

## COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2010

Chairman Teichmiller called to order the regular meeting of the Commission on Aging Committee at 9:00 am, on February 11, 2010, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room 2, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

**Present:** Hansen, Haws, Main, Myers, Montgomery, Nielsen, Platner, Wise and Teichmiller. Staff present, Director Fortmann and Richmond. Members Excused were Gussick, Haller and Wedell. Also present was Verdelle Mauthe from the St. Germain PrimeTimers.

**Approve Agenda:** Agenda has been properly posted. Myers moved, Haws seconded to approve the Agenda as mailed.

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

**Approve Minutes:** Wise stated that he was not listed as attending the Transportation Sub-Committee and that the meeting was held on January 28 not the 29<sup>th</sup>. There was a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of January 12, 2010, and the Minutes of the Transportation Sub-Committee with the above corrections by Nielsen with a second by Myers. Carried.

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

-Teichmiller informed the committee that he has called various heads of agencies dealing with GWAAR and everyone is pleased with Robert Kellerman.

-Kellerman has held 2 regional meetings with Aging Directors

-Staff persons are teamed up in 2's, they are using models that have worked in past.

-Comments on the 2009 Aging Plan Amendments were distributed.

-The President's 2011 Budget was distributed and discussed.

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

#### **Directors Report:**

- If you have any changes to your contact information, please get these to Joe as soon as possible.
- Patricia Haller has submitted her resignation from the Committee effective immediately.
- Fortmann stated in 2011 Older Americans Act comes up for Re-Authorization and he would like to hold a Hearing for discussion on what OAA means to our committee.
- Fraud Alerts distributed.

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

\* Barron reported as follows:

- a. Friendly Visitors, 3 visitors visited 5 persons, 0 phone visits and 86 miles driven.
- b. Sent out Home Support information to 5 families.
- c. Completed training by Arthritis Foundation in Rhinelander to be an exercise instructor.

#### **Chore:**

LaFata reported:

1. Ten households received reimbursement for 68 hours of service. Total reimbursement for the month of January was \$639.00. Balance of program is \$24,361.00.

2. There were no expenses for handyman this month. Fortmann stated that we would bring to the Committee next month a recommendation to discontinue the Handyman Service due to lack of interest/need.
3. No one on waiting list.

### **Alzheimer's:**

1. Three households received reimbursement in the amount of \$717.72.
2. Budget balance is \$10,525.28.

### **Escort:**

1. Twenty-three clients driven > 3831 = \$6,172.34 cost.
2. Volunteers donated 188.75 hours of service
3. Cash donations = \$256.55 year to date.
4. Fortmann stated that the miles were up because of a client having to go many times to Marshfield and another client going for dialysis.
5. Minutes from the Transit Meeting on January 25, 2010 were received but they are still in the process of finalizing the last Technical Memorandum #4.

### **Nutrition:**

1. 2064 meals served in January.
2. Cost = \$17,806.84.
3. Donations = \$5,385.00, Year to date totaled \$5,385.00.
4. Nutrition Advisory Council will meet in April. Date to follow.
5. More meals were served in January, 2010 than in 2009.
6. Mauthe stated that she has had a few that could not afford the donation and that is the reason they don't want to come because they can't donate.
7. Hansen reported that she and Donna Lepisto are going door to door trying to get more people into the Senior Center. They will start using the bus to pick people up.
8. Fortmann reminded everyone that we will be going out for bid this fall.

### **Benefit Specialists**

Gengle and Williams reported:

1. 50 clients assisted, 61 issues addressed.
2. Economic impact was \$96,516.66 for January.
3. Year to date economic impact for 2009 = \$1,912,443.88.
4. There were 7 attendees at the monthly Insurance Puzzle Workshop.
5. Fortmann has spoken with GWAAR and there is no consistency in the way Benefit Specialists count, so we can't really compare with other counties.
6. Fortmann stated we are very lucky to have Bill Pabst on board again to do Homestead Tax Credits.
7. AARP is doing income taxes every Thursday at the Kalmar Senior Center.

### **ADRC:**

1. Meeting of area wide Planning Committee will be held in St. Germain on February 23, 2010.
2. Looking at 15 member board, 5 county board members representing the 5 counties, a citizen representative from each county, 2 or 3 Native American representatives, 2 or 3 professional folks providing services to seniors or disabled.
3. Discussion held on how, when and where's of ADRC's.

**CWAG:**

1. No report was given. Radtke will be back in early March.

**Agenda Item #6 Old Business**

**Monthly Expense Report**

1. Total monthly expenditure = \$31,581.01.
2. Year to date = \$31,581.01 approximately 6% of the total budget.
3. Richmond explained there are some changes we need to make already on the budget, these will go to Alleman next week.

**By-Law Revision:**

-There was a motion by Nielsen with a second by Platner to approve the By-Laws and send them onto Corp. Counsel and then to the full County Board. Carried.

**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 Main. Carried.

Fortmann reminded everyone that the Benefit Specialists request is for the year.

**Approve Resolution for funds for 2009 Budget**

-There was a motion by Hansen with a second by Platner to approve the Resolution for funds derived through donations for Nutrition and Transportation Additions for 2009 Budget. Carried. Richmond explained at the end of each year, we have to adjust what we estimated the donations would be with the actual amount received.

**Agenda Item #8 Public Comment**

-Mauthe informed the Committee that PrimeTimers group is really growing, 376 members.

-They have 2 buses going to Mt. Rushmore this year.

-At their last meeting, they had Jeff Richter from Mercer talk on white deer.

-Montgomery stated they have a new chairperson and she has a new supervisor and administrator also.

-New clinic is going well and getting more seniors into the Wellness Center because they can walk right over from the clinic.

**Agenda Item #9 Letters and Correspondence**

-Fortmann received a thank you letter from Daybreak for funding their liability insurance.

-Fortmann has received several phone calls regarding constructing an Assisted Living Facility in Eagle River.

**Agenda Item #10 Approval of Vouchers:**

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

**Future Meeting Date:**

**APRIL 12, 2010, AT VILAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CONFERENCE ROOM #2, EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN.**

**Adjournment:** There was a motion by Myers with a second by Main to adjourn 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