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**MADISON SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES
February 10, 2022 ZOOM MEETING**

PRESENT: Austin Hall, Dale Koch, Heather Noblin, Wendy Oberg, Lori Murphy, Justin Murphy, Jerry Kerins, Chris Abbott

PUBLIC: None

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER: 5:35 pm by Jerry Kerins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes of December 9, 2021 APPROVED

CO-CHAIRMAN'S and COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS: Dr. Kerins reports Yale's acquisition of VNA Community Healthcare and Hospice will not be finalized until May/June 2022. When deal is finalized Dr. Kerins will speak with Yale management regarding status of Strong House Adult Day Center which has been closed since the start of the pandemic. He may solicit help from Senior Commission in this discussion.

Austin also reports conversation with Ed Zamborelli of VNA who told him that Strong House remains part of the VNA geriatric strategic plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Austin reports all programs are open and in person. Masks are required in the building.
- Probate Judge Barrett will hold a Q & A in March to discuss probate process.
- Rehab Concepts will partner with the Senior Center to celebrate Heart Healthy Month.
- Triple A will conduct a safe driving course at the Center.
- AARP Income Tax Prep continues until April 12. Approx. 25 seniors receive assistance per day.
- Senior Tax Relief Programs start Feb. 1- May 15. Approx. 319 seniors need to re-apply plus any new applicants.
- Austin reports that the Senior Center has received donations from Angie Coma for the herb garden and from Katherine Tracy, the Madison Jaycees and Lenny and Joe's for the Meals on Wheels Program.
- Letters will be sent to Meals on Wheels recipients in January asking them to make a donation towards their bill if able.
- Affordable Housing Committee next meeting will be Feb. 18 at 8:30am. A second survey was created specific to Madison. Approx. 700 responses have been returned.
- Senior Commission is seeking an additional 4 new members. Apply at Selectwoman's Office
- In Beach and Rec News Austin reports improvements have been made to Salt Meadow Park Pavilion. Future plans include creating a dog park and re-doing boardwalk at Bauer Park.

MEETING AJOURNED at 6:00 pm. Next meeting January 13, 2022 at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Murphy

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