

## COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

APRIL 9, 2009

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

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

**Approve Agenda:** Agenda has been properly posted. Nielsen moved, Haws 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 March 11, 2009 by Nielsen with a second by Gussick. Carried.

### **Agenda Item #4 Guests:**

-Fortmann presented Neil Wahlstrom and Amber Glick from Spine and Sport with a Certificate of Appreciation for completing the Falls Prevention at each of our six nutrition sites.

### **Jim Galloway/Project Lifesaver**

-Organizational Chart was distributed

-No cost to participant, no tax payer funds used at this time

-Discussion held on Code Red. Go to [www.co.vilas.wi.us](http://www.co.vilas.wi.us) to register

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

-Teichmiller has been selected to be on the Board of Directors for GWAAR.

-Application documents for Senior Statesmanship Program. There are scholarships available.

-Fortmann stated there will be a Director's Meeting in Antigo on April 22, 2009.

### **Agenda Item #6 Program and Committee Reports**

#### **Directors Report:**

- Senior Centers Remarkable Models distributed.
- AARP still in operation in two other locations, COA office has the numbers.
- Fortmann gave the Alltel quarterly report that no unauthorized use and one emergency call.
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren gathering will be held on April 11, 2009. Fortmann will be bringing to the Committee the renewal on funding in fall.
- DHS Listening Session will be held on April 29. Fortmann will attend.
- Vilas Vision discussion on food pantries, community dinners, garden on Trees for Tomorrow property.
- Fortmann has Horants Garden Center Certificates for sale to benefit Daybreak.
- Ad Hoc Committee-Needs Space Study. Fortmann added a sheet for needs if we were to relocate off courthouse property.
- Fortmann stated two Grant opportunities: MIPPA for Benefit Specialists, United Way Grant for 2010 and Nutrition Grant Stimulus money. He will be looking into these.

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

\* Barron reports

- a. 5 Friendly Visitors, visited 9 persons, 12 phone visits and 129 miles driven.
- b. Three families filled out paperwork for Home Support Program
- c. Powerful Tools Workshop cancelled.

**Chore:**

1. Thirteen households reimbursement for 93.5 hours of service = \$600.75.
2. There were no expenses for handyman this month.
3. No one on waiting list.

**Alzheimer's:**

1. Four households received reimbursement in the amount of \$602.08.
2. Budget balance is \$10,062.07
3. Project LifeSaver will soon be providing wristbands and we could use some of these funds for purchase of a wristband.

**Escort:**

1. Twenty-two clients driven > 2713 = \$1,654.88 cost
2. Volunteers donated 127 hours of service
3. Cash donations = \$2,129.39 year to date.

**Nutrition:**

1. 2328 meals served in March.
2. Cost = \$20,847.57
3. Donations = \$7,640.50, Year to date totaled \$22,473.05.
4. Fortmann stated that we are looking into doing the punch cards again and sending out cards to people just turning 60.
5. Hansen stated that the need is not as great to add a day to a site as it is to cover the price.
6. Wedell mentioned that they are having problems with getting more people to ride bus and attend meals.
7. Fortmann stated that the County has hired a site manager for Boulder Junction. Her name is Carol Young and she will start on April 15.
8. Fortmann stated that we have the Land O'Lakes Contract signed and we are still waiting for insurance declarations page.
9. Platner requested that we change the Nutrition Advisory Council Meeting from April 27 to May 4, to be held at Phelps Nutrition Center. Richmond will send out Agenda.
10. Wedell asked if they had to do their remodeling now or are they "grandfathered" in?  
Fortmann stated for our contract purposes, they are not required to do this in a time limit.

**Benefit Specialists**

Gengle presented her report.

1. 77 clients assisted, 89 issues addressed, 51 of them were SHIP issues.
2. Economic impact was \$167,856.81 for March.
3. Year to date economic impact = \$656,707.73.
4. There were 7 attendees at the Insurance Puzzle Workshop.
5. AARP completed 109 tax returns, their impact was \$75,207.00. AARP is planning to collaborate with us again next year.
6. Gengle asked the Committee to spread the word about this program.

