

## COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

MAY 8, 2009

Vice Chairman Nielsen called to order the regular meeting of the Commission on Aging Committee at 9:00 am, on May 8, 2009, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room 2 in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

**Present:** Black, Gussick, Hansen, Haws, Nielsen, Platner, Rollmann, Wise and Teichmiller. Staff present, Director Fortmann and Richmond. Members Excused were Montgomery and Wedell. Also present was Fred Radtke and Eric Johnson from the Lakeland Times.

**Approve Agenda:** Agenda has been properly posted. Platner moved, Hansen 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 April 9, 2009 by Hansen with a second by Gussick. Carried.

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

-Information was distributed from the Director's Meeting

-April Network Notes discussed. List of Staff distributed.

-Radtke questioned how they came up with the distribution of counties. Fortmann stated he would address the question to Kellerman.

### **Agenda Item #5 Program and Committee Reports**

#### **Directors Report:**

- National Volunteer Week was April 20-24. Fortmann did radio ad.
- Vilas Vision met for the last time. This was very good, volunteer efforts arising out of this.
- Horants Gift Certificates benefiting Daybreak are all sold out, but more are coming.
- Fortmann was asked to serve on the United Way FEMA Board.
- United Way Grant of \$950.00 was approved. We will use to help fund the newspaper ads.
- Final Affairs Seminar will be held in September. Commission on Aging will be providing the refreshments in morning and taking the reservations.
- Understanding Alzheimer's will be held on July 28 at Eagle River Inn in the evening.
- DHS Listening Session in Rhinelander. Their concern is not to combine their regional into one Central.
- 2010-2012 Aging Unit Plan received. Draft is due on August 1, 2009.
- Submitted request for Space Needs Study to Clerk's office.
- Aging & Disability Professionals of WI (ADPOW) meeting attended by Fortmann May 1.  
-GWAAR was represented well at this meeting. Fortmann feels better about this organization.
- Fortmann stated we would not be applying for the MIPPA Grant (Medicaid Patients). More reporting, more services, more computer input and not enough money to provide the extra services.
- IT Department will be updating our website. We are adding color, correcting information and some branding as well, links to more state and other programs, updating this more often.
- Updated list of Committee members was distributed.

#### **Friendly Visitors/Family Caregiver Support:**

\* Barron reports

- a. 6 Friendly Visitors, visited 9 persons, 10 phone visits and 114 miles driven.
- b. Two families filled out paperwork for Home Support Program
- c. Elder Care & Work seminar for working caregivers scheduled for 6/22/09 at 5:30pm
- d. Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) presentations are scheduled for the nutrition sites in June.

**Chore:**

LaFata presented her report and explained the income guidelines:

1. Ten households reimbursement for 75 hours of service = \$517.50.
2. There were no expenses for handyman this month.
3. No one on waiting list.
4. Budget balance is \$24,712.50

**Alzheimer's:**

1. Two households received reimbursement in the amount of \$205.00.
2. Budget balance is \$9,857.07

**Escort:**

1. Twenty-one clients driven > 1640 = \$1,411.40 cost
2. Volunteers donated 110 hours of service
3. Cash donations = \$2,797.49 year to date.
4. Richmond stated we still need drivers in the Conover area.
5. Safe Driving Tips was distributed.

**Nutrition:**

1. 2052 meals served in April.
2. Cost = \$18,310.08
3. Donations = \$7,713.55, Year to date totaled \$30,186.60.
4. New vendor in Land O'Lakes, 1938 North LLC has started and doing great.
5. Richmond explained about numbers being down and the fact we are compliant now.
6. Richmond has been asked/accepted to serve on the Wisconsin Association of Nutrition Directors (WAND) Board of Directors as the Northern region delegate.
7. Phelps Nutrition Site has requested a 4 drawer locking file cabinet, CD Player and voicemail service at the site. Richmond stated she is in the process of working on all items.

**Benefit Specialists**

Gengle presented her report.

