

## COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

August 13, 2013

Chairman Teichmiller called to order the regular meeting of the Commission on Aging Committee at 9:02 am, on August 13, 2013, at Vilas County Commission on Aging office conference room, Eagle River, Wisconsin

**Present:** Teichmiller, Hayes, Nielsen, Briggs, Jensen, Kirkpatrick, Main, Mitchell, Radtke, Thompson, and Stearns. Staff present was Richmond and Rein. Guest present Wally and Shirley Reek with AARP.

Introductions were made and Teichmiller gave an over view of the board.

Wally Reek gave a presentation about the Affordable Care Act. He stated that several years ago the Prescription Drug Act was put in place and SeniorCare came out of that. As of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 everyone will be required to have health insurance. Reek stated that Medicare should stay the same and if you have insurance it will stay the same. Approximately 15% (45 million people) will see an improvement. Also, Reek mentioned that insurance companies will not be able to drop coverage if you get sick. There are 11 companies now serving Wisconsin. The Department of Aging, ADRC, and Social Services will be helping people sign up starting on October 1, 2013. Discussion held.

**Approve Agenda:** Agenda has been properly posted. Nielsen moved and Main seconded to approve the Agenda as mailed.

**Approve Minutes:** There was a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Commission on Aging Meeting of July 15, 2013 by Nielsen with a second by Radtke.

### **Agenda Item #4 Report of the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources:**

- Teichmiller reported that the next meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2013 in Stevens Point. GWAAR will be reviewing the 4 year plan and other issues.
- Teichmiller mentioned that GWAAR will be adding members to the Advisory Council. They have a representative from a cross section of the population.
- Teichmiller reported that the programs were working well. Discussion held

### **Agenda Item #5 Program and Committee Reports**

#### **Directors Report:**

- Richmond pointed out that a new listing of County Committees was in the packet. Also, in the packet was a copy of the County Newsletter which has an article regarding Medicare –Preventive Visit.
- Richmond reviewed the tracking form with the number of calls and walk ins to the office.
- Richmond mentioned that both Rebecca Gleason and Susan Corrieri are back working full time in the Commission on Aging Office.
- Richmond stated that work continues with Public Health, Emergency Government, and Social Services, on the County's Emergency Plan. Staff from these departments and the Human Service Center will be attending a training on August 21<sup>st</sup> regarding how to participate in an Incident Command Center.
- Richmond mentioned that all the staff will be trained in CPR/AED on September 19, 2013.
- Richmond reported that on August 8<sup>th</sup> she met with the new State Dietician, Sara Saye, who was visiting Vilas County. Richmond took Saye to the Boulder Junction and Eagle River meal sites. Richmond and Saye brainstormed how Vilas County could handle the budget cuts for 2014.
- Teichmiller asked Richmond to hold off on talking about the budget issues until later in the meeting.
- Richmond stated that she will be participating in monthly conference calls with the GWAAR Nutrition Team to brainstorm different ways to handle the budget cuts.

- Richmond mentioned that she would be appearing at the Personal Committee meeting next week to request additional days for Pamme Williams to work. The request is for an additional day each week for a period of 8 weeks during Medicare Open Enrollment.
- Richmond continues to work with Julie Schroeder, Department of Human Services, on the 100% time reporting. Richmond stated that so far this year we have been able to recover \$13,268 towards Elder Benefit Specialist Program.
- Richmond attended the Regional DOT Transportation Coordinated Planning Meeting along with Dennis Nielsen.
- Richmond reported on the staff travel – Richmond – August 20, Rhinelander for the Alzheimer's Fall Conference Planning Committee and ADRC Management Team; Richmond – August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup>, Rhinelander for ADRC Supervisors and Staff Meeting.
- Information packet distributed. Place name on post it if you would like a copy.

### **Friendly Visitors/Family Caregiver Support:**

Rein reported:

- Rein reported that in July, 15 families called, with three families completing the paperwork to receive In Home Support Worker Referrals.
- Rein mentioned that a Powerful Tools Workshop is being planned for September 12- October 17 in Eagle River.
- Rein mentioned that work continues on the 2013-2014 Senior Resource Directory.

### **Chore:**

Kapke reported:

- 16 Households, 97 hours reimbursed at \$852.50 for the month. Waiting list of 1 participant. Balance of the program is \$11,084.61.
- Richmond stated that this program continues to grow. Kapke is working to keep the waiting list low.
- Richmond mentioned that Kapke was in need of workers and that a radio ad was placed and since then several new workers have called about work.
- Richmond mentioned that the budget was good and that all the funds will be used by the end of the year.

