

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2008

Chairman Teichmiller called to order the regular meeting of the Commission on Aging Committee at 9:30 a.m., on August 12, 2008, at the Lac du Flambeau Wellness Center in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin.

Present: Black, Johnson, Montgomery, Nielsen, Platner and Rollmann. Staff present, Director Fortmann and Richmond. Members Excused were Gussick, Hansen, Kneip and Wise. Also present were Fred Radtke, Janell Keeter from the Northern Area Agency on Aging and Eric Johnson from the Lakeland Times.

Approve Agenda: Agenda has been properly posted. Nielsen moved, Platner seconded to approve the Agenda as mailed.

- May be changed at the discretion of the Chair. Carried.

Approve Minutes: Nielsen moved for approval, Johnson seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of the regular Commission Meeting held on July 9, 2008. Carried.

Public Comment: Platner thanked Fortmann for getting the list of acronyms. Radtke asked if Public Comment could be moved towards the end of Agenda giving the public a chance to comment on items discussed on Agenda. Teichmiller stated that he will give anyone the chance to speak at anytime during the Agenda.

Agenda Item #5 Report of the Northern Area Agency on Aging:

August Report discussed, copies were not distributed but will be mailed separately

- There is a new disability website: www.disabilityinfo.gov
- H.R. 6331 Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act of 2008
- Fall Prevention Activities for Fall
- Aging Unit Plan Amendments are due by October 1, 2008
- I&A Training to be held in Rhinelander on August 15, 2008
- Privacy Statement that needs to be incorporated by November 1, 2008
- Teichmiller asked if we were being passive regarding losing our NAAA. Nielsen stated he was against it and only 3 of the Board Members voted against it.

Agenda Item #6 Program and Committee Reports

Friendly Visitors/Family Caregiver Support:

* Barron reports

- a. On September 9, 2008, there will be a Palliative Care-Final Affairs Conference.
- b. On August 18, 2008, she will hold an Elder Care Workshop at the Prince of Peace.
- c. Will participate in a conference call on August 24, for Living Well with Chronic Disease
- d. Has been working on finishing up the Resource Guide.
- e. 3 Friendly Visitors, visited 4 persons, 2 phone visits and 99 miles driven.

Chore:

1. Eighteen households reimbursement for 122.5 hours of service = \$2,906.58
2. There were no expenses for handyman this month.
3. You will notice there is an extra line under July, we are now separating mileage paid and changed "Other" to "Administrative".
4. Budget remaining, \$12,304.04.
5. There is no waiting list.

Alzheimer's:

1. Four households received reimbursement in the amount of \$924.88.
2. Budget balance is \$6,610.88.
3. Fortmann mentioned that Daybreak Adult Day Center is still looking for an Executive Director. This would be a paid position.

Escort:

1. Nineteen clients driven > 1640 = \$969.67 cost
2. Volunteers donated 96.75 hours of service
3. Cash donations = \$3,835.37 year to date.

Nutrition:

1. 2411 meals served in July
2. Cost = \$23,396.34
3. Donations = \$7,123.75.
4. The punch cards and postcards were distributed to the site managers at their meeting on 08/05/08.
5. Fortmann stated that we would like to move away from the "institutional meals" into a more appealing name
6. We may need to consider increasing our "suggested donation" in 2009.
7. Fortmann is considering adding a day to 4 sites which would not start before October.

Benefit Specialists

Gengle reports

1. 24 clients assisted, 28 issues addressed.
2. Economic impact was \$154,792.78 for July.
3. Year to date economic impact = \$1,695,169.79, up 51% from 2007.
4. Nielsen questioned the June numbers were not adding up correctly, Fortmann stated he would look into that.
5. Nielsen stated that he feels that the Commission on Aging is the best department in the County.

CWAG Report

Radtke reported on some of the highlights from the Draft Platform: (there were missing pages that will be mailed separately)

- CWAG is the lobbying agents for seniors.
- They are trying to extend SeniorCare program beyond 2009.
 - +Governor feels SeniorCare should go to all the states.
- Working on reforming property taxes
- Working on removing some exemptions on sales taxes.
- Expand Ombudsmen Program
- Work on dental care
- Work on increasing minimum wage
- Platner asked if the Commission on Aging pays for a membership.
 - +On a personal basis she would not support some of these issues
- Radtke is pushing to have the October 27 meeting in Rhinelander
- Radtke questioned if the Commission on Aging has an obligation to educate the younger generation.

Directors Report:

- Fortmann has meeting with Gina Egan regarding First Aid and CPR Training.

