

**COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY MINUTES**

September 21, 2011

Present: Jack Meyers, Naomi Hilger, Darlene Krentz, Carol Kujawa, Betty Gross, Betty Bradley

Others Present: LeRoy Dissing, Dan Priske, Karen Davis, Donna Richards

Requirements of Open Meeting Law have been met.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Meyers at the Green Lake Dartford Bay Apartments Mealsite.

Introductions were made.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion/second (Priske/Hilger) to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Motion/second (Krentz/Gross) to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2011 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPEARANCES:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**GREATER WISCONSIN AGENCY ON AGING RESOURCES, INC (GWAAR):** Bradley reported that GWAAR is working on the budget and advocacy especially for continuation of the SeniorCare program.

Bradley reported regarding the PSA meeting she attended in Green Bay. Budget issue were discussed as well as transportation changes which involve the Economic Support Unit/programs. Discussion followed.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT:** Dissing reported that the Department of Health & Human Services met the 3% reduction as directed for the 2012 Department of Health & Human Services proposed budget. Dissing stated that two positions have been eliminated at this point to help meet the 3% tax levy reduction. Discussion followed.

**OLD BUSINESS: July and August Program Information:** Bradley distributed and explained the July and August program information to Committee members. (See attached.) Discussion followed.

Bradley explained the actual current cost per meal is \$8.32 including all parts, i.e. transportation, supplies, etc. Discussion followed. It was noted that the home delivered meal program is very important for the homebound individuals.

**2011-2013 State Budget:** No discussion.

**Family Care:** Bradley reported that the Family Care program cap is still in place effective July 1, 2011. Bradley explained that the cap controls the number of individuals to be served. Until someone is taken off the program, individuals are put on the wait list. From July 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31, 2011, the Tri-County ADRC wait list has increased from 28 to 50. Donna Richards explained the process of transitioning from the wait list. Bradley explained that there are emergency slots to be used in crisis situations. Discussion followed.

Richards explained the differences between the Family Care program and the IRIS program. With Family Care, the State sets up the plan of care and the MCO is responsible. The family care organization takes care of the paperwork and everything. For IRIS, the individual is more involved in making the choices for their service plan. With IRIS, any changes are more the responsibility of the individual. Discussion followed.

Bradley explained to Committee members the criteria needed to be eligible for the Family Care Program: must be eligible for Medical Assistance and must be at a nursing home level of care. To determine this an assessment/functional screen is completed to determine this. Individuals eligible must be 60+ years old. If the person is 18-60 years of age, they must be physical or developmentally disabled to be considered eligible.

**Senior Picnic:** Bradley reported that the 2011 Senior Picnic was held at St. John's Catholic School in Princeton on August 12, 2011. Bradley reported that there were 192 in attendance and the picnic was considered a success with numerous compliments regarding the indoor location, food and entertainment. Discussion followed.

**NEW BUSINESS: 2012 Aging Plan Amendment:** Bradley explained the 2012 budget amendment to the 2012 Aging Plan. (See attached.) Bradley explained to Committee members the budget pages and in-kind match in each program area. Discussion followed. Motion/second (Krentz/Hilger) to approve the 2012 Aging Plan Amendment budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ADRC (Aging & Disability Resource Center) Training:** Donna Richards, ADRC Coordinator, was present to review with Committee members the services that are provided through the Tri-County ADRC for Green Lake, Waushara and Marquette counties. (See attached brochure.) Richards explained that there are four parts:

1. Information and Assistance - This is the front line, i.e. answering the phone/walk-ins and providing information and assistance.
2. Information and Assistance makes referrals - The Options Counselors meet and assess the individual and provide more detailed services.

3. Elderly Benefit Specialist (individual must be 60+ years of age; and the Disability Benefit Specialist (age 18-60 years of age). These individuals help consumers get the benefits they are entitled to.
4. Prevention - The ADRC has Health Prevention programs to help keep consumers out of facilities and in their own homes.

Discussion followed and questions were answered.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**Future Meeting Date:** The next meeting of the Aging Advisory Committee will be November 16, 2011 at the Markesan Vista Valley Apartments Mealsite at **10:30 a.m.**

**Future Agenda Items for Action and Discussion:** Budget 2011-2013; Older American's Act; 85.21 Transportation Grant

Motion/second (Gross/Hilger) to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.