### **Alzheimer's:**

- Richmond reported that two families submitted a request for a total of \$620. Also, there were administrative costs of \$1,488.70. The balance of the budget is \$5,219.11.
- Richmond mentioned that this program continues to struggle. Kapke will be making some changes to the program and may increase the amount given to each family each year. Richmond stated that this would be brought to the committee before any changes were made.
- Teichmiller asked if the program had been analyzed. Discussion held
- Richmond reported that all the funds would be spent this year. In the past extra funds would go to the Alzheimer's Association or the Alzheimer's Fall Conference if any remained at end of year.

### **Escort:**

- Richmond reported: 20 clients, 154 hours and more than 3291 miles were driven. Total expense \$1,862.67. Income year to date is \$5,678.53.
- Richmond reported that this program continues to grow each month. Richmond stated that transportation is a huge issue around the State.
- Richmond is working on Coordinated Transportation with other counties. Richmond stated that coordination is the only way to get more funds.
- Richmond mentioned that the Tri-County Transit Commission (TTC) is proposing that David Low be hired as a limited time consultant to come up with a plan to work with the clubs better and draw down other funds. Discussion held

## **Nutrition:**

- Richmond reported: 1457 meals were served in July. Total expense for the month was \$15,190.65. Income year to date: \$32,728.55.
- Richmond stated that the meals served are up and that the donations are consistent.
- Richmond mentioned that the donation for the Community Options Program Participants has been increased to \$11.85 per meal.
- Richmond stated that the budget is still good. The State has allocated the extra money that was cut from the program for this year.

## **Elderly Benefit Specialist:**

- 17 individuals were served with 30 separate and distinct issues.
- Financial impact was \$140,654.
- Richmond mentioned that the Benefit Specialists are gearing up for Medicare Part D Open Enrollment. A meeting with the volunteers is scheduled for the end of the month.
- Richmond mentioned that year to date that the Benefit Specialists have saved \$533,548.00.

## **ADRC:**

- Richmond read the report of the ADRC as follows:
  - Parkkila reported that all the ADRC Specialist have been trained to do Functional Screens and will be independent to do screens by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Parkkila also reported that Laura Rozga has attended that Aiming for Excellence Training.
  - Radtke asked "How many more clients are we serving with the additional staff?" Richmond responded that the people with disabilities are now being served and that the needs of seniors are being covered. Discussion held Richmond will bring a report of numbers to the next meeting.

## **Agenda Item #6 Old Business**

### **August Expense Report**

- Richmond stated that the budget is in good shape.

### **2014 Budget**

- Richmond presented the proposed 2014 budget. Richmond stated that several old accounts are still in the budget and cannot be removed for 3 years.
- Richmond mentioned that the ADRC will have a couple of different accounts in 2014 to make things easier. The contractual items and building expenses will be in one account.
- Richmond mentioned that the budget line for the County Share for Benefits is just for the ADRC.
- Teichmiller stated that the revenue should reflect it is from the ADRC.
- Richmond stated that the 2014 budget should be a little closer to the actually costs for the ADRC.
- Richmond talked about the sequestration and how the Title III programs will be affected. The cuts will be for this year and next. Discussion held.
- Teichmiller felt that if the nutrition funds were cut that the County Board members should ask the County for funds to continue the program.
  - A motion was made by Radtke with a second by Stearns for the County to increase our Nutrition Budget with county levy money to balance the cuts that we will experience in 2014. Carried
- A motion to approve the budget with the amendments that were handwritten and the request to County for tax levy was made by Briggs with a second by Thompson. Carried

**Agenda Item #7 New Business**

**Approval of the DOT Trust Account Funds**

- Richmond received a request from the St. Germain Prime Timers to have the air conditioning repaired in the bus. The cost of the repair was \$455.78. Richmond stated that the Trust can pay for this repair.
  - A motion was made by Nielsen with a second from Main to fund the repairs with the Trust funds. Motion Carried, Radtke recessed himself

**Agenda Item #9 Public Comment**

- Thompson mentioned that she was named the new director.
- Thompson spoke about the new Transportation Program starting in Lac du Flambeau with a regular route for people to use.
- Thompson mentioned that she is working hand in hand with the ADRC Specialist in Lac du Flambeau.

**Agenda Item #10 Letters and Correspondence**

- Kirkpatrick thanked the committed for the get well card she received.

**Future Meeting Date:**

**Wednesday, September 11, 2013, at 9:30 am at the Gateway Lodge, Land O Lakes**

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m. made by Main and seconded by Mitchell. Carried.

Minutes reflect the recorders notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Amie Rein  
Reported

Susan Richmond  
Director