- Working on our Aging Unit Plan Amendment.
- Received budget #'s and we will be receiving about the same amount as in 2008.
- Nutrition Site Manager's meeting last Tuesday. We are working to get our nutrition numbers straight.
- Senior Expo will be held at the Northland Pines High School on August 13, 2008.
- The Secretary of Health Services and Secretary of Agriculture and Consumer Trade will be speakers in the afternoon of Senior Expo
- MSN Article Economy hitting the Aging hard.
- Acronyms list distributed.
- On September 3 there will be a Department Head Meeting
- AARP nomination submissions were unsuccessful with both of our nominees.
- AARP information on Driving Safety was given to Nielsen.
- Transportation Meeting held in Mole Lake on August 4, 2008.

ADRC:

- There is a Resolution that supports the Letter of Intent for Vilas County.
- Committee met to review the letter.
- The completed Resolution will go to the full County Board on the 19th of August.
- Committee traveled to Stevens Point to visit one of the pilot ADRC projects.
- Committee is hoping to travel to another ADRC to get a feel of how a multi county ADRC works.

Agenda Item #7 Old Business

Monthly Expense Report

1. Total monthly expenditure = \$39,553.59.
2. Year to date = \$260,225.36, approximately 44% of the total budget.

NACo:

NACo is the prescription drug discount card.

- Fortmann is asking if County would like to participate at no cost to the County.
- There was a motion by Platner with a second by Rollmann to vote to endorse. Carried.

Mission Statement:

-Teichmiller stated he urged Fortmann to bring back our Mission Statement to allow the Commission to use the word "consumer" instead of "individual".

-Rollmann made a motion with a second by Platner to use the word "consumer" in place of "individual" and to make the adjustment to the last sentence to describe "consumers".

Discussion was held.

Ayes: Teichmiller, Platner, Black, Rollmann, Johnson, Montgomery.

Nays: Nielsen

Carried.

Volunteer Recruitment Policy

There was a motion by Platner with a second by Nielsen to adapt this Volunteer Recruitment Policy. Carried.

Discussion held on the insurance minimums. Fortmann stated that the .585 cents per mile is supposed to be used to cover gas, insurance and wear and tear on your vehicle. Fortmann stated that the numbers he used came from Corporation Counsel and the County Clerk. He stated that he would like the record to reflect that he wants these minimums to be kept in the policy.

-Radkte questioned the "moving violation" clause.

-Platner made a motion to change the no moving violation to no more than one moving violation in a year, Rollmann seconded the motion. Carried.

-Black questioned the social security number and Fortmann stated that if it was not needed to get the criminal background check done, then we would exclude the whole number and ask for only the last 4 digits.

Agenda Item #8 New Business

Travel Requests

Motion by Platner, second by Rollmann to approve the following requests:

a. August 15, 2008, Barron to Rhinelander for I&A Training

b. September 11-12, 2008 for Barron & Richmond to travel to Appleton for AIRS Conference. (This was approved back in May)

c. October 12-15, 2008, Fortmann to travel to Appleton for ADRC Conference.

d. November 12-13, 2008, Richmond to travel to Stevens Point for WAND & WAMM Conference.

Carried.

Platner requested that the Committee receive the travel requests in writing.

Request for DOT Funds:

-There was a request from the PrimeTimers for funds out of the Department of Transportation Trust Account in the amount of \$673.14 to fix their air conditioning in their van.

There was a motion by Platner with a second by Nielsen to approve the repair. Carried.

Sub-Committees:

- Fortmann requested that the Transportation Sub-Committee meet and determine what their duties will be.
- Fortmann suggested that the Nutrition Sub-Committee be dissolved and become the Nutrition Advisory Counsel. We have in our Policy manual the By-Laws for the Nutrition Advisory Counsel.
- Fortmann asked for a Nutrition Task Force to be formed to determine and look at bids for nutrition contracts for 2009-2010.
- Teichmiller will chair this Committee. Nielsen and Rollmann agreed to serve on this Committee.

ADRC Resolution:

-There was only one change and that was to a November date for County Board.

There was a motion by Nielsen with a second by Rollmann to sign the Resolution and send to the County Board. Carried.

Agenda Item #9 Letters and Correspondence:

- Radtke stated that there will be a Driving Safety Course offered in St. Germain on October 15 and 16, 2008.

Agenda Item #10: There was a motion by Nielsen with a second by Rollmann to approve the payment of the July bills. Carried.

Future Meeting Date:

SEPTEMBER 9, 2008, AT THE KALMAR SENIOR CENTER IN EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN, FOLLOWING LUNCH AT 12:45 P.M. FOR THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING.

Adjournment: There was a motion to adjourn with a second at 11:30 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