

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

MARCH 10, 2011

Chairman Teichmiller called to order the regular meeting of the Commission on Aging Committee at 9:00 am, on March 10, 2011, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room 2, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: Hansen, Haws, Main, Myers, Platner, and Teichmiller. Staff present were Fortmann and Richmond. Members Excused were Montgomery, Radtke, Wedell and Wise. Also present was Verdelle Mauthe of St. Germain Prime Timers.

Teichmiller opened the meeting with discussion of comments made by County Board Chairman. He assured our Committee that our County hires quality people and the comments made do not reflect how most of the County Board members feel.

Approve Agenda: Agenda has been properly posted. Platner moved Myers 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 10, 2011, by Myers with a second by Main. Carried.

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

-Teichmiller stated there is one vacant spot for the Advisory Council for GWAAR and he serves as the Chair of this Committee.

-Fortmann has been involved with the State Advocacy Group and his participation has helped tremendously.

-Platner stated that she is so pleased that Teichmiller is a great example of a citizen getting involved and caring about the programs. His expertise and knowledge are very beneficial.

-Teichmiller added that all Committee members are valuable and volunteer their time and knowledge.

-Hansen questioned the Map of GWAAR from the last meeting. She saw there was an office in Phelps and had questions. Teichmiller stated one of the employees of GWAAR works out of her home in Phelps.

-GWAAR has been keeping tabs on the financial impact that the Repair Bill may have for us.

Agenda Item #5 Program and Committee Reports

Directors Report: (Richmond gave Director's Report with Teichmiller's assistance in the absence of Fortmann)

- Various pieces of info distributed (if interested, please put name on top of it and a copy will be sent)
- Still seeking 2 people that might be interested in serving on the Commission on Aging Committee. Fortmann and Teichmiller will attend nutrition sites to seek applicants. Discussion held on the possibility of the distance keeping people from signing up.
- Fortmann attended ADPAW meeting and he was elected to the Board
- Fortmann attended Advocacy Meeting in Madison and things were changing by the hour due to Governor's Budget. Discussions were held about Medicaid Provisions and start-up costs for ADRC's were restored so Vilas can continue.
- ADPAW and Advocacy Group is working on a Community Board so anyone can go to and look up information.

Friendly Visitors/Family Caregiver Support:

Rein reported:

- a. Friendly Visitors, 6 visitors visited 8 persons, 23 hours and 160 miles driven.
- b. Rein held a presentation to Forestry Dept regarding caregivers
- c. Rein has completed training for Living Well with Chronic Illness and will be attending the training for Powerful Tools at end of March.

Chore:

LaFata reported:

1. Fifteen households received reimbursement for 129 hours of service. Total reimbursement for the month of February was \$1,238.33. Balance of program is \$22,602.85.
2. No one on waiting list.

Alzheimer's:

1. Three requests received for reimbursement in the amount of \$360.11.
2. Budget balance is \$9,193.48.

Escort:

1. Seventeen clients driven > 2454 = \$2,237.67 cost.
2. Volunteers donated 111 hours of service
3. Cash donations = \$371.08 year to date.
4. Fortmann alerted the Committee to a new Transportation Broker for the State. Richmond explained that we do not do Medicaid transport, Social Services handles this.
5. Discussions held regarding information we received from Transportation Consultant, Gwen Larson, regarding Public Transportation and how it will be affected by Governor's Bill.

Nutrition:

1. 2281 meals served in February.
2. Cost = \$19,673.45.
3. Donations = \$7,290.89, Year to date totaled \$13,171.67.
4. Richmond stated that the Nutrition Advisory Council will meet on March 22, 2011, in Conference Room 1 at 9:30 a.m.
5. Hansen informed the Committee that she met with a representative from Rennes Group and they informed her that they may not be leaving until Fall of 2012. Hansen asked if it was possible that the meals would stay there until they left. Fortmann stated that he will look at that as a possibility.

Benefit Specialist:

Gengle reported:

1. 35 individuals served with 53 separate and distinct issues.
2. 2 attendees at the Insurance Puzzle Workshop
3. February's financial impact was \$97,736.27, with a year to date of \$166,546.27.
4. Fortmann asked the Committee to read over the attachment to Gengle's report and if they had any questions to let him know and he would have Gengle answer.

ADRC:

1. The Planning Committee will be meeting on the 31st of March.
2. Fortmann will be bringing the Resolution for County Board approval this month.

3. There is an audit being done on Family Care in April and discussion on budget regarding Family Care.
4. Fortmann informed the Committee that Florence County has decided not to join this ADRC.
5. Fortmann will be attending the ADRC Conference in Wisconsin Dells on April 12 and 13th.

CWAG:

-Myers stated he missed the Conference Call recently but basically CWAG is like any other organization and fighting for budget issues.

-Senior Statesmanship Program Training will be held on March 22-25, 2011 in Madison. GWAAR has some scholarship money available, if anyone is interested.

Agenda Item #6 Old Business

Monthly Expense Report

1. Total monthly expenditure = \$29,414.91.
2. Year to date = \$63,935.01 approximately 12% of the total budget.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

Travel Requests

-Travel Request sheet was distributed.

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

Agenda Item #8

There was a motion by Myers with a second by Main to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis.Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment and performance evaluation data of a public employee over which the Commission on Aging Committee exercises responsibility.

Agenda Item #9

There was a motion by Platner with a second by Main to adjourn closed session pursuant to Wis.Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) and return to open session.

Agenda Item #10

Teichmiller stated he will check with Martha Milanowski regarding consolidating the Reviews into one. He also stated the comments were all good and all were in agreement that Fortmann has enriched the Department. Teichmiller added that Fortmann and Richmond make a good team and work well together.

Agenda Item #11 Public Comment

Verdelle Mauthe reported:

- Prime Timers had a speaker on Taxidermy from Boulder Junction for their March meeting.
- Their group is preparing for the Northern Lights Playhouse season.
- They took two busses to Wausau for Phantom of the Opera Play.
- Badminton has started at the Community Center on Mondays once a month.
- Approved a donation to the Town for Electricity that was used for the holiday display.
- They are having a few issues with space at the Community Center and these will be addressed at the next Town Meeting.
- Spring Fling will be held at the Pub and Prime on March 17, 2011.

Agenda Item #12 Letters and Correspondence

-No letters or correspondence received.

Agenda Item #13 Approval of Vouchers:

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

Future Meeting Date:

APRIL 11, 2011, AT VILAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CONFERENCE ROOM #2, EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN, AT 8:00 AM. NOTE TIME CHANGE

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 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