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MADISON SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION NOTES

July 8, 2021

PRESENT: Austin Hall, Dale Koch, Jerry Kerins, Heather Noblin, Wendy Oberg, Lori Murphy (zoom), Rosalyn Fahey, Jim Ryan

ABSENT: Chris Abbott, Justin Murphy

PUBLIC: Mrs. Ryan

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER: 5:30 pm by Jerry Kerins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES OF June 10, 2021 meeting APPROVED

CO-CHAIRMAN'S and COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

- Dr. Kerins reports 1 patient presently being treated at Yale for COVID and 26 total in CT.
- Austin reports town to host two more vaccination clinics (at Surf Club 7/21/21 and Senior Center 8/11/21).

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mrs. Ryan reports an increasing number of cars being stolen in Madison. Reminds all to lock cars.

REOPENING UPDATE:

- Austin reports that activities such as bingo, exercise, meditation and Ask the Nurse have resumed. Drive thru lunches available daily. Outside dining is available. Transportation has resumed.
- Beginning Sept 1, 2021 indoor dining will begin. Seeking additional dining staff.
- Masks are not required when attending MSC.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Heather Noblin reports last meeting was cancelled. Committee is awaiting results of online survey before proceeding.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS:

- Lori Murphy asked if there was an update regarding possible reopening of Strong House Adult Day Center. Austin stated he had no information. Dr. Kerins expressed strong doubts about its reopening.
- Austin suggested a vote be taken by Commission members as to whether to continue meetings in person or via Zoom. Committee voted unanimously to meet in person. If a member is unable to attend in person they may have the option of attending via zoom.
- Austin reports as part of their Healthy Aging Program they will focus on educating elders on osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis which appears to be a need according to report done by the State.
- Neighbors of the Madison Senior Center area have begun to advocate for certain road safety measures to be instituted in highly trafficked areas and intersections. Among suggestions are placing 4 way stop signs, speed bumps, etc. to promote traffic safety. Austin will take an active part in their efforts to promote traffic safety.

MEETING AJOURNED at 6:10pm. Next meeting at Senior Center on August 12, 2021 at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Murphy

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