

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2010

Chairman Teichmiller called to order the regular meeting of the Commission on Aging Committee at 9:00 am, on January 12, 2010, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room 2, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: Gussick, Hansen, Haws, Main, Myers, Montgomery, Nielsen, Platner, Wedell, and Teichmiller. Staff present, Director Fortmann and Richmond. Members Excused were Haller and Wise. Also present were Fred Radtke from St. Germain Prime Timers and Verdelle Mauthe.

Approve Agenda: Agenda has been properly posted. Nielsen moved, Platner seconded to approve the Agenda as mailed.

- May be changed at the discretion of the Chair. Carried.

Approve Minutes: There was a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of December 10, 2009, and the Minutes from the Public Hearing of the Specialized Transportation Assistance Grant held on December 10, 2009, made by Platner with a second by Myers. Carried.

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

-List of GWAAR Board Members was distributed.

-Summary of Area Plan on Aging distributed.

-Next GWAAR Board meeting will be in February. They are in process of doing internal and external evaluations on Robert Kellerman.

-Discussion was held on why Dane and Milwaukee Counties are not a part of GWAAR.

Agenda Item #5 Program and Committee Reports

Directors Report:

- Fly Away Cab Service in Eagle River is new. Owner is willing to work with us on the New Freedom grant and providing rides.
- New mileage reimbursement is 50 cents per mile.
- Discussion was held on the Standing Rules. The only change made to these rules was the fact that we now report to GWAAR and not Northern Area Agency on Aging and we do an Annual Budget and Semi-Annual Plan.
- New smoking policy for the county is in effect. There is no more smoking on the premises.
- Census Scam information was distributed.

Friendly Visitors/Family Caregiver Support:

* Barron reported as follows:

- a. Friendly Visitors, 4 visitors visited 5 persons, 3 phone visits and 80 miles driven.
- b. Sent out Home Support information to 7 families.
- c. Working on revising and adding resources to Beacon database.

Chore:

LaFata reported:

1. Ten households received reimbursement for 62 hours of service. Total reimbursement for the month of December was \$9,997.52.
2. There were no expenses for handyman this month.

3. Richmond stated that we are looking for someone to rake lawns and shovel snow. Wedell suggested that she would be interested and that maybe we could contact the Rotary Interact Group for help.
4. No one on waiting list.
5. Budget balance is \$0.00.

Alzheimer's:

1. Four households received reimbursement in the amount of \$2,706.75.
2. Budget balance is \$0.00.

Escort:

1. Nineteen clients driven > 1984 = \$2,321.34 cost
2. Volunteers donated 110.5 hours of service
3. Cash donations = \$8,755.92 year to date.
4. Richmond explained that this year our donations far exceeded what we estimated for.

Fortmann reminded committee of the Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting to be held on January 28, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. An Agenda will be going out with the date on it.

Nutrition:

1. 2156 meals served in December.
2. Cost = \$23,738.96.
3. Donations = \$6,911.00, Year to date totaled \$89,395.68.
4. Fortmann stated that the donations and meals were down about \$3,300 from last year, but a reminder that the suggested donation had gone down and we no longer serve home delivered meals out of Lakeland Senior Center.
5. We received a letter of interest in being a Nutrition Advisory Council Member.

Benefit Specialists

Gengle and Williams reported:

1. 71 clients assisted, 86 issues addressed.
2. Economic impact was \$155,070.46 for December.
3. Year to date economic impact = \$1,775,680.08.
4. There were 7 attendees at the monthly Insurance Puzzle Workshop
5. There were 8 Medicare Part D Plan Finder sessions scheduled for December.
6. Gengle will be recognized at the County Board meeting on January 19, for her 20 years of service.

ADRC:

1. There will be a meeting on January 26, 2010, in Medford
2. Teichmiller stated the Committee would like to have their application to the County Board in September and hopefully sometime in 2011 the ADRC will be in place.
3. There will be a planning meeting held in Vilas County on February 23, 2010.

CWAG:

1. Radtke wished to inform the members that the new Director started on January 4, 2010.

Agenda Item #6 Old Business

Monthly Expense Report

1. Total monthly expenditure = \$65,298.29.
2. Year to date = \$471,100.29 approximately 81% of the total budget.
3. Richmond explained all the carry-over items and how we will use these funds in the beginning of the year.
4. Fortmann informed the Committee that we can receive a deduction in our funding from the State at anytime and he and Richmond watch the budget very closely to assure we have enough funds throughout the year.
5. Teichmiller congratulated Fortmann and Richmond on the Christmas Party and to Richmond for making the Commission on Aging known to people by dressing in the various costumes and assuring that the people are having fun. He had heard several people enjoyed this.

By-Law Revision:

-Fortmann incorporated all changes made by the Corp Counsel.

Discussion held that we should have a minimum number for the Board so there are no problems with a quorum.

-Committee wanted Fortmann to add "excused" absences from meetings as alright.

-Committee asked for a change on Section 2 of Article 5 Transportation Sub-Committee, change on voting members.

-Fortmann stated he will incorporate all changes and include in their packets for next month.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

Travel Requests

-Travel Request sheet was distributed.

-Motion to approve the travel request sheet by Nielsen with a second by Platner. Carried.

Community Mental Health Contract

A Resolution was drawn up due to the amount on the contract. Richmond stated that there are some 2009 funds that we are using to start out 2010. There was a motion by Nielsen with a second by Main to approve and send this Contract/Resolution to the full County Board. Carried.

Alzheimer's Association Contract

This Contract is the same as last years except for the dollar amount. It is lower this year since we have used more funds on clients directly. There was a motion by Myers with a second by Gussick to approve contract. Carried.

UW Extension Contract

-Contract for Terri Miller to help our home delivered meal participants and also the nutrition contract. Montgomery stated she would like to have Terri Miller come out to Lac du Flambeau for presentations. There was a motion by Myers with a second by Gussick to approve requested contract.

Agenda Item #8 Public Comment

-Teichmiller stated happy to see Montgomery at our meeting. He stated that we know her schedule is tough, but always welcome here.

-PrimeTimers group is really growing. Mauthe stated membership has surpassed 2008 numbers. 135 members attended the last meeting.

Agenda Item #9 Letters and Correspondence

-Nielsen read a report on the Bureau of the Blind. They have a budget of 1,300,000.00.

-Fortmann stated that we received a thank you from Feingold's office for attending a listener session.

-Fortmann read a flyer regarding an Annual Fishing Jamboree that will be held in February.

Agenda Item #10 Approval of Vouchers:

There was a motion by Nielsen with a second by Platner to approve the payment of the December bills. Carried.

Future Meeting Date:

FEBRUARY 11, 2010, AT VILAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CONFERENCE ROOM #2, EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN.

Adjournment: There was a motion by Platner with a second by Main to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Carried.

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

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Susan Richmond
Administrative Secretary

Joe Fortmann
Director