

Benton Local Advisory Committee (BLAC) Minutes
Friday, August 28, 2015
Benton County Sunset Building, 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Call To Order: Meeting was called to order by Rebekah Fowler at 10:35 AM.

Introductions:

Present: Amy Roy (Secretary), Judy Ball, Richard McCain, Sr. (Stretch).

Absent: Sam Sappington (Co-Chair), Marisabel Gouverneur, Hilary Harrison, Michael Volpe, Deborah Morera, Lauren Zimbelman, Joe Zaerr, Karen Caul.

Ex-Officio: Rebekah Fowler (CAC Coordinator)

The meeting was a work group with only 3 members plus Coordinator. BLAC structure document reviewed. It is 2.5 years old. New officers so this is a good time to review and possibly turn structure into bylaws. Rebekah Fowler made suggested changes to structure document with track changes activated. (See attached).

Judy Ball wanted to make sure the document states that meetings are open to the public.

Rebekah Fowler wanted to bring information about local meetings to the CAC meetings. Lisa Pearson has issues with non emergent transportation reimbursement. She may be interested in joining BLAC.

Future agenda item: Stretch McCain wants a table of contents. Judy Ball suggested Physical, Mental, and Dental spelled out as health services. There is a need for a document to outline services for people. Judy Ball suggested if people on OHP are having trouble figuring out what their benefits are, that may be something the CAC can do something about. This would be a separate project from the bylaws.

Rebekah Fowler suggested looking at LLAC by-laws for wording to help define the relationship between local committees and regional council.

Judy Ball hesitates to add too much detail to bylaws. She wants to keep it concise.

Judy Ball and Rebekah Fowler would like to change co-chair to vice chair. The roles are well defined in the document. Sam Sappington has been performing the role of both chair and co-chair. Co-chairs can be problematic with executive meetings where co-chair may be excluded and offended.

Group recommends that the BLAC have a Chair/Vice-chair organization. Liaison is not called Vice-chair any more so there will be no confusion.

Amy Roy suggested adding posting approved minutes to BC website as a task for Secretary.

Stretch McCain confirmed that the changes made today will be reviewed and approved by BLAC.

Discussion of terms and election

Rebekah will send document to Judy Ball and Amy Roy to see if it's what we agreed to before sharing with BLAC.

Adjourn 1:25 PM

Next meeting: September 25, 2015, Sunset Building 10:30 – 1:30pm