

## COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2011

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

**Present:** Hansen, Haws, Main, Platner, Radtke, Teichmiller, and Wedell. Staff present were Fortmann and Richmond. Members Excused were Montgomery and Wise. Also present was John Helgeson from WRJO Radio Station.

**Approve Agenda:** Agenda has been properly posted. Haws moved Platner 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 July 8, 2011, and the Minutes from the Transportation Sub-Committee of August 3, 2011, by Platner with a second by Radtke. Carried.

### **Special Presentation by Vilas County Adults & Elders at Risk I-Team:**

Connie Gengle, Donna Rosner, Lisa Becker, Gina Egan and Barbara Grzywacz were present. They presented a community ethics case and asked the Commission on Aging to give suggestions on how to handle the case. Donna Rosner talked about what actually happens when the I-Team gets involved. The I Team gave the Committee an awareness of what each individual's responsibility is in a particular case.

The Committee thanked the members of the I-Team for the informative presentation and for making us aware of what this group accomplishes in the community.

### **Agenda Item #5 Report of the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources:**

-Teichmiller informed that the next GWAAR Board Meeting is set for August 26, 2011 in Stevens Point.

-GWAAR Program Updates were distributed for June, 2011.

-Teichmiller stated that one of the concerns with going statewide was that GWAAR would not be visible, but everyone stated that the PSA Meetings are very informative.

-Fortmann discussed the proposed WI Aging Network/Citizen Action Health Plan. If you are interested, see Fortmann. Discussion held on having ambassadors from each Aging Unit to go out into the community and ask what three important things are to them.

-Discussions held on Allocations for Budgets.

-Fortmann talked about how we can get people to the Department of Motor Vehicles to get a Voter ID.

### **Agenda Item #6 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)

- Carry Concealed Weapons Law discussed and how it might impact the nutrition site. Waiting to hear more about the law when it actually is in place.
- Fortmann has printed the new Manual of Policies and Procedures which is 325 pages.
- Still seeking 3 people that might be interested in serving on the Commission on Aging Committee.

- Richmond is setting up a CPR/AED/First Aid Training Refresher course for August 25, 2011, for the Site Managers and anyone else that would like to attend. There is a 20 person limit, so call Sue for a reservation.
- CWAG is putting a new SeniorCare Program out. Fortmann is suggesting that we do not renew our organizational membership of CWAG because he does not agree with their values and how they treat their partners. There was a motion by Wedell with a second by Hansen to not renew our membership with CWAG. Carried.
- Fortmann informed the Committee that the Ombudsman Program in Wisconsin is celebrating 30 years of advocacy.

**Friendly Visitors/Family Caregiver Support:**

Rein reported:

- a. Friendly Visitors, 5 visitors visited 6 persons, 13.5 hours and 195 miles driven.
- b. Fortmann stated that Rein is doing a fantastic job and her personality is wonderful.
- c. Rein sent information to 9 families for In Home Support Program
- d. Powerful Tools Class started on August 4, 2011, as they do have enough participants.
- e. Rein is working with Sue Piazza from Oneida County on the Caregiver Coalition and the Stepping On Class, which will begin September 12.

**Chore:**

LaFata reported:

1. Sixteen households received reimbursement for 116 hours of service. Total reimbursement for the month of July was \$1,306.84. Balance of program is \$12,774.04.
2. No one on waiting list.

**Alzheimer's:**

1. Five requests received for reimbursement in the amount of \$203.98.
2. Budget balance is \$5,223.47.

**Escort:**

1. Sixteen clients driven more than 2093 = \$1,165.15 cost.
2. Volunteers donated 107.5 hours of service
3. Cash donations = \$2,690.71, year to date.
4. Discussion was held on the LogistiCare. Fortmann stated that LogistiCare is out of compliance with the Contract, there are long waits on telephone, long distances by providers of rides and not being able to get through to request rides. Discussions held on how to handle calls from Medicaid patients. LogistiCare has about 37 states they are handling.
5. Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting was held on August 3, 2011:
  - More information is needed on the Regional Transportation System. The Transit Commission will be a similar organization set up in the same manner as the ADRC.
  - Teichmiller stated we need to determine a balance of what we lose to what we gain.
  - Fortmann explained how we would be able to double funds and if we did this how it becomes public not specialized transportation.
  - Richmond stated the policies of 85.21 Grant and how they have to figure out costs and budgets for the coming year.

