

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

May 12, 2014

Director Richmond called to order the regular meeting of the Commission on Aging Committee at 1:00 pm, on May 12, 2014, at the Vilas County Commission on Aging Building, Eagle River, Wisconsin

Present: Black, Bluthardt, Hayes, Briggs, Jensen, Main, Mitchell, Radtke, Thompson, Stearns, and Wise. Staff present was Richmond and Rein. Also, present Jason Hilger; Diane Jacobson, Director of Oneida County Department of Aging; and Tom Nitz.

Introductions were made around the table

Nomination for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Richmond asked for a nomination for the chairperson of the Commission on Aging Board. Hayes nominated Bluthardt as chairperson. Briggs first nominated Hayes and Hayes turned down the nomination. Then Briggs nominated Black as chairperson.

A verbal vote was taken voting for Bluthardt were Hayes, Bluthardt, Stearns, and Mitchell. Voting for Black were Main, Briggs, Thompson, Radtke, Jensen, and Wise. Black was elected chairperson with the majority of votes.

Richmond then asked for nominations for the vice chairperson of the Commission on Aging Board. Bluthardt nominated Hayes as vice chairperson. Black nominated Bluthardt as vice chairperson.

A verbal vote was taken voting for Hayes were Hayes, Stearns, Main, Jensen, Briggs, Radtke, Thompson, Bluthardt, and Mitchell. Voting for Bluthardt were Wise, and Black. Hayes was elected vice chairperson with a majority of the votes.

Approve Agenda: Agenda has been properly posted. Hayes moved and Stearns seconded to approve the Agenda as mailed.

Approve Minutes: There was a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Commission on Aging Meeting of April 14, 2014 by Hayes with a second by Main. Motion Carried

Agenda Item #4 Program and Committee Reports

Directors Report:

- Richmond mentioned that May is Older Americans Month and gave a brief overview of the history of Older Americans Month. In celebration, Vilas County partnered with Oneida and Forest Counties Department on Aging Offices and hosted the Alive to Life event last week in Rhinelander.
- Richmond distributed a list of the County Board Supervisors
- Richmond also distributed a motivational quote, list of committee meeting dates and times, the County Newsletter, the information tracking sheet, information about Older Americans Act from AARP, and information about Test Messaging Initiative.
- Richmond mentioned that she attended the Lac du Flambeau Honoring Elders Event on April 24. Discussion held
- Richmond received information that several ADRCs around the State were awarded a grant for 11 Dementia Care Specialists to be hired. A map was distributed highlighting where the specialist would be located.
- Richmond mentioned that Governor Walker has announced the expansion of Family Care to 7 more counties. 8 counties in the State still do not have Family Care and Vilas County is one of those 8.
- Richmond mentioned that on April 21, 2014 she received notice from the Holiday Lodge that they would be closing. Richmond has been working with Northern Exposure Restaurant to have the meal site open there on May 19, 2014 with a new name for the meal site, Golden Years Café. The Eagle River

and Land O Lakes sites have been helping to serve the meals in the Phelps area. Also, Richmond received notice that the site manager for the Phelps site will be resigning at the end of May. Richmond is working with the County to hire a new site manager.

- Richmond mentioned that the By-Laws were in the packet of information. Approval of the By-Laws will be on the June agenda. Richmond asked that if there were any changes to be made, please call her by May 30, 2014.
- Richmond distributed a sheet of highlights from the Volunteer Management Conference which she attended at the beginning of the month.
- Richmond mentioned that the Commission on Aging will be sponsoring the Alzheimer's Fall Education Conference which will be held on November 5, 2014.
- Richmond will be attending the interview for the United Way Grant on May 20, 2014. A request for \$3,000 for the Chore Program has been made.
- Travel: Richmond will be traveling on May 20 to Minocqua for United Way, June 4-5 to Wisconsin Rapids for ADPAW Training, and June 10 to Forest County for ADRC meeting. Gleason will be traveling to Florence County on May 22 for suicide training.
- Information packet distributed. Place name on post if you would like a copy.

Friendly Visitors/Family Caregiver Support:

Rein reported:

- Rein reported that in April 2 families called requesting services and neither family returned the information.
- Rein mentioned that the Caregiver Support Group continues to be well attended. The April meeting was cancelled due to weather.
- Rein mentioned that Powerful Tools for Caregiver workshop will be starting on June 10th.

