

Chairman Teichmiller called to order the regular meeting of the Commission on Aging Committee at 9:00 am, on November 11, 2011, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room #2, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: Haws, Main, Platner, Proven, Radtke, Teichmiller, Wedell and Wise. Staffs present were Fortmann and Richmond. Members Excused were Hansen and Montgomery. Also present were April Gander, resident, Gina Egan from Public Health Department, Marcus Neesemann from Lakeland Times and Neil Roberts from WRJO Radio Station.

Approve Agenda: Agenda has been properly posted. Radtke moved Main 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 October 11, 2011, and the Minutes from the Nutrition Advisory Council Meeting of November 4, 2011, by Radtke with a second by Wise. Carried.

Approval of New Member: Nickie Proven discussed her background and accomplishments and stated she would like to become a Committee Member. There was a motion by Platner with a second by Main to approve Nickie Proven to the Commission on Aging Committee.

Recognition to WRJO Radio Station: Neil Roberts, Director of WRJO was invited to our meeting so we could properly thank him and his staff for the Brats for Breakfast Fundraiser. Richmond explained that we received a little over \$1,000.00 from this fundraiser. Fortmann presented a Certificate of Thanks to Neil Roberts and staff.

Agenda Item #4 Guest Speaker, Gina Egan, Public Health Department: Gina Egan, Director of Public Health gave the Committee information regarding the new program, Northwoods Dental Project. January 3, 2012, Rhinelander will be opening up new Dental Clinic which is located directly across from Cardiovascular Associates. Egan asked that if we know of anyone in need of dental work and low income that we please refer them to this Project. Brochures were distributed to all members.

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

-Teichmiller will attend the Board Meeting and Annual Budget Meeting on December 9, 2011, in Stevens Point.

-The PSA Meeting was held on October 27, 2011, in Minocqua. Platner stated this is a valuable experience.

-Program Updates were distributed from GWAAR.

-Discussion of 2013-2015 Aging Plan.

-Letter of Support written and delivered to Bob Kellerman from Milwaukee, ADPAW and Dane Counties supporting GWAAR as the Agency to provide Advocacy.

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)

- Fortmann wished all those a Happy Veterans Day and thanked all veterans.
- Still seeking 2 people that might be interested in serving on the Commission on Aging Committee.
- Photo Voter ID Discussion. There is a requirement for a Birth Certificate with seal. Senator Holperin's office informed Fortmann that they are working on a Bill for getting birth certificates for free for one year for those greater than 65 years of age. Radkte mentioned some blocks in voters way. Teichmiller stated that GWAAR is working with some groups to put together packet for what you need to go with the DMV.
- Military Night will be held to recognize Veterans at the High School. Boys and girls double header basketball game to be held on December 3, 2011, 4:30 – 9:00 p.m. All veterans are invited to attend and supper will be provided free to veterans.
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program, located in Rhinelander will no longer serve Vilas and Forest counties due to funding cuts.
- Fortmann will give a presentation in Manitowish Waters on November 15, 2011.
- Fortmann asked for a group of 3 volunteers to work with him on Revision of Standing Rules for County. Platner, Proven and Wedell stated they would help.
- Information on Community Block Grant in Eagle River distributed.
- Fortmann informed the group that he will be starting work on the 2013-2015 Aging Plan and has put together a Survey asking people the 3 most important issues for seniors and how we as an Aging Unit can help. Fortmann asked everyone to take these to their communities and have them filled out and returned to the February meeting.
- Fortmann informed the group that he was appointed to Chair the Nominating and Membership Committee for Aging and Disability Professionals Association of Wisconsin (ADPAW).

Friendly Visitors/Family Caregiver Support:

Rein reported:

- a. Friendly Visitors, 2 visitors visited 2 persons, 7.75 hours and 30 miles driven.
- b. Rein sent information to 12 families for In Home Support Program
- c. Rein is working with YMCA of Eagle River to promote Stepping On Classes.

Chore:

LaFata reported:

1. Fifteen households received reimbursement for 102.5 hours of service. Total reimbursement for the month of October was \$1,447.50. Balance of program is \$4,635.99.
2. No one on waiting list.

Alzheimer's:

1. Two requests received for reimbursement in the amount of \$113.95.
2. Budget balance is \$3,570.37.
3. Richmond explained that we work very closely with the Alzheimer's Association to make sure people are getting the help they need.

