

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

DECEMBER 10, 2009

Chairman Teichmiller called to order the regular meeting of the Commission on Aging Committee at 9:25 am, on December 10, 2009, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room 2, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: Gussick, Hansen, Main, Myers, Montgomery, Nielsen, Platner, Wedell, and Teichmiller. Staff present, Director Fortmann and Richmond. Members Excused were Haws and Haller. Also present were Steve Favorite, County Board Chairman, Fred Radtke from St. Germain Prime Timers 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: There was a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of November 12, 2009, and the Minutes from the Nutrition Advisory Council Meeting held on November 17, 2009, made by Myers with a second by Platner. Carried.

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

-The Board of Directors met in Stevens Point and reviewed budgets, reviewed the Aging Unit Plan 2010 and set up Public Hearings throughout the State to hear this Plan. There will be a Public Hearing held in Rhinelander on Monday, December 14, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

-Set up meetings for 2010 starting in February and every other month thereafter.

-Self Assessment for 2009 Aging Plan Amendment was received. We have met or exceeded our goals except for one which was to provide another Chronic Disease Class, but we did not have enough people to attend that class. In 2010-2012 Plan, we will be partnering with other counties to increase attendance.

-Vilas County did not receive the Caregiver Coalition Grant money.

Agenda Item #5 Program and Committee Reports

Directors Report:

- Northwoods Singers concert on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. Prince of Peace Church. Our very own Barron and Richmond will be singing in the concert.
- Snowflake Dance on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the St. Germain Community Center, sponsored by St. Germain Prime Timers.
- By-Laws draft distributed. Fortmann asked for feedback at our next meeting. Please bring the hardcopy with red notes on it.
- New Mileage Reimbursement Rate Memo was distributed.
- Fortmann has attended the Volunteer Coordination Meetings between 3 counties and RSVP and Human Service Center. Fortmann will be contacting the Chamber of Commerces.
- Emergency Meal Buckets have been delivered. We received help from Robert Myers, community members from the UCC Church and a few from Social Services.
- Two "Thank You" dinners at the nutrition sites have been completed.
- Commission on Aging held their first annual Alzheimer's Candlelight Vigil at the Aspirus Lillian Kerr Healthcare facility on November 12, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. We were happy to have 18 people attend.
- Code Red registration forms were distributed and members asked to get them out to the public.

- Fortmann explained there is a new service called Safelink which is in addition to Lifeline, now having the option to go wireless. Participants need to sign on from internet or call 1-800-977-3768. It is also posted on our website now.
- Volunteer Christmas Party will be held on December 15, 2009, at Eagle Waters Resort.
- Wellness check was done for a Home Delivered Meal Participant using our cell phone.

Friendly Visitors/Family Caregiver Support:

* Barron reported as follows:

- a. Friendly Visitors, 6 visitors visited 6 persons, 7 phone visits and 141 miles driven.
- b. Sent out Home Support information to 4 families.
- c. Attended Clergy Dinner held by Palliative Care Coalition and presented our programs/services.
- d. Working on developing a Support Group for people with chronic health conditions

Chore:

LaFata reported:

1. Nine households received reimbursement for 61 hours of service = \$1,967.00.
2. There were no expenses for handyman this month.
3. No one on waiting list.
4. Budget balance is \$9,997.52.

Alzheimer's:

1. Three households received reimbursement in the amount of \$1,200.00.
2. Budget balance is \$2,706.75.

Escort:

1. Twenty-one clients driven > 3010 = \$1,747.43 cost
2. Volunteers donated 147 hours of service
3. Cash donations = \$7,977.10 year to date.

Fortmann distributed "Save the Date" reminder for the Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting to be held on January 28, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.

Nutrition:

1. 2301 meals served in November.
2. Cost = \$23,328.78.
3. Donations = \$7,670.25, Year to date totaled \$82,484.68.

Benefit Specialists

Gengle and Williams reported:

1. 47 clients assisted, 53 issues addressed.
2. Economic impact was \$66,858.95 for November.
3. Year to date economic impact = \$1,558,521.17.
4. There were 29 attendees at the monthly Insurance Puzzle Workshop
5. There are 8 Medicare Part D Plan Finder sessions scheduled for December.
6. Teichmiller questioned why there has been no impact for 2 months under Community based services, although the year to date is high.
7. Wise stated he and his wife were very impressed with the Insurance Puzzle Workshop and the work that Gengle and Williams do.

ADRC:

1. 5 counties plus 3 Tribes have consented to work on establishing a Northwoods ADRC collaboratively.
2. There will be a meeting meeting on December 15, 2009, in Crandon.

CWAG:

1. Radtke reported that CWAG held on December 1, 2009, the Retirement Party for the former Director.
2. Radtke distributed the application forms. Members were encouraged to join if they were not already CWAG members.
3. The new Director starts on January 4, 2010.

Agenda Item #6 Old Business

Monthly Expense Report

1. Total monthly expenditure = \$38,439.14.
2. Year to date = \$405,802.00 approximately 74% of the total budget.
3. Reminder to Richmond to put an * by the line items that are carryover.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

Travel Requests

-Travel Request sheet was distributed.

-Motion to approve the travel request sheet by Nielsen with a second by Myers. Carried.

Office Equipment Technology Request

Request to update four Commission on Aging computers and hardware in the approximate amount of \$2200.00.

Request for laser printer for Benefit Specialists to use for Plan Finder Sessions in the approximate amount of \$250.00.

Request for lamp replacement for the data projector in the approximate amount of \$400.00.

There was a motion by Nielsen with a second by Platner to approve these requests and take to Finance Committee. Carried.

Heartland Communications 2010 Contract:

This Contract includes all our radio ads for the year along with the major sponsorship for the Senior Expo in 2010. It is the same contract as in 2009.

There was a motion by Nielsen with a second by Myers to approve contract. Carried.

Chore Program Revisions

-Revision request to the Chore Program due to increasing eligibility for participants, the following was requested:

-Income Eligibility Requirements will be increased.

-Increase Workers wage from \$9.00 to \$10.00.

-Increase hours workers can work from 8 to 10 per month.

There was a motion by Platner with a second by Main to approve requested revisions.

Fortmann stated that we will re-visit this program in 6 months to see how we are doing.

Standing Rules Revision

There was a request from Corporation Counsel to look over and review our Standing Rules.

Fortmann stated there are two changes to be made: GWAAR instead of Northern Area Agency on Aging and Bi-Annual Aging Plan instead of annual Aging Plan. Wise questioned year term limit

between By-Laws and Standing Rules. Fortmann stated he would make changes on By-Laws to coincide.

There were a motion by Gussick with a second by Platner to approve these changes. Carried.

Agenda Item #8 Public Comment

-Teichmiller stated happy to see Montgomery at our meeting. He stated that we know her schedule is tough, but always welcome here.

-Montgomery stated new clinic is open and beautiful. This is just the Medical Clinic.

-Nielsen talked about Tribal Transportation Program out of Shawano.

-PrimeTimers group is really growing. Radtke stated membership has surpassed 2008 numbers. 103 members attended the last meeting.

Agenda Item #9 Letters and Correspondence

Fortmann suggested to send letter to the Mayor and the City Clerk regarding plowing the city streets of Eagle River getting to the courthouse quicker, since it is hazardous driving on the side roads for the elderly.

Agenda Item #10 Approval of Vouchers:

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

Future Meeting Date:

JANUARY 12, 2010, AT VILAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CONFERENCE ROOM #2, EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN.

Adjournment: There was a motion by Myers with a second by Main 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