

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

Chairman Teichmiller called to order the regular meeting of the Commission on Aging Committee at 9:00 am, on September 13, 2011, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room #2, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: Hansen, Haws, Main, Platner, Radtke, Teichmiller, Wedell and Wise. Staffs present were 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. Radtke 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 August 9, 2011, and the Minutes from the Transportation Sub-Committee of August 31, 2011, by Main with a second by Radtke. Carried.

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

-Teichmiller informed that the GWAAR Board Meeting was August 26, 2011 in Stevens Point. The major decision that they made at this meeting was to deny CWAG's request for funding Prevention Services they are providing.

-Next Board Meeting will be on October 28, 2011, in Stevens Point.

-The Advisory Council has met successfully over the last 6 months. Primary action was to urge GWAAR to take more decisive action regarding the LogistiCare transportation situation.

-Fortmann participated with the Advocacy Group on September 1.

+Transportation was their top priority.

+Several counties in the North will be developing a regional Income Maintenance Department.

+Major campaign to lift caps on Family Care

+OAA Discussion on few programs that are running out of money

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)

- Fortmann stated that we are holding two Arthritis Classes by Barron and Furth held in Phelps.
- There will be a Senior Medicare Fraud Seminar on October 5, held at Kalmar Senior Center.
- Still seeking 3 people that might be interested in serving on the Commission on Aging Committee. Teichmiller stated it is imperative that we find members. Richmond suggested we place an ad in the paper.
- CPR Training held on August 25, 2011, went well and we had 12 people take the class.
- Fortmann distributed pictures of the Commission Group that will be printed in the Resource Guides.

Friendly Visitors/Family Caregiver Support:

Rein reported:

- a. Friendly Visitors, 3 visitors visited 4 persons, 10.5 hours and 75 miles driven.
- b. Fortmann and Teichmiller stated how happy they are with Rein.
- c. Rein sent information to 4 families for In Home Support Program
- d. Powerful Tools Class has 7 participants coming each week.
- e. Resource Guides are completed and we will be receiving them at the end of September.
- f. Rein attended the Prevention Summit in Wausau on August 12, 2011.

Chore:

LaFata reported:

1. Fifteen households received reimbursement for 105 hours of service. Total reimbursement for the month of August was \$3,912.22. Balance of program is \$8,861.82.
2. No one on waiting list.
3. Richmond explained that we need to start a Waiting List and we will be decreasing the hours from 10 to 8 to get us through the end of the year.
4. The majority of the funding is from the County and they have told us 0 increase in our Budget for 2012, so decreasing hours will help.

Alzheimer's:

1. Six requests received for reimbursement in the amount of \$987.70.
2. Budget balance is \$4,235.77.

Escort:

1. Twenty-one clients driven more than 2775 = \$2,013.57 cost.
2. Volunteers donated 150.5 hours of service
3. Cash donations = \$3,109.00, year to date.
4. Fortmann distributed ½ sheets for complaints on LogistiCare. He asked everyone to distribute to anyone who has mentioned that they are having problems getting rides.

Nutrition:

1. 2463 meals served in August.
2. Cost = \$23,693.80.
3. Donations = \$7,235.00, Year to date totaled \$56,116.83.
4. Donations were up in August from same time in 2010.
5. Discussion was held on increasing the suggested donation from \$3.00 to \$4.00. Fortmann stated that although it was not listed on Agenda, we were hoping to start this October 1, 2011. Platner made a motion, Main seconded to increase suggested donation to \$4.00 with Corporation Counsel's approval. Ayes were Teichmiller, Radtke, Platner, Haws Main, and Wise. Nays were Hansen and Wedell. Carried.
6. Richmond explained a few problems we were having at the Nutrition Sites where people order the meal and then not show up or not cancel in enough time. Nutrition Advisory Council will address this problem.
7. Hansen informed the Committee that she has spoken with the Administrator of Lillian Kerr and he informed her that they should be able to stay in Phelps for another year or so.

Benefit Specialist:

Gengle reported:

1. 37 individuals served with 62 separate and distinct issues.
2. 10 attendees at the Insurance Puzzle Workshop
3. August financial impact was \$143,537.06, with a year to date of \$1,047,246.97.
4. September 22, 2011, there will be a seminar for “Do I Need Long Term Care Insurance?” at the Olson Memorial Library.
5. October 5, 2011, there will be a Wisconsin SMP (Senior Medicare Patrol) training to be held at the Kalmar Senior Center.
6. Teichmiller stated that he would like the word “alleged” added to the Bullet #3.
7. Teichmiller stated that Plum Lake Library has a computer basics course for seniors.

ADRC:

1. Teichmiller stated that our Application received a glowing review.
2. 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.
3. Implementation Group met last Friday and Taylor County is moving forward to join us on the 20th at their County Board Meeting.
4. Fortmann is working on the Policy and Procedures to be completed by September 26, 2011.
5. If Taylor County does not join us, the DHS has issued a letter stating that every county will be up and running in 2012, so some other organization would be able to operate the ADRC.
6. If all counties make their appointments this month, the Board of ADRC will be able to start in mid-October.
7. Options discussed for hiring of a Regional Manager for ADRC.

CWAG:

Teichmiller stated that if there is anyone that is passionate about CWAG, they should ask for a copy of the latest Administrative Report.

Agenda Item #6 Old Business

Monthly Expense Report

1. Total monthly expenditure = \$40,743.11.
2. Year to date = \$298,162.66 approximately 55% of the total budget.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

Travel Requests

-Travel Request sheet was distributed.

Teichmiller stated that he had previously approved a few travel requests for Fortmann earlier this month. Requested Fortmann to put those requests on sheet.

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

Agenda Item #8 Public Comment

Mauthe informed the Committee of the following:

- 100+ people at the picnic. Bingo and Line Dancing were held.
- Prime Timers will be making sandwiches for various school districts.
- Had a speaker talk on violins.
- Group went to Brewers Game and also the Skip Wagner Show
- Two trips are planned to Louisville and Nashville.
- \$250.00 donation given to Town of St. Germain for painting Community Center.
- Library Committee will be talking at their next meeting regarding new Library.
- Senior Expo will be held on October 19, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Flu Shots will be given.

Wedell informed the Committee that she had received a scam call regarding a “nephew that was asking for money from her”. Discussion held on fraud.

Fortmann gave a heads up to the Committee that we will be enclosing the Budget for 2012 in their packets next month because it will have to be approved at our October Meeting.

Agenda Item #9 Letters and Correspondence

Platner asked for special recognition for Richmond for going above and beyond last Friday night. Platner had called Richmond at 10:00 p.m. to check on a client’s information. Richmond did not have it in her memory, so Richmond went into office at 10:30 p.m. that night to find out what she could about the client. Richmond explained that Social Services had referred the client earlier that day to her for an escort ride and the client ended up having a medical emergency while in the company of our volunteer.

Fortmann added that we are not responsible for others actions such as the hospitals and Social Services.

Agenda Item #10 Approval of Vouchers:

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

Future Meeting Date:

OCTOBER 11, 2011, AT THE VILAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CONFERENCE ROOM #2 AT 9:00 A.M.

There was a motion by Wedell with a second by Platner to adjourn meeting 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