1. 20 clients assisted, 29 issues addressed.
2. Economic impact was \$37,895.00 for April.
3. Year to date economic impact = \$754,198.38.
4. There were 7 attendees at the Insurance Puzzle Workshop.
5. County Board Supervisors stated Gengle did excellent job at the Presentation to County Board.

**ADRC:**

1. Held meeting on April 30.

2. Wendell Holt, position with Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council gave insight to tribal end.
3. Dianne Jacobson from Oneida County and Fortmann will develop a group to determine interest in a joint ADRC.

### **CWAG:**

1. Radtke gave report from the District Meeting.
2. SeniorCare is CWAG's top priority.
3. Guardianship Program was discussed along with Pharmaceutical Program.
4. Tom Frazier will be retiring in December. He has been there for 26 years.
5. CWAG Convention will be July 23 and 24.

### **Agenda Item #6 Old Business**

#### **Monthly Expense Report**

1. Total monthly expenditure = \$36,581.66.
2. Year to date = \$137,826.56 approximately 26% of the total budget.
3. Gussick questioned some of the higher amounts.

### **New Committee Member:**

- Older Americans Act states can only serve on Committee for a limited time and there are two openings right now.
- There were 4 letters of intent received, Radtke did withdraw his letter.
- As discussed last month, Robert Myers, Kris Main and Patricia Haller have applied.
- There was a motion made by Haws with a second by Nielsen to appoint Pat Haller from Arbor Vitae area. Carried.
- There was a motion made by Gussick with a second by Black to appoint Kris Mains from Cloverland township. Carried.
- Discussion was held to see if we could add a third person on the Committee.
- There was a motion by Platner with a second by Haws to appoint Robert Myers from St. Germain area. Carried.
- These three names will go to Steve Favorite, County Board Chairman for appointment.

### **Agenda Item #7 New Business**

#### **Travel Requests**

-Travel Request sheet was distributed.

-April 23, 2009, United Way/FEMA Board in Rhinelander for Fortmann.

-June 23, 2009, Regional Transportation Meeting in Rhinelander for Fortmann, Richmond, Nielsen and Radtke.

-June 29, 2009, Nutrition Directors Meeting in Wausau for Richmond.

-July 29, 2009, National Family Caregiver Training in Wausau for Barron and Richmond.

-ADDED May 13, 2009 CWAG Strategies Committee in Madison for Radtke.

-July 23 & 24, 2009, CWAG Convention in Green Bay for Nielsen, Platner, Radtke, Gussick and Haws.

Motion to approve all travel requests by Hansen with a second by Platner. Carried.

### **New Meal Site Vendor:**

-Fortmann received resignation of contract from Oneida Village as of June 26, 2009.

-Fortmann received assurances that they will continue through June 26, 2009.

-Fortmann on advice from Corporation Counsel did contact the second bidder from fall, which was Lynn's Catering in Rhinelander.

-Gussick brought questions from Karen Stanton regarding the new vendor.

-Bid from Lynn's Catering is \$4.95.

There was a motion by Gussick with a second by Rollmann to approve Lynn's Catering to start on June 29, 2009. Carried.

**Agenda Item #8 Public Comment**

- ✓ Black wrote letter to Elizabeth Conrad from the Elder Law Center, regarding her presentation on Elder Scams.
- ✓ Radtke stated she will be presenting to the Prime Timers on August 5, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.
- ✓ Radtke stated at their last meeting, they had 90 members attend to hear from the Dog Deputy from the Sheriff's Department.
- ✓ Nielsen stated that from the conference he attended on Senior Centers, that the baby boomers want the centers to be called Community Centers, not Senior Centers.

**Agenda Item #9 Letters and Correspondence**

- ❖ No letters or correspondence this month.

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

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

**Future Meeting Date:**

**JUNE 11, 2009, AT THE LAND O'LAKES NUTRITION SITE, LOCATED IN THE GATEWAY IN LAND O'LAKES, WISCONSIN, AT 9:00 A.M.**

**FORTMANN SUGGESTED THAT EVERYONE CALLS THEMSELVES FOR RESERVATIONS AT 545-2258.**

**Adjournment:** There was a motion by Haws with a second by Nielsen to adjourn at 11:20 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