Escort:

1. Twenty-eight clients driven more than 3927 = \$2,536.02 cost.
2. Volunteers donated 184.25 hours of service
3. Cash donations = \$4,347.50, year to date.

4. There will be a Regional Transportation Meeting in Rhinelander on November 14, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.

Nutrition:

1. 2090 meals served in October.
2. Cost = \$20,101.93.
3. Donations = \$7,386.20, Year to date totaled \$69,880.03.
4. Richmond reminded members that suggested donation is strictly that – donation.
5. Fortmann explained that we have a worker through Experience Works that helps at the Kalmar Senior Center and due to health reasons, she will not be returning to this program. Richmond is working with S.E.R.V.E. to utilize their Experience Works worker to help out in the kitchen.

Benefit Specialist:

Gengle reported:

1. 88 individuals served with 123 separate and distinct issues.
2. 11 attendees at the Insurance Puzzle Workshop
3. September financial impact was \$309,240.68, with a year to date of \$1,460,489.45.
4. Medicare Annual Election Period is October 15 through December 7. Many have expressed their appreciation for the help that is offered through this program.
5. Richmond explained that Gengle's daughter did the layout for the Pull Out Section in the News Review and how wonderful it was.
6. Fortmann explained that the Commission on Aging will be rewarded \$6,000.00 for SHIP Funding to be used by March 31, 2012.

ADRC:

1. Teichmiller gave the background information on ADRC's to our new member.
2. On November 30, the Board will meet and bring on 7 new citizen members. The Board will also be looking at hiring a Regional Manager.
3. Teichmiller stated that Fortmann has done a great job with the ADRC.

Agenda Item #7 Old Business

Monthly Expense Report

1. Total monthly expenditure = \$49,126.62.
2. Year to date = \$382,163.78 approximately 70% of the total budget.

Agenda Item #8 New Business

Travel Requests

-Travel Request sheet was distributed.

Added: Radtke to November 14, 2011, Regional Transportation Meeting in Rhinelander

Remove: November 18, 2011 request for Director to travel to St. Germain since it is not out of county.

-Motion to approve the travel request sheet with addition and removal by Haws with a second by Platner. Carried.

Request for Funding for Daybreak Insurance:

There was a request for \$528.00 for the insurance payment for Daybreak Adult Day Center. We have done this in the past years. There was a motion by Radtke with a second by Proven to approve the \$528.00 request for funds for insurance for Daybreak. Carried.

Request for DOT Trust Funds:

There was a request by S.E.R.V.E. Inc. to pay \$1,243.00 to repair rust on panels of their older bus. Haws and Wedell were asked to recuse themselves from discussion. Radtke questioned paying for this repair when we do not own the bus. Two options were given: (1) Fund this but not anymore or (2) we could fund ½ of the expense with stipulation that we will not longer fund this vehicle. Richmond felt we should pay this repair this time and let them know that we will not fund any more repairs on this vehicle. There was a motion by Platner with a second by Proven that we fund the full request of \$1,243.00 to do repairs with the knowledge that the Committee adapted a policy that states we no longer fund privately owned vehicles. Motion carried.

Fortmann will work with Radtke on policy and bring it to the December meeting for approval.

Agenda Item #9 Public Comment

+There was a discussion regarding the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. Richmond explained that no nutrition funding will be used for this recognition. Richmond feels that our volunteers are the heart and soul of this department and we need to thank them and recognize them for all that they do for us throughout the year.

+All You Can Eat Soup for a Cause will be held on November 29, 2011, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the White Spruce Inn to benefit the Tri-County Domestic Abuse Program.

Agenda Item #10 Letters and Correspondence

Fortmann received a letter from an Arbor Vitae resident regarding services requested that were denied. Fortmann directed everyone to look at the last page under C6 regarding reimbursement payments to family members for transportation. Teichmiller suggested that if anyone was interested in staying after the meeting for the conference call that Fortmann will conduct with this resident, they could do that.

Agenda Item #11 Approval of Vouchers:

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

Future Meeting Date:

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Carried.

Minutes reflect the recorders notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Submitted by:

Susan Richmond
Administrative Secretary

Approved by:

Joe Fortmann
Director