**Nutrition:**

1. 1970 meals served in July.

2. Cost = \$19,735.63.
3. Donations = \$6,122.19, Year to date totaled \$48,881.83.
4. Fortmann stated that the donations are down quite a bit and after August we may have to increase the suggested donations in September. We will need to put on the Agenda when action is required.
5. Teichmiller stated that he received the results of the Nutrition Assessment that was done in July by Pam VanKampen from GWAAR. Richmond got a glowing review from GWAAR. Platner requested that Teichmiller present this to the County Board.
6. Richmond asked that the next Nutrition Advisory Council Meeting be moved up to September 19, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. since she will be at the Transportation Conference at the end of the month.
7. A new listing of the Nutrition Advisory Council Committee was distributed.

**Benefit Specialist:**

Gengle reported:

1. 31 individuals served with 45 separate and distinct issues.
2. 7 attendees at the Insurance Puzzle Workshop
3. July's financial impact was \$166,642.01, with a year to date of \$903,709.91.
4. Radtke mentioned the change in Medicare dates to October 15 through December 7, 2011. Fortmann stated that we will be getting the word out by way of radio and newspaper. Fortmann stated that Connie and Pamme have been doing a great job.

**ADRC:**

1. Paperwork distributed Common Messages #14 and #15 and the Organizational Chart.
2. State congratulated us on receiving our Application. We are hoping it will be reviewed quickly so we can continue start-up.
3. Transition Committee is waiting to have County Board Chair's to appoint a member to the Board of ADRC. Teichmiller will be requesting to be the appointed member.
4. ADRC will need to appoint an Executive Director for ADRC. Two options were discussed.
5. Discussions on Budget and the satellite office locations.

**CWAG:**

Teichmiller stated that we will miss Bob Myers very much. He was a very good advocate for our Programs. No other report was given.

**Agenda Item #7 Old Business**

**Monthly Expense Report**

1. Total monthly expenditure = \$37,699.72.
2. Year to date = \$257,536.74 approximately 48% of the total budget.

**Agenda Item #8 New Business**

**Travel Requests**

-Travel Request sheet was distributed.

-Motion to approve the travel request sheet as is by Haws with a second by Platner. Carried.

**Budget Resolutions:**

Fortmann informed the Committee that we will be receiving \$3,000.00 for the State Pharmaceutical Grant and that we need a resolution for this grant.

There was a motion by Hansen with a second by Radtke to accept this grant and send to the County Board. Carried.

**Agenda Item #9 Public Comment**

Hansen stated that the Nursing Home in Phelps was originated by Lillian Kerr Foundation, then Aspirus bought it. The Phelps group will be contacting the Lillian Kerr Foundation to see if they can save the building.

Hansen also mentioned that they have been having problems with Rennes Group locking the doors early, turning off lights and putting wrong menu in paper.

Radtke spoke for the Prime Timers:

- Gary Meinert was their speaker in August and they had 105 members attending.
  - They are asking the Town of St. Germain to expand their room at the Community Center.
  - Car Show/Kids Carnival was a huge success. 120 cars showed and 50 crafters were there.
- Richmond was their clown for the Kids Carnival and did a really nice job. It was very hot that day.
- Radtke stated they are trying to keep their members active and free from isolation.

**Agenda Item #10 Letters and Correspondence**

No correspondence received.

**Agenda Item #11 Approval of Vouchers:**

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

**Future Meeting Date:**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2011, AT THE VILAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CONFERENCE ROOM #2 AT 9:00 A.M.**

There was a motion by Platner with a second by Hansen to adjourn meeting at 11:15 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