Chore:

Kapke reported:

- 14 Households, 85.5 hours reimbursed at \$685 for the month. Also, an administrative cost of \$546.40. Balance of the program is \$21,162.35.
- Richmond mentioned that currently there is not a waiting list at this time; however Kapke continues to receive calls about this program.
- Richmond mentioned that the United Way funds of \$2,500 were added to the budget.
- Richmond stated that Kapke continues to need workers in the Phelps, Land O Lakes, and Boulder Junction areas.

Alzheimer's:

- Kapke reported that there are 9 families enrolled in the program. One family submitted a request. The balance of the budget at the end of April was \$9,516.56.
- Richmond mentioned that Kapke has been meeting with the medical clinics and libraries to discuss this program.
- Richmond mentioned that she and Kapke did talk about increasing the amount of funds each family receives but decided not to increase the funds at this time due to the increase in advertising.

Escort:

- Gleason reported: 22 clients, 169.25 hours and 3073 miles were driven. Total expense \$2,432.70. Income year to date is \$3,362.85.
- Richmond mentioned that this program continues to be very time consuming. Richmond mentioned that the Regional Transportation continues to be explored. Discussion held.

Nutrition:

- Richmond reported: 1330 meals were served in April. Total expense for the month was \$13,057.44. Income year to date: \$19,828.50.
- Richmond stated that the budget is good and all the other sites seem to be running smoothly.

Elder Benefit Specialist:

- Corrieri reported 19 individuals were served with 20 separate and distinct issues, and took 101 phone calls on separate issues.
- Financial impact was \$109,025.00.
- Richmond mentioned the Elder Benefit Specialist continue to hold the Insurance Workshops monthly.

ADRC:

- Richmond mentioned that Tammy Queen has been designated as the Sokagon Chippewa Representative and that Mary Peterson has been designated as the Lac du Flambeau Representative for the ADRC Board of Directors.
- Richmond stated that there are two openings on the board for individuals who are living with disabilities.
- Richmond stated that the ADRC Staff continues to work with the Regional Manager and Kinzie Green on redesigning the ADRC website.
- Richmond mentioned that the ADRC staff will be meeting with Buck Rhyme on team building at the end of May.

Agenda Item #6 Old Business

April Expense Report

- Richmond stated that Gleason has been working hard on the budget report and having it balance with the County budget.
- Richmond explained the ADRC portion of the budget and how the expenses are paid. Discussion held

Agenda Item #7 New Business

Approve Transit Commission Consultant

- Richmond introduced Dianne Jacobson, Oneida County Department on Aging Director. Richmond and Jacobson have been working for several years on Regional Transportation and forming a Regional Transportation Commission. Jacobson explained that with a Transportation Commission the group is qualified to pull down more Federal funds for transportation. Jacobson explained that the Commission cannot be done alone and that the commission needs to have at least one partner. Currently, Forest, Oneida, and Vilas Counties have been working on Regional Transportation. Jacobson explained that the group needs to have someone knowledgeable on transportation funds and someone to speak with the different Counties to have the commission come together and put together the by- laws. Jacobson has been in contact with David Lowe about becoming the Transit Commission Consultant. Lowe has worked with the DOT and coordinated other Regional Transit projects. Jacobson went on to explain that the Transit Commission would help not just the older adults and those with disabilities in the communities but all citizens. Jacobson spoke about the budget for the consultant being \$9,960 which would be divided by the three counties. Richmond stated that these funds could be taken out of the DOT Trust so it would not require any county funds.
 - A motion to enter into the Transit Commission Consultant as proposed not to exceed \$5,000 from the Vilas County DOT Trust Fund, subject to approval of Corporation Counsel was made by Radtke with a second by Thompson. Discussion Held
 - Motion Carried

Nutrition Revitalization Grant

- Richmond mentioned that a grant was applied for to help with the Nutrition Program. Vilas County did not receive one of the 12 grants but Lac du Flambeau was awarded a grant.
- Richmond will continue to work with Donna Christensen, volunteer, to implement some of the ideas proposed in the grant which will not cost any funds.
- Richmond mentioned that the St. Germain Site is struggling. Discussion held.

Agenda Item #9 Public Comment

- Radtke mentioned that the Primetimes Group continues to meet. Radtke feels that by the end of the year the group will reach 400 members.

Agenda Item #10 Letters and Correspondence

- None

Future Meeting Date:

June 16, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Commission on Aging Building, Eagle River

Meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

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

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Amie Rein
Reported

Susan Richmond
Director