

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

MARCH 13, 2012

Vice Chairperson Platner called to order the regular meeting of the Commission on Aging Committee at 1:00 pm, on March 13, 2012, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Jury Room, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: Haws, Main, Platner, Radtke, Wise and Wedell. Staffs present were Fortmann and Richmond. Members Excused were Hansen, Montgomery, Teichmiller and Proven. Also present were Verdelle Mauthe, Wayne Zelinski, Mert Jensen, Roger Jehnke, Karen Stanton and Janice Schuette.

Approve Agenda: Agenda has been properly posted. Radtke moved Main 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 February 9, 2012 and Minutes of the Nutrition Advisory Council Meeting of February 23, 2012, by Haws with a second by Main. Carried.

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

-Communication from CWAG sent electronically regarding losing their existing contract for legal services. GWAAR will take over providing the contract for legal services as of April 1, 2012.

Agenda Item #5 Program and Committee Reports

Directors Report:

Various pieces of info distributed (if interested, please put name on top of it and a copy will be sent)

- Fortmann expressed his gratitude for the Board.
- Fortmann distributed a Proclamation “Never Too Old to Play” which is the theme for May’s Older Americans month.
- Fortmann will be sending some revisions to the IT Department regarding our website. If there is anything the Committee would liked changed, please let him know.
- We are still seeking two nominations for members of this Committee.
- Fortmann’s Self Assessment to GWAAR was mailed in. Responses for revisions will be in by end of March.
- Discussion held on Committee Consolidation. For this to happen successfully, the County Board will have to allow the Department Heads more authority to get things done.
- Fortmann stated that the Northwoods United Way FEMA grants have been distributed. Two Food Pantries in Vilas were awarded \$1,200.00 each.

Friendly Visitors/Family Caregiver Support:

Rein reported:

- a. Friendly Visitors, 3 visitors visited 3 persons, 7 hours and 25 miles driven.
- b. Rein has completed her Stepping On Class and it went very well. She has a waiting list of 16 people. Verdelle Mauthe, who attended the class said it was very beneficial.
- c. Rein is working with Sue Piazza from Oneida County to facilitate a Living Well with Chronic Disease Class to start on March 22.
- d. 12 families received info on In Home Support and Resource Guides.

Chore:

LaFata reported:

1. Eleven households received reimbursement for 73 hours of service. Total reimbursement for the month of February was \$1,057.00. Balance of program is \$22,318.54.
2. No one on waiting list.

Alzheimer's:

1. Two requests received for reimbursement in the amount of \$517.36.
2. Budget balance is \$9,725.64.

Escort:

1. Fourteen clients driven more than 1919 = \$1,142.96 cost.
2. Volunteers donated 87 hours of service
3. Cash donations = \$898.53, year to date total is \$1,201.73.
4. Richmond discussed the Northwoods Tri Transit Commission Info that was distributed. She explained this is a huge undertaking, but that she felt we needed to continue moving in this direction since public transportation is so important to all residents. She will continue to meet with other counties and bring information back. Carrie Porter from GWAAR will be coming to meet with Richmond in early April to determine how we can best use our funds for this purpose.

Nutrition:

1. 1077 meals served in February.
2. Cost = \$10,294.94.
3. Donations = \$5,683.45, Year to date totaled \$8,975.95.
4. Fortmann stated that he wanted to have firm numbers for the first quarter before making any changes.
5. Roger Jehnke asked Fortmann to send a letter to Sharon Rice from Prince of Peace explaining where the funds went that they had donated.
6. Wayne Zelinski stated that SERVE never got a thank you for reducing the price of the meals for November and December 2011.

Elderly Benefit Specialist:

Gengle reported:

1. 47 individuals served with 64 separate and distinct issues.
2. 4 attendees at the Insurance Puzzle Workshop
3. February's impact was \$88,599.00, with a year to date of \$289,754.53.
4. Karen Stanton said AARP Program for Taxes is doing well. They have a full house every Monday.

ADRC:

1. New Regional Manager has been hired and started on March 1, 2012.
2. There are Job Applications for two Disability Benefit Specialists.
3. Fortmann is bringing a Resolution for the Commission on Aging to move to a new location with the ADRC staff. Discussion held on this.

Agenda Item #6 Old Business
Monthly Expense Report

1. Total monthly expenditure = \$20,050.18.
2. Year to date = \$43,810.16 approximately 8% of the total budget.
3. Richmond explained which accounts the nutrition vouchers were being paid from.

Resolution to Co-Locate Off-Site for the Commission on Aging and ADRC:

Discussion held on the reasons for the need to relocate the Commission on Aging along with the ADRC. Fortmann went over each page of the proposal and explained that the percentages were determined based on the full time occupancy between Commission on Aging and ADRC. The proposal and construction is presented by Visner.

Radtke questioned the total costs per month and how it splits. The Floor Plans were distributed showing 2100 square feet, phone connections and IT in each office and conference rooms.

There was a motion by Radtke with a second by Wedell to approve this Plan/Proposal as presented and to go before Public Property, Finance and County Board. Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

Travel Requests

-Travel Request sheet was distributed.

-Motion to approve the travel request sheet by Radtke with a second by Haws. Carried.

Gateway Lodge Nutrition Site Recommendation:

Discussion held on history of nutrition program in Land O'Lakes. The new serving days will be Tuesday and Thursday, starting on March 20, 2012. There was a motion by Radtke with a second by Main to approve Gateway Lodge as the new Nutrition Site in Land O'Lakes. Carried.

Relocation of Nutrition Site:

Discussions held regarding moving the Eagle River Nutrition Site from Kalmar Senior Center to the American Legion. To get the discussions started, there was a motion by Radtke with a second by Wise to re-locate Eagle River Nutrition Site as defined in the Recommendation that was distributed.

Radtke then questioned that he thought we had settled this in January and now it has come before the Committee again. A heated discussion held regarding move. The guests in the room questioned why we wanted to move the site after they had conceded to pay the requested \$400.00/month. Richmond thanked SERVE for the many years that they had hosted the nutrition program, but stated that it was felt it was time to change to try to increase our attendance.

Platner asked everyone in the room that no matter what the decision was today, that we use better judgement to not spread bad feelings and resentment amongst the Community. We want this much needed program to succeed. Wedell questioned what should be said when people ask why we are moving the site and asked if they could say that it was due to savings and improved attendance. Platner agreed that would be good.

Radtke asked for a ballot vote. Mauthe was asked to tally votes and read them off. Once tallied, the votes were as follows: Ayes: 3 votes, Nays were 2 votes. The motion to relocate the Eagle River Nutrition Site was carried.

Agenda Item #8 Public Comment

Verdelle Mauthe spoke about Prime Timers meeting with Channel 12 representatives as their guest speaker. At their Valentines party, they had 50 in attendance. They attended the Guys and Dolls Musical at the Northland Pines High School. They hosted the Winter Family Fun Day and that was well attended, despite the very cold temperatures. They are planning a trip to Windsor, Toronto, Niagara Falls for this fall.

Agenda Item #9 Letters and Correspondence

Fortmann stated that he and Richmond received communication in letter form from a Concerned Contributor. Fortmann read the letter. Richmond stated that she was upset that the person felt they could not sign their name so that she and Fortmann could respond and try to make it right.

Agenda Item #10 Approval of Vouchers:

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

Future Meeting Date:

APRIL 11, 2012 IS THE SCHEDULED DATE, AT THE VILAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CONFERENCE ROOM #2 AT 1:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.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