

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2009

Chairman Teichmiller called to order the regular meeting of the Commission on Aging Committee at 9:00 am., on February 12, 2009, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room 2 in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: Gussick, Hansen, Nielsen, Platner, Rollmann, Wedell and Wise. Staff present, Director Fortmann and Richmond. Members Excused were Black, Hansen and Haws. Also present were Verdelle Mauthe, Eric Johnson from the Lakeland Times, and Ronald Ritzer, Representative of Senior Co-Housing, Bob Egan from Economic Development Committee.

Approve Agenda: Agenda has been properly posted. Nielsen moved, Rollmann 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 January 12, 2009, by Gussick with a second by Rollmann. Carried. Richmond stated that there was a spelling error on the Minutes, under the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Burkett should have been spelled as Burgettes.

Chairman Teichmiller moved ahead the Senior Co-Housing issue since Bob Egan had another meeting to attend. Teichmiller explained that if any action was to be taken, it would only be on the concept of Senior Co-Housing.

- Bob Egan stated the theory sounds great, he feels they will have a hard time financially developing this with hard economic times.
- Gussick and Wise questioned why our smaller committee would be endorsing this concept and not the full County Board. Wise stated if we start endorsing this, what next?
- Nielsen said he is on the Ad Hoc Committee for Development and thought maybe that Committee should be the one to endorse.
- Wedell felt we might give the wrong impression to people by endorsing this concept. If someone doesn't like the housing, they could blame us.
- Platner suggested that the "free market" should be the ones to endorse.
- Teichmiller stated we would not be taking any action on the endorsement, but thanked Ron Ritzer for coming and invited him to come back again at anytime.

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

-Teichmiller said that GWAAR is now accepting applications for their Board of Directors. Nielsen stated that he has applied. Teichmiller and Gussick expressed an interest also in applying.

-There was no written report for January.

Agenda Item #5 Program and Committee Reports

Directors Report:

- Fortmann announced that it was the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday and also that Erv Teichmiller had celebrated a birthday last weekend.
- Ron Ritzer has done some items as a handyman and we are hoping to work with Habitat for Humanity on a few larger projects.
- FCC information on switching to digital television was distributed. We had a gentleman from Wausau area come to each of the nutrition sites to give a presentation. Nielsen stated on April 18 there will be a collection for old tv's, electronics and medications. This will

take place at the Highway Shop on Hwy 45 North. There will be a small charge for electronics. If you miss that one, there will also be one on September 19, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren gathering will be held at The Waters in Minocqua on February 15. There are 11 adults, 7 children and 3 teenagers signed up for this event. Fortmann stated that we will continue to look for grants for this program.
- Volunteer policies have been mailed. We have lost 6 volunteers so far, due to not understanding Confidentiality, not wanting to give their vehicle title or social security numbers. Rollmann stated she and Verdelle did not get the forms.
- We had our first emergency call using the home delivered meal drivers cell phones.
- We held the CPR/First Aid/AED training on January 22, 2009. Platner stated she already has used her training from first aid. Wedell asked if Kalmar Center should use an Incident Report when someone falls. Fortmann stated that he will look into what the County uses and bring to the next meeting.
- The Falls Prevention sessions went well and next one is being held on February 25, 2009, at Fibbers Restaurant.
- Fortmann thanked everyone for allowing him to attend the Vilas Vision group. The Group is starting to form Volunteer groups and Fortmann will be volunteering at the Community Dinners. Fortmann will discuss with Pam Zaugg about the Community Garden and getting volunteers to help with that garden and then be able to use some of the produce for the Food Pantry.

Friendly Visitors/Family Caregiver Support:

* Barron reports

- a. 7 Friendly Visitors, visited 11 persons, 13 phone visits and 276 miles driven.
- b. She has sent out press releases for the Chronic Disease Class starting in March.
- c. Six Resource Guides have been mailed out to families need information and

assistance

Chore:

1. Thirteen households reimbursement for 82.5 hours of service = \$587.25.
2. There were no expenses for handyman this month.
3. One person on waiting list. Richmond stated the person has not been able to be contacted for a home assessment yet.

