Juneau Commission on Aging
Board Meeting December 8, 2016
Rescheduled to 12/13/2016 in order to obtain a quorum.
MINUTES

Present: Mary Lou Spartz, Eileen Hosey, Rick Iannolino, Carol Trebian, Mary Anne VandeCastle(telephonically). It was determined that a quorum was present. Mary Ann Spartz called the meeting to order on December 13, 2016 at 1:20 p.m.

The agenda was reviewed for additions or changes. There was general discussion of the CBJ Assembly liaison person who had previously been assigned to our board. At this time there is no current CBJ board member directly assigned to our group.

Minutes: the minutes from October 2016 were reviewed and approved as presented.

Unfinished Business: Ric mentioned contacting Christine Blackgoat's family with our condolences on her recent death. A card has already been signed and sent to the family per Mary Lou Spartz.

New Business: The board discussed the goals we had articulated at our January 2016 retreat. It was decided to more fully discuss these items at our January 2017 meeting.

Ric discussed the evolution of the Smart 9-1-1 system. Our board had listened to a JPD discussion in July 2016 and the factor of expense which precluded this system from being considered for implementation at this time. Ric expressed his concern about the importance of the emergency response issue. He is concerned about mental health issues combined with an emergency situation and how they could be most effectively handled by first responders.

There was some general discussion about HIPAA rule of confidentiality and how it impacts medical data being used in systems such as these. It is felt that the project needs more publicizing to the general community, especially with regard to the stigma of mental health diagnoses. It is felt that part of the problem might be the reluctance of people to divulge their mental health issues.

There was further discussion about getting some actual numbers of various mental and/or physical disabilities experienced by people in Juneau, and presenting this information to JPD so they could have a more realistic picture of the possible difficult situations that could arise.

It was suggested that we invite Erann Kalwara back to join us in a further discussion of the Smart 9-1-1 system, and invite other participating social service agencies such as REACH, JAMHI, SAIL, Alzheimer's Resource, UAS, etc., who could provide input. We will put together a letter to the various agencies explaining our goal and try to obtain some statistical date to present at the meeting. Rather than a "meeting," we could have a get-together at the Senior ?Center fo allow

people to participate, and have a round table type of discussion to share ideas, concerns, date. We will firm up details at our January 2017 meeting.

Committee Reports: none at this time.

Other Business: MaryAnn VandeCastle will be back in Juneau in January 2017, and she and Mary Lou Spartz will serve as co-chairs of the board through June 2017. CBJ is recruiting for a new board member to replace the seat vacated with the untimely passing of Christine Blackgoat.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting set for January 12, 2017, at 1:15 pm ad the Juneau Senior Center.

Eileen Hosey, Secretary