

## COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

MARCH 11, 2010

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

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

**Approve Agenda:** Agenda has been properly posted. Nielsen 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 11, 2010, by Nielsen with a second by Platner. Carried.

**Guest Speaker:** Marlene Pohl from Midstate Independent Living gave presentation to the group of the things they can help with:

- Integrating people with disabilities into public
- Advocacy
- Independent Living Skills
- Peer Support
- Loan Closet
- Architectural Consultation

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

- Teichmiller stated they had a Board meeting on February 26 in Stevens Point.
- Evaluation of Kellerman has been quite good.
- GWAAR has contract with CWAG and it is working well.
- Scholarship Opportunity for Statemanship Program in Madison.

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

#### **Directors Report:**

- Attended building plan meeting for expansion of courthouse
  - Platner stated the process of this moving forward needs to be written down so the public knows.
  - Fortmann stated the public is welcome at the meeting on March 12, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
- ADRC Models distributed and discussed
- Info distributed as follows:
  - Healthcare Costs for Aging
  - Aging in Place
  - Workers Response to Market Crash
  - Engaged as We Age
- Draft of Annual Report will be distributed to Committee in April.

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

\* Barron reported as follows:

- a. Friendly Visitors, 5 visitors visited 7 persons, 1 phone visits and 106 miles driven.
- b. Met with Sue Piazza from Oneida County Department on Aging to prepare for joint caregiver class.
- c. Chronic Conditions Support Group brochure was distributed.
- d. Barron will be starting preparations for Arthritis Exercise classes to begin in April in Phelps.

### **Chore:**

LaFata reported:

1. Ten households received reimbursement for 75.50 hours of service. Total reimbursement for the month of February was \$710.50. Balance of program is \$23,650.50.
2. There were no expenses for handyman this month.
3. No one on waiting list.

### **Alzheimer's:**

1. Two households received reimbursement in the amount of \$663.54.
2. Budget balance is \$9,861.74.

### **Escort:**

1. Twenty-two clients driven > 3103 = \$1,629.48 cost.
2. Volunteers donated 147.75 hours of service
3. Cash donations = \$1,629.48 year to date.
4. Fortmann stated that the Technical Memorandum #4 has not yet been finalized, Richmond did state that she received a response from changes that she had requested back in April of 2009.

### **Nutrition:**

1. 2188 meals served in February.
2. Cost = \$18,143.75.
3. Donations = \$6,353.00, Year to date totaled \$11,738.00.
4. Nutrition Advisory Council will meet on April 16, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.
5. Fortmann stated that Hansen and Donna Lepisto from Phelps have gone door to door to increase the attendance at the Phelps Nutrition Site.
6. Fortmann reminded everyone that we will be going out for bid this fall and we will need to put together a Task Force for the bid process.
7. Fortmann has been approached by one of the vendors to adjust their contract amount, but nothing has been sent in writing.
8. S.E.R.V.E. had an election in January and they have a new President and we are working together to get more people into the nutrition site.

### **Benefit Specialists**

Gengle and Williams reported:

1. 61 clients assisted, 80 issues addressed.
2. Economic impact was \$52,426.93 for February.
3. There were 10 attendees at the monthly Insurance Puzzle Workshop.
4. Gengle presented to 7 Social Workers at Howard Young.

### **ADRC:**

1. There will be a meeting of the local group on March 16, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.
2. Common Message #5 was distributed.
3. Draft of the Organizational Structure distributed.
4. All counties involved are in agreement to have a presence of an ADRC in each county, giving each county ownership.
5. The group is working on job descriptions.

### **CWAG:**

1. District 7 Spring Meeting will be held in Merrill on March 22, 2010. An Agenda was distributed.
2. Received "Growing Smarter, Living Healthier" model to encourage people to get more active in their communities. Radtke encouraged people to call 1-800-366-2990 ext. 301 and they will send the booklet to you.
3. New Executive Director has hit the road running and has been very effective so far.
4. CWAG working on getting rid of the mark up law on prescription drugs.
5. Working on getting more money for regional transportation.

### **Agenda Item #6 Old Business**

#### **Monthly Expense Report**

1. Total monthly expenditure = \$26,977.52.
2. Year to date = \$58,588.53 approximately 10% of the total budget.

### **Agenda Item #7 New Business**

#### **Travel Requests**

- Travel Request sheet was distributed.
- Retroactive travel for the Benefit Specialists to Minocqua for presentation added.
- Request for Radtke and Myers to Madison April 14-16, 2010 for CWAG Governing Board.
- Request for Radtke, Nielsen, Myers, Platner and Wedell to travel to Merrill for CWAG District 7 Meeting on March 22, 2010.
- Fortmann explained that the Commission on Aging has a policy for Expense Requests above the County's policy before travel or other expenses will be paid. Teichmiller stated this is a business and we need to operate as such. The Director is fiscally responsible to maintain these policies.
- Motion to approve the travel request sheet and additions by Haws with a second by Wedell. Carried.

#### **Approve Resolution for Budget Changes:**

- There was a motion by Nielsen with a second by Platner to approve the Resolution for 2010 Budget changes and take to the County Board. Carried.

#### **Request for Furniture:**

There was a motion by Nielsen with a second by Platner to approve the purchase for a replacement office chair for the Benefit Specialists in the amount of \$479.99. Carried.

#### **Handyman Program Recommendations:**

-Fortmann requested that we dissolve the Handyman Program and roll some of those safety duties into the Chore Program.

-There were no requests in 2009 for actual safety issues that would have been covered by the Handyman Program.

There was a motion by Myers with a second by Nielsen to dissolve the Handyman Program. Carried.

**Agenda Item #8 Public Comment**

-Mauthe stated it is very hard for seniors to understand they can come to the nutrition program for free if they cannot afford it. But it is a “pride” issue for most of them.

-Radtke mentioned that St. Germain has three subsidized housing buildings and there are some units available.

**Agenda Item #9 Letters and Correspondence**

-Fortmann received a thank you letter from Alzheimer’s Association for our financial support.

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

-Montgomery stated they are looking into getting more transportation money.

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

There was a motion by Platner with a second by Nielsen to approve the payment of the February 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 Nielsen to adjourn at 10:45 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