Alzheimer's:

1. One household received reimbursement in the amount of \$150.00.
2. Budget balance is \$11,093.00

Escort:

1. Twenty-four clients driven > 2566 = \$1,450.89 cost
2. Volunteers donated 145 hours of service
3. Cash donations = \$634.24 year to date.
4. Richmond stated that we still need escort drivers in the Conover/Phelps area.

Nutrition:

1. 1692 meals served in January
2. Cost = \$18,026.49
3. Donations = \$8,263.80, Year to date totaled \$18,026.49.

4. Nielsen questioned the high cost on two of the sites. Richmond stated that the numbers have been down at the two sites, but the costs are still high, and that makes the difference.
5. Fortmann stated that our meal numbers had to be corrected and Richmond had finished that in September, 2008.
6. Our On-Site Nutrition Assessment was distributed and received well. Vilas County is in compliance. This was a good assessment.

Benefit Specialists

Gengle reports

1. 68 clients assisted, 91 issues addressed.
2. Economic impact was \$300,334.32 for January.
3. Year to date economic impact = \$300,334.32.
4. There were 9 attendees at the Insurance Puzzle Workshop.

ADRC:

1. Teichmiller stated the Committee will meet on February 23, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.
2. State budget has no money for funding Family Care and could set back 3 to 4 years.
3. Fortmann stated that we could operate as an ADRC but right now we have no place to put an ADRC.

CWAG:

1. Radtke was absent so no report was given.
2. Teichmiller said that the Kalmar Senior Center is trying to raise some funds to remodel their facility. The facility needs substantial money to renovate for ADA compliance. They are also exploring a new building and we want to make sure that COA stays in the conversation of a new building. There could be some possibilities of wanting to put the ADRC in that new building, renting issues, etc. This is informational only. We are not at the table to sway any decisions the Kalmar makes.

New Stationary:

Fortmann distributed the new stationary and envelopes to everyone. We are trying to show that we operate as one voice.

Agenda Item #6 Old Business

Monthly Expense Report

1. Total monthly expenditure = \$29,625.23.
2. Year to date = \$29,625.23, approximately 6% of the total budget.
3. Fortmann stated that we finished 2008 with zero balances except for those that we could carryover.
4. We are anticipating that the State may cut some budgets during the year.

Committee Job Description:

-Fortmann had distributed a draft of the Committee Job Descriptions for review.

-Wise questioned the word "professional" for committee, since most are volunteers.

-Wise also questioned the term limits. Richmond stated that there is language on our Aging Unit Assessment regarding term limits. Fortmann stated that he will confirm this and bring back to the meeting in March.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

Travel Requests

-There are no travel requests.

Proposal for new office position:

-Fortmann asked that this be tabled to a future meeting since more information was needed.

Agenda Item #8 Public Comment

- ✓ Mauthe had positive comments regarding the presentation on FCC Digital TV. It was very well received, participants had a lot of questions for the presenter.
- ✓ Mauthe also stated that she felt the CPR/First Aid Training was very helpful and that she feels more comfortable if a situation would arise at her site. Hansen also stated that Mutter was also thankful for the training.

Agenda Item #9 Letters and Correspondence

- ❖ Platner passed around an article from the Wall Street Journal regarding Loud and Clear Mobile Calls for Seniors.
- ❖ Gussick prompted a discussion regarding an article on a 93 year that froze to death. He must not have known about the list of requirements for turning off utilities.

Agenda Item #10 Approval of Vouchers:

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

Future Meeting Date:

MARCH 11, 2009, AT THE VILAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CONFERENCE ROOM #2 IN EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN, AT 9:00 A.M.

Adjournment: There was a motion by Platner with a second by Rollmann to adjourn 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