

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2009

Chairman Teichmiller called to order the regular meeting of the Commission on Aging Committee at 9:00 am, on October 9, 2009, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room 2, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: Gussick, Haller, Hansen, Haws, Main, Myers, Nielsen, Platner, Wedell, Wise and Teichmiller. Staff present, Director Fortmann and Richmond. Member Excused was Montgomery. Also present were Fred Radtke and Eric Johnson from the Lakeland Times.

Approve Agenda: Agenda has been properly posted. Platner moved, Nielsen 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 September 10, 2009, the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on September 9, 2009, and the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on September 10, 2009, made by Platner with a second by Haws. Carried.

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

-Fortmann attended the Director's Meeting where they worked on the Mission in Times of Change.

-Workshops on problem solving.

-State has said it is ok to reduce services due to budget/revenue decreases.

Agenda Item #5 Program and Committee Reports

Directors Report:

- Fortmann attended a meeting at Human Service Center for networking with volunteers.
- Vilas Vision will be recruiting for another class. Wedell stated she is interested in attending.
- Expense Policy distributed. Committee in support of this Policy.
- Acronyms List distributed.
- How a Bill Becomes a Law sheet distributed.
- County Ambassador's Program held quarterly. Teichmiller stated the County Board Chairman would make that decision.
- Health Care Reform: Fact or Fiction sheet distributed.
- A Guide to Eldercare Options distributed.
- Commission on Aging will hold their first annual Alzheimer's Candlelight Vigil at the Aspirus Lillian Kerr Healthcare facility on November 12, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. We hope all will attend.
- Emergency Buckets are on their way to being filled. Trigs and Pick-n-Save are working with us to give us a discount on the food.
- Trigs and Pick-n-Save gave us a donation of 3 bags of groceries each for the Senior Expo which will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2009. Flu Shots will be offered from 9-1p.m.
- Alive to Life held on October 7, 2009. This event was a huge success.

Friendly Visitors/Family Caregiver Support:

* Barron reports

- a. Friendly Visitors, 5 visitors visited 7 persons, 2 phone visits and 114 miles driven.
- b. 13 participants are attending the Chronic Conditions Workshop in St. Germain at the Community Center.

- c. November publication of Newspaper is underway

Chore:

LaFata gave her report as follows:

1. Nine households received reimbursement for 57 hours of service = \$1,758.00.
2. There were no expenses for handyman this month.
3. No one on waiting list.
4. Budget balance is \$13,979.52.

Alzheimer's:

1. Three households received reimbursement in the amount of \$410.07.
2. Budget balance is \$4,604.95.

Escort:

1. Twenty-three clients driven > 2408 = \$3,827.24 cost
2. Volunteers donated 140.5 hours of service
3. Cash donations = \$5,939.15 year to date.

Nutrition:

1. 2189 meals served in September.
2. Cost = \$20,675.35.
3. Donations = \$6,466.00, Year to date totaled \$66,737.13.
4. Fortmann stated the added days to the four contracts are in effect.
5. Fortmann stated that we are planning "special" meals to spend down stimulus money.
6. Fortmann reported that Land O'Lakes Nutrition Site has moved from The Gateway to The Stateline and no issues.
7. Gussick questioned the home delivered meal cost under Boulder Junction. Richmond explained it is a special case for one consumer on a temporary basis.
8. Nutrition Advisory Council will be held on November 17 at the Kalmar Senior Center.

Benefit Specialists

Gengle and Williams presented their report.

1. 27 clients assisted, 29 issues addressed.
2. Economic impact was \$60,122.17 for September.
3. Year to date economic impact = \$1,355,289.61.
4. Gengle will be presenting the Insurance Puzzle Workshop power point at CWAG Convention in Rhinelander.
5. Sheet distributed for the Save the Date for November 11 and Medicare Part D Enrollment dates.

ADRC:

1. Task Force made up of 4 counties plus Tribes will be working on details to submit an application for January 2011.
2. October 28 meeting in Rhinelander, Fortmann will report to the local Task Force and will keep all committees of interest informed.
3. Fortmann attended the ADRC Conference held in Stevens Point on September 21 & 22, 2009.
4. Discussion was held on joining the Forest County ADRC.

CWAG:

1. Radtke reported that CWAG is getting a lot of complaints from seniors regarding ADRCs and that they are not getting the services they were used to.
2. CWAG puts on the mandatory trainings for the Benefit Specialists.
3. CWAG has hired an Executive Director. 72 candidates were interviewed by 6 interviewers. Anthony Amato from the Milwaukee area will be the new Executive Director.
4. Board of Directors Meeting is on November 5 and 6, 2009.

Agenda Item #6 Old Business

Monthly Expense Report

1. Total monthly expenditure = \$37,899.18.
2. Year to date = \$324,883.80 approximately 59% of the total budget.
3. There was a question on account # 981 and why we haven't spent any money out of that account. Richmond explained that we use all the other funding first.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

Travel Requests

- Travel Request sheet was distributed.
- There were additional requests added:
September 29-October 1, 2009, CWAG Interviews in Madison for Radtke
October 26, 2009, CWAG Convention, in Rhinelander for Haws, Radtke, Nielsen, Myers, Platner, Wedell and Gussick to attend. The Prime Timers bus will pick up participants at the St. Germain Community Center and at 7:30 a.m. at the Kalmar Senior Center.
November 5-6, 2009. CWAG Board Meeting in Madison for Radtke.
- Motion to approve the travel requests as printed by Platner with a second by Nielsen. Carried.

2010 Budget Approval

There was a motion by Platner with a second by Mains to send the 2010 Budget to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Liason Request for Bureau of the Blind

- Nielsen had been appointed by Karen Timberlake.
- Corp Counsel stated it all looks in order so it would need to be voted on by our Committee.
- Teichmiller stated whenever expenses can be paid by the Agency (Bureau of the Blind) that the County is not duplicating payment.
- There was a motion by Platner with a second by Myers to approve Nielsen as the liason for the Bureau of the Blind, as long as he is still on our Committee. Ayes were: Gussick, Haller, Hansen, Haws, Main, Myers, Platner, Teichmiller, Wedell and Wise. Abstained from voting was Nielsen. Carried.

Caregiver Coalition Grant Approval

- Fortmann has applied for \$600.00 for a grant to establish a caregiver coalition group, which will include those serving on the Daybreak Board and other groups as well.
- There was a motion to approve the Caregiver Coalition Grant by Platner with a second by Mains. Carried.

Agenda Item #8 Public Comment

- ✓ Nielsen stated Bureau of the Blind is also having issues with ADRCs.
- ✓ Nielsen also stated that we need to get someone from Lac du Flambeau to attend our Committee meetings.

- ✓ Radtke stated that BadgerCore Plus is now starting a waiting list.

Agenda Item #9 Letters and Correspondence

- ❖ Thank you notes received from contractors for the courthouse remodeling, Pam VanKampen from GWAAR, from Amie Rein on behalf of Final Affairs and from the Federal Communications Committee for our help with the DTV transition.
- ❖ Fortmann read an email received from Lisa Pulte and Carrie Kroetz from GWAAR on the fabulous job that Richmond has done. Vilas County numbers were some of the best they have seen across the State.

Agenda Item #10 Approval of Vouchers:

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

Future Meeting Date:

NOVEMBER 12, 2009, AT VILAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CONFERENCE ROOM #2, EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN.

Adjournment: There was a motion by Nielsen with a second by Myers to adjourn at 11:20 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