

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Kootenai County Council on Aging – Semi-Annual Report**  
**October 15, 2014**  
**11:00 a.m.**

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Todd Tondee, Commissioner Dan Green, and Commissioner Jai Nelson met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were Area Agency on Aging of North Idaho Director Jeffrey Hill and Community Services Manager Ryan Sheppard, and Kootenai County Deputy Clerk Daniel Robertson.

**A. Call to Order:** Chairman Tondee called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

**B. Introductions:** There were no introductions made.

**C. Changes to the Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.

**D. Old Business:** There was no old business discussed.

**E. New Business:**

The attendees met to discuss issues affecting Kootenai County's aging population. Area Agency on Aging of North Idaho (AAANI) Director Jeffrey Hill reported that AAANI continues to assist local senior centers with nutrition programs, stating that this year AAANI has offered around 10,000 meals at these centers and an additional 8,000 home delivered meals. He reported that AAANI is in discussions with the Hayden Senior Center about providing transportation of seniors to the meals at that location.

Mr. Hill introduced AAANI's new Community Services Manager Ryan Sheppard. Mr. Hill stated that AAANI is partnering with Kootenai Health on the Care Transition Interventions program. The goal of this program is educating seniors in order to reduce readmission rates. Commissioner Nelson asked how long this program has been in existence. Mr. Hill responded that the program started about a year and a half ago.

Mr. Hill said that AAANI works to educate and encourage the community (seniors, caregivers, law enforcement, etc.) to report elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. He explained that AAANI is working with the North Idaho College (NIC) Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) program to educate enrollees on the importance of reporting elder abuse, as under-reporting is a major concern. He reported that financial institutions are reporting suspicious activity to the AAANI. The suspicious activity, if substantiated, is forwarded to law enforcement. He also reported that AAANI is monitoring scam trends and alerting seniors of these scams.

Mr. Hill said that he would be bringing AAANI's annual report to the meeting scheduled for February of 2015. Chairman Tondee notified Mr. Hill and Mr. Sheppard that a new Board would be sitting in February, and advised Mr. Hill to tailor his presentation to educate the new members of the Board.

The Board thanked Mr. Hill and Mr. Sheppard for their time, and for what they do for the community.

**F. Public Comment:** This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

TODD TONDEE, CHAIRMAN

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel Robertson, Deputy Clerk

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