

COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY MINUTES

June 18, 2008

Present: Joanne Guden, Sandy Cwik, Naomi Hilger, Judy Bender

Others Present: Suzi Giesen, Karen Davis

Requirements of Open Meeting Law have been met.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Guden at the Markesan Vista Valley Apartments Mealsite.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

After discussion, Bender made a motion to approve the amended agenda to include under "New Business - Meal Program and Membership". Cwik-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Cwik made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2008. Hilger-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES: Guden updated Committee members regarding flood information and reporting to the Department of Health & Human Services any damages. Discussion followed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Giesen read a letter from Judy Mekow resigning from the Bay Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee as she has a full-time job now. She will also not be able to help in the meal program at the sites and as a substitute driver. Giesen reported that she sent a letter to Mekow in appreciation for all her work in helping with the meal program in recent years. Discussion followed.

BAY AREA AGENCY ON AGING REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Guden reported that the Advocacy 101 which was scheduled for July 9 and 16, 2008 has been cancelled because lack of interest. Guden reported that she received information from Marquette County from their last meeting expressing concerns regarding the training: 2 days vs. 1 day; transportation and cost. After discussion, Committee members agreed that transportation was not a problem for Green Lake County. Some felt a one day training would be better than 2 days but then the exercise in problem-solving advocacy problems would not be able to be performed. It was suggested to have in fall and if in September the first and second Wednesday or Thursday. Committee members felt that the cost was not a problem. Guden will update Committee members regarding a future training.

Guden reported regarding upcoming trainings to be provided through the Bay Area Agency on Aging. The Wisconsin Prevention Summit will be held on July 17-18, 2008 in Appleton, WI with the focus on "Living Well with Chronic Conditions and Stepping on Falls Prevention. Discussion followed.

Guden reported that the Wisconsin Counties Association will be hosting an "Aging Summit" in Madison on August 19-20, 2008.

Guden reported that there will be "National Family Caregiver Support/Information and Assistance trainings to be held for the I & A workers in ADRC's and aging units in September and October at various locations throughout the State focusing on interviewing skills in the morning session and "Legal & Financial Matters of interest to Family Caregivers" in the afternoon session.

Guden reported that the ADRC Conference will be October 13-15, 2008 in Appleton.

Guden reported that there have been two new committees formed: Modernization Task Force and Modernization Transition Board. Discussion followed.

Giesen reported that there will be one State office for the Aging Programs and that the Bay Area Agency on Aging will be disbanded by December 2008. The new name will be Age AdvantAge. Discussion followed regarding where this office will be located. Possible locations include Madison, Stevens Point or Wisconsin Rapids.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT: Guden reported that Family Care will become effective August 1, 2008 in Green Lake County.

Guden reported that the ADRC Coordinator resigned and that the position is being advertised internally and hiring should take place by August 2008.

Guden reported that the County Board approved continuing with the building plans. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS: March, April and May Program Information: Giesen distributed and explained the April and May program information to Committee members. (See attached.) Discussion followed. Giesen explained the addition of the Disability Benefit Specialist numbers on the report and explained what this position does. Discussion followed.

Cwik reported regarding the food pantry. She reported that the recent Feinstein Challenge netted \$13,000.00 cash and approximately 800 pounds of food for the food pantry. Discussion followed.

Family Care Update: Giesen reported that on August 1, 2008, Green Lake County will be doing the Family Care transition. Giesen showed Committee members the materials that are needed for enrollment/transition to Family Care. (See attached.) Discussion followed. Giesen reported to Committee members that the Enrollment Form and Questionnaire are the two items that are needed for this transition.

Giesen reported that there are 87 consumers that will be transitioning and 69 on the waiting list. Discussion followed regarding those not being covered by family care or that are ineligible. Discussion followed.

Aging Network Changes: Discussed under Bay Area Agency on Aging.

NEW BUSINESS: Aging Plan Updates Due September 1, 2008:

Giesen reported that Green Lake County updates are due on August 1, 2008. Giesen explained the handouts explaining the goals and the updated information to be submitted. Discussion followed those areas: Transportation Coordination; Prevention Activities; System Advocacy and Emergency Government Preparedness. Giesen reported that she reported regarding current programs which meet the needs of the Prevention Activity goals.

Bender reported that in the area of transportation she has been attending meeting which are focusing on coordinated services between counties. Discussion followed.

Giesen reported that she will also be submitting the position descriptions for committee members and the by-laws for review. Discussion will follow regarding this at the August meeting.

Giesen reported that the Department Emergency Preparedness Plan was submitted which includes the Aging/Long Term Care Unit. Discussion followed.

Cwik made a motion to approve the Aging Plan updates to be submitted to the State as presented. Bender-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Senior Picnic - August 8, 2008: Giesen reported that the Senior Picnic will be held on August 8, 2008 at Soldier's & Sailors Park by Markesan. The theme this year will be geared towards the Olympics, "Let the Games Begin". Tickets will be \$5.00.

Giesen reported that one bid was received from Ripon Pick & Save at a cost of \$4.58/person. Giesen explained what the menu would include. After discussion, Bender made a motion to accept the bid from Pick & Save at a cost of \$4.58/person to provide the meal at the Senior Picnic. Hilger-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Giesen distributed the letters/list to Committee members to assist them in collecting the door prizes for the picnic. Discussion followed.

Meal Program: Giesen reported that it is anticipated that funds for the congregate mealsites will be over budget by October. Giesen would like Committee members to start thinking of options which will be discussed at the next meeting. This will be on the agenda for the August meeting.

Discussion followed. It was suggested to have newspaper articles in the paper to let the public know of the shortfalls and the availability of donating funds to centers/programs. Giesen will put an article in the newspaper.

Membership: Giesen updated Committee members regarding consideration of recruiting a new member from the Princeton area because of lack of attendance for the current members. Discussion followed. Giesen reported to Committee members that because of the by-laws at present, a Committee member can only serve 2 terms. Giesen will check into the by-laws regarding statutes and revisions to possibly change the term of serving on the committee.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Aging Advisory Committee will be August 20, 2008 at the Berlin Senior Center.

Future Agenda Items for Action and Discussion: Family Care Program Update; By-Laws; TRIAD Report; Transportation Report

Hilger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bender-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.