII AAA Mask/Hygiene Kits/Food Boxes Give-Away (2/2/21)- Food and hygiene 60 and older masks any age. 75 boxes of food and hygiene kits all

given and some were turned away. 170 packs of 5 masks given away. Some kits will also be given to homebound clients.

- VII. AARP Virtual Tax Prep- Volunteer run program. This year has been delayed because they needed scanners and materials in order to perform the service virtually. Kelly is coordinating the scheduling of appointments, starting Feb 16th. Tax appointments will take place virtually on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of tax season. If clients do not have access to internet, they will be referred to other programs as this program is totally virtual.
- VIII. Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Technology- we moved forward with purchasing tablets and chromebooks for the volunteers to get them involved. Our staff has been doing one on one meetings with their volunteers to show them how to use the equipment. Some teachers are already using the feature with their FGP's. We are looking into purchasing another round of electronics to get even more volunteers involved. In order to a volunteer in the program, individuals must be 55 years and older and meet income requirements to qualify them for the stipend. SCP play games, visit, and in normal times, sometimes go to COA meals sites for food, games and socialization. FGP volunteer in classrooms to help support the teachers with tasks and also provide one-on-one time with students who could use assistance.

IX. General Discussion-

X. Adjournment: The meeting ended at 12:33 P.M.

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