

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2010

Vice Chairperson Platner called to order the regular meeting of the Commission on Aging Committee at 9:04 am, on September 10, 2010, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room 2, Eagle River, Wisconsin, in absence of Teichmiller. Chairman Teichmiller arrived at 9:10 a.m. to conduct remainder of the meeting.

Present: Hansen, Haws, Main, Myers, Radtke, Platner, Wedell and Wise. Staff present, Director Fortmann and Richmond. Member Excused was Montgomery. Also present was Verdelle Mauthe from the St. Germain Prime Timers.

Approve Agenda: Agenda has been properly posted. Myers moved Radtke 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 August 10, 2010, and Minutes of the Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting of August 26, 2010, by Radtke with a second by Platner.

-Wedell asked for one spelling correction under the Regular Minutes in the CWAG Section.

-Myers suggested that under the Transportation Sub-Committee Minutes under the reference of Lac du Flambeau receiving the \$8,000.00 only "if" they sent in their paperwork instead of "as long as". Carried.

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

-Teichmiller reported he was asked to be Vice Chair of the Board of Directors.

-GWAAR offices are moving to a new location for more space.

-Fortmann distributed Notes from the ReAuthorization of OAA, please initial if you would like a copy.

-Aging Network Conference to be held September 30 and October 1, 2010 in Wisconsin Dells.

Fortmann, Teichmiller and Platner will be attending. Haws and Wedell are considering attending as well.

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)
- Daybreak is still looking for an Executive Director.
- Still seeking 2 people that might be interested in serving on the Commission on Aging Committee.
- Discussion held on 211 Program. Fortmann stated that their funding has been cut and they are requesting from Vilas County \$11,000.00. Platner referred to the questions that Public Health Committee came up with. Fortmann stated these funds would not come from our Commission on Aging budget but the general funds of County. Fortmann requested our Committee to decide to do a letter of support to the County Board. There were many questions regarding how much usage Vilas County had. Fortmann stated he would need to find out those answers from the representative of 211.
- Fortmann reported that he is part of the Statewide Committee for Livable Communities. They have purchased larger print street signs and curb cuts for wheelchairs. There is a meeting on November 17 in Wausau. Two days are for the Advisory Committee and one

day for Community members. Fortmann has invited Judie Berard from the Prime Timers, Don Anderson from S.E.R.V.E. and Mary Platner.

- Fortmann will be participating in the Alzheimers Memory Walk to be held on September 25, 2010. If anyone would like to make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association, please see Fortmann after the meeting.
- There was a brochure regarding Grandparents Raising Grandchildren available for Committee members to take and distribute.

Friendly Visitors/Family Caregiver Support:

* Barron reported as follows:

- a. Friendly Visitors, 5 visitors visited 7 persons, 2 phone visits and 163 miles driven.
- b. Barron has completed updating the Resource Guide and the newpage.
- c. Barron is preparing for her Arthritis Foundation Exercise program for September.

Chore:

LaFata reported:

1. Eleven households received reimbursement for 94 hours of service. Total reimbursement for the month of August was \$875.50. Balance of program is \$15,707.00.
2. No one on waiting list.

Alzheimer's:

1. Four requests received for reimbursement in the amount of \$385.83.
2. Budget balance is \$4,109.76.
3. Richmond announced the Alzheimer's Fall Education Conference to be held in Rhinelander on October 19. She is the chairperson for this Conference.
4. Teichmiller stated that he read a report stating how exercise is very important to your overall health and memory.
5. Platner stated she heard about a new scientific study on the formation of plaque and that there is more research being done down another path for the cause of Alzheimer's disease.

Escort:

1. Twenty-two clients driven > 3263 = \$1,647.62 cost.
2. Volunteers donated 145.25 hours of service
3. Cash donations = \$3,636.46 year to date.
4. S.E.R.V.E. Inc received their new bus that now has a lift. Fortmann complimented Radtke on doing an excellent job on the specifications of the new vehicles.
5. Radtke and Richmond discussed the insurance issues and that they have been resolved with County Clerk.
6. Radtke stated that the Prime Timers have requested the next vehicle in the 5310 Grant cycle and suggested that the Commission on Aging ponder getting a van that is wheelchair accessible and use it for the Escort rides.
7. Discussion was held regarding the Aspirus Lillian Kerr Healthcare Building sale and how this is the last nursing home in Vilas County. Rennes Group has committed to operating as is until April, 2012. Fortmann stated that we have a verbal agreement right now to operate the meal program and transportation out of the Senior Center until December, 2011. He is awaiting a written commitment from Aspirus.

