

**ACNA Meeting Minutes**  
**April 23, 2013**

The meeting of the Allen County Neighborhood Association was held on April 23, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Omni Room in the Garden Level of the Citizen Square Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Dan McCrea, Co-Coordinator. Sixteen residents were in attendance.

Due to scheduling conflicts, Attorney Carrie Hawk Gutman was not present to answer legal questions pertaining to associations.

**Mary Wiemann, Sr. VP of Advancement with Aging & In-Home Services of NE Indiana**

Mary presented the group with an overview of the services that the Aging & In-Home Services provides using a PowerPoint presentation. (A handout was given to those in attendance that outlined the services.) The following are the bullet points of that presentation.

- Neighbors: please keep an eye on any aging adults in your association. Look for slips on ice; overgrown lawns or any other sign that might mean a person is in trouble.
- Aging in Place: 9 out of 10 older persons want to live at home while aging.
- How to accomplish this? With each other helping!
- Each person being able to stay at home depends on their abilities.
- Challenge: it can be a challenge living alone.
- Family Caregivers: 1 in 3 is a family caregiver.
- Woman: the average family caregiver is a woman, 49 years old, married and working.
- Care giving is \$450 Billion / year industry: Free help is available.
- Unpaid Family Care: Activities of Daily Living (ADL)
- No Training: we are born into it!
- Common Chronic Conditions: diabetes; arthritis; lung disease; cataracts; kidney issues; prostate; Alzheimer's; depression
- Urban / Rural Society: fewer resources available for rural citizens
- Outlive Money: costs are skyrocketing
- Allen County / Fort Wayne: lucky to be rich in resources!
- Private / Not-for Profit
- Aging & In-Home Services: located on Lake Ave.; assisted over 47,000 individuals; in business for 38 years; services nine counties in NE Indiana
- Clients: from newborn through 103 years old!
- Service list: see handout
- Call!! (800-552-3662) or look online ([www.agingihs.org](http://www.agingihs.org))
- Most Requested Services
- Challenges: funding; Federal / State / Local / Individual – always a challenge.
- Medicare: covers hospital stays only
- Payment Sources: Older American Act; Senior Services Block Grants; Community Home Options.

- Compare average State costs: Home nurse = \$3264 / month; case management = \$765 / month; Family = \$465 / month.
- Plan Ahead
- 1 in 8 are older Americans
- By 2040- disabled will triple in number!
- ¾ plan to rely on Social Security: average in 2012 was \$1230 / month payment
- Individual in crisis: CALL!
- This presentation may be made available by contacting the website

### **Dan McCrea**

Dan informed the group that all of the previous ACNA meeting minutes are available on the Allen County website under the Neighborhood Resources tab. He also compiled the many legal questions presented to the lawyers at previous meetings and grouped them by topic. This compilation is available to all by simply emailing Dan with a request and he will forward them on. ([dwmccrea@comcast.net](mailto:dwmccrea@comcast.net))

### **Beth Lock – Governmental Affairs Director for Allen County**

Beth presented the group a PowerPoint presentation outlining the actions being taken in the Indiana legislature for 2013. Below are the bullet points of that presentation:

- HB1116 – Property Taxes
- HB1001 – Biennial budget
- Transportation funding
- HB1169 – Drainage Issues
- HB1186 – Incorporation of Towns
- HB1497 – Regional Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Districts
- SB204 – Sewer Connections
- SB205 - Regional Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Districts
- SB285 – Annexation
- SB126 – Homeowners Covenants

Beth told those in attendance that they can visit the state website ([www.IN.gov](http://www.IN.gov)) and click on the left side of the site, under “Legislative” and enter in any of the above bills for further information.

She can be contacted for more information at [Beth.Lock@allencounty.us](mailto:Beth.Lock@allencounty.us) or at 260-449-7065.

### **Joanne Bergman Co-coordinator ACNA**

Joanne asked the group if any in attendance had any dealings with Comcast in regards to an orange cable being left lying in a culvert in her addition for years. The cable was laid but never buried and she had called repeatedly with no luck in getting it addressed. Nelson Peters, County Commissioner, was in attendance and he stated that he would help Joanne look into the issue.

### **Mike Green – Public Information Officer for Allen County**

Mike Gillespie from the Three Rivers Ambulance Authority was unable to attend the meeting so Mike Green presented a PowerPoint that outlined a service for discounted prescriptions that is available to Allen County Residents. Below is the highlight of that presentation:

- Making Medicine More Affordable
- FamilyWize: free prescription discount card: free to all residents!! Spread the word about this free card!
- Uninsured in 2011 – 46.5 Million people: expected to grow to 60,5 million
- Even having a Job is No Guarantee of Insurance: ½ of all employees are without prescription insurance!
- The Working Uninsured: 45-64 year old category – 26.5% are uninsured.
- People don't fill needed prescriptions: 28% do not fill prescriptions
- No Coverage – Limited Coverage: Decline tests; skip filling prescriptions; put off doctor appointments.
- Risky Business to Save Money on Medicines: buy food or fill prescriptions?
- Risks of Skipping Prescriptions: Risk health; additional medical issues.
- Illness Causes Financial Problems: use all savings; can't pay utilities; collection agencies
- Effect of Health Care Reform: will not cover 100% with prescription coverage
- How does FamilyWize work?: A large group is involved; discounted rates from participating pharmacies
- FamilyWize in Allen County: began in March 2007 with the United Way of Allen County
- March 2007 – December 2012: 62937 claims using the program; average \$16.59 in savings; total saved = \$1,043,769!!!
- Health Impact: impact on the community \$2,887,284 in heart disease / diabetes savings
- [www.familywize.com](http://www.familywize.com) for more info. Can print a card right from the website. Text "Family" to 700700 and a card will be sent to your smart phone!
- Contact Mike at [Michael.green@allencounty.us](mailto:Michael.green@allencounty.us) for more info.

**Open Discussion:**

- What topics would the group like for future meetings?
- Liability Issues for Association Directors
  - Property Management Groups

The meeting was closed at 8:25pm. The next two meetings are scheduled for **July 23<sup>rd</sup>** and **October 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00pm in the Omni Room in the Garden Level of the Citizen Square Building, 200 E. Berry.