#### **ADRC:**

1. Teichmiller stated Vilas is no longer considered a “white” county and we are now in the green.
2. Looking at implementation in 2013.
3. Teichmiller stated there will be a meeting on April 27, at 10:30 a.m. to explore collaborating efforts with other counties in the “green”.

#### **CWAG:**

1. Radtke distributed the Governor’s Proposal.
2. Popular Scams and How to Avoid Them was distributed.
3. CWAG Convention will be held on July 23 and 24 in Green Bay.
4. Next District Meeting will be held October 26 in Rhinelander.
5. Fortmann stated he would be willing to fund two community members to go to CWAG Convention, preferably not Board members.

### **Agenda Item #7 Old Business**

#### **Monthly Expense Report**

1. Total monthly expenditure = \$31,551.70.
2. Year to date = \$101,544.90 approximately 19% of the total budget.

#### **Pet Policy for HD Meal Drivers:**

-Fortmann stated this Policy has been approved with slight changes made by Corporation Counsel. There was a motion to accept the Pet Policy as changed and approved by Corporation Counsel by Wedell with a second by Hansen. Carried.

#### **OCI Grant Money**

-Fortmann distributed the Resolution for all members to sign and this Resolution will go to the County Board.

There was a motion to approve and send to County Board by Nielsen with a second by Platner. Carried.

### **Agenda Item #8 New Business**

#### **Travel Requests**

-Travel Request sheet was distributed.

-DHS Listening Session for Director in Rhinelander for April 29, 2009

-Nutrition Program Orientation for Nutrition Coordinator in Wausau on May 11, 2009.

-APDAW Directors Meeting for Director in Stevens Point on May 1, 2009.

-Alzheimer’s Association Dinner/Dance for Director in Rhinelander on May 16, 2009.

-Stress Relief Workshop for COA Staff in Rhinelander on May 29, 2009.

-Added Tri-County Transportation Coordination for Nielsen, Radtke and Richmond in Rhinelander retro for March 31, 2009.

-Nielsen and Haws asked to attend the Senior Center Conference in Stevens Point for April 30, 2009

Motion to approve all travel requests by Rollmann with a second by Gussick. Carried.

### **New Committee Member:**

- Older Americans Act states can only serve on Committee for a limited time and there are two openings right now.
- Radtke put in his letter to represent St. Germain area.
- Robert Myers also applied. Richmond stated he is an escort driver.
- Kris Mains applied also, she was the former secretary for Juvenile Intake for the County.
- Pat Haller, who was present, also applied. She has worked with the Kalmar Senior Center for 10 years and also was an escort driver. She is from Arbor Vitae.
- There was a motion made by Nielsen with a second by Wedell to appoint Radtke and Pat Haller. Discussion held.
- Gussick asked if there would be a conflict with Radtke being on County Board and also representative CWAG.
- Platner asked for clarification on how CWAG is related to the Commission on Aging.
- Teichmiller requested that Fortmann get Corporation Counsel's opinion, Fortmann also to get GWAAR's thoughts also.
- Motion was tabled till next month.

### **RSVP Contribution:**

- There was a motion to donate \$100.00 from our budget to RSVP by Platner with a second by Rollmann. Carried.
- RSVP Recognition Luncheon will be held on May 13, 2009, at Eagle River Inn.

### **Agenda Item #9 Public Comment**

- ✓ Wedell thanked the Committee for allowing her to receive the CPR Training which she was able to use on an actual person. Wedell was informed that the three people working on person saved her life.
- ✓ Gussick asked if other groups could use the Prime Timers bus for events. Radtke stated that their bus has transported two handicapped people and he would be willing to set something up with Gussick.

### **Agenda Item #10 Letters and Correspondence**

- ❖ No letters or correspondence this month.

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

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

### **Future Meeting Date:**

**MAY 8, 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 Nielsen to adjourn at 11:05 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