Nutrition:

1. 2371 meals served in August.

2. Cost = \$20,678.83
3. Donations = \$5,998.75, Year to date totaled \$53,365.75.
4. Fortmann stated that we have received one bid to date but would not open until the Bid Opening to be held on September 24, 2010.
5. Hansen brought up a problem that they are having with Aspirus not having the room cleaned after other groups are using it. Fortmann stated they need to contact Aspirus immediately when they notice the room has not been cleaned so they can have someone come up and clean the room.
6. Fortmann informed the group that Howard Young/Eagle River Memorial Hospital have decided to stop the specialized Meals on Wheels program. Fortmann and Richmond will be meeting with them on September 16, 2010, to discuss options.

Benefit Specialists

Gengle and Williams reported:

1. 39 clients assisted, 66 issues addressed.
2. Economic impact was \$268,414.32 for August, with a year to date \$707,156.70.
3. There were 11 attendee at the monthly Insurance Puzzle Workshop.

ADRC:

1. Maps of current ADRCs and current Family Care counties were distributed and discussed.
2. The Planning Committee continues to meet. Next meeting will have a State Representative to discuss managed care funding and expansion.
3. We should have an application submitted no later than June, 2011 and could be funded as early as January, 2012.
4. September 23, 2010, the Planning Committee will be meeting in Rhinelander.

CWAG:

Radtke reported:

1. CWAG will hold their Fall District Meeting in St. Germain at the Community Center on October 25. It will be \$6.00 to attend and it will start at 9:00 a.m. They will have a speaker on Estate Planning and how to build trusts.
2. Afternoon session will be about how CWAG is working on getting better healthcare for the State of Wisconsin.

Agenda Item #6 Old Business

Monthly Expense Report

1. Total monthly expenditure = \$52,940.86.
2. Year to date = \$311,066.33 approximately 55% of the total budget.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

Travel Requests

- Travel Request sheet was distributed.
- Add two citizen members from Committee to attend Aging Network Conference in Wisconsin Dells on September 30 and October 1 at a cost of \$800.00.
- Add Site Managers to attend Mandatory Site Manager Training in Rhinelander on September 22, 2010. Cost of \$200.00.
- Motion to approve the travel request sheet with two additions by Platner with a second by Myers. Carried.

85.21 Fund Requests for 2011

There was a motion by Platner to approve the 85.21 Fund Requests listed in the Minutes of the Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting with the exception of the Escort request that it may be higher or lower depending on the actual amount of the Grant received, this motion was seconded by Myers. Carried.

State Pharmacy Assistance Program Resolution

There was a motion by Haws to accept the SPAP funding and send the Resolution onto the County Board for final approval with a second of this Motion by Radtke. Carried.

Review Draft of Aging Plan Amendment

-Fortmann explained that the Directors for each County Aging Unit must put together a 47 page document to request our funding called the Aging Unit 2 Year Plan. After the first year we complete an Aging Plan Amendment. There are three changes that Vilas County will be making to our Aging Plan:

1. Remove goal to increase attendance at Daybreak.
2. Postpone Balance and Falls Prevention Program until spring of next year.
3. Changes to the amount of Living Well Classes that will take place.

Agenda Item #8 Public Comment

-Wedell informed the group about a fraudulent call that she received from overseas.

-Haws informed Committee that there is a new computer virus to watch out for.

-Mauthe reported that the new President is hoping to attend the October meeting. She reported that at their last meeting they had 114 people attend. Leo Horant spoke to the group about landscaping, growing and flowers. Very informative talk.

-Mauthe stated the Prime Timers gave donations to the Food Pantry, Children's Museum, Plum Lake Library, Olsen Memorial Library Building Fund, Vilas Historical Museum and the Seasons of Life Group.

-Mauthe informed the group that the next meeting of the Prime Timers was moved to the second Wednesday of the month to allow members to attend Alive to Life Conference.

-Prime Timers have two trips planned to Black Hills. First trip leaving Sunday, September 12, 2010.

-Radtke strongly urged that all Committee members attend the Alive to Life Conference in Rhinelander on October 6, 2010. Also, reminded group that we will be having a Senior Expo at the Derby Track on October 20, 2010, where they can also receive their flu shots.

Agenda Item #9 Letters and Correspondence

There are no letters or correspondence this month.

Agenda Item #10 Approval of Vouchers:

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

Future Meeting Date:

OCTOBER 8, 2010, AT VILAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CONFERENCE ROOM #2, EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN.

Adjournment: There was a motion by Myers with a second by Haws to adjourn at 11:00 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