

**COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY MINUTES**

March 12, 2008

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

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 Princeton Senior Center.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

After discussion, Cwik made a motion to approve the amended agenda to include under "Committee Discussion - Green Lake Mealsite and under New Business - Meal Cost". Hilger-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Cwik made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2008. Bender-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPEARANCES:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Giesen reported regarding the letter she received from the Bay Area Agency on Aging regarding approval of the state review of progress on the Green Lake County Aging Plan. Giesen reported that the state conducted a phone interview with agency staff. Discussion followed. Guden reported that the majority of counties are meeting the goals.

**BAY AREA AGENCY ON AGING REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Guden reported regarding the February 25, 2008 meeting. Guden noted the stimulus packages that are available for individuals. The amount available per individual ranges from \$300-\$1,200. If someone does not file taxes, they need to do so this time in order to receive the payment. Discussion followed.

Guden reported regarding the Advocacy Training in which she and Hilger attended. It is hoped that a tri-county meeting will be held in the near future to educate all committee members regarding advocacy.

Guden reported that the county plans had to be submitted for 2008. Giesen reported that Green Lake County was requested to include transportation and emergency government preparedness in their plan. Giesen submitted the appropriate information including that the Department of Health & Human Services emergency government preparedness includes the aging population in that plan. Discussion followed.

Guden reported that the state re-organization for the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) is taking place. There will now be only 7 Board members statewide representing each area. This re-organization includes 70 counties. Dane and Milwaukee will remain separate entities. The new flow chart of the organization was shared with Committee members. (See attached.) Discussion followed. Guden reported that by December 31, 2008, the current AAA boards will be disbanded. It is anticipated that the Executive Board of Directors will be located in Madison.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT:** Guden reported regarding March 12, 2008 Health & Human Services Board meeting. The building project was discussed including space concerns. Discussion followed.

**OLD BUSINESS: January and February Program Information:** Giesen distributed and explained the January and February program information to Committee members. (See attached.) Discussion followed. Giesen reported that on the next report, the quarterly report will be included for the Disability Benefit Specialist.

**Family Care Update:** Giesen reported regarding the transition with Family Care. Giesen reported that on May 1, 2008 the final wait list is due for those eligible and anyone on Long Term Care programs that will migrate to Family Care. Giesen reported that on August 1, 2008, Green Lake County will be doing the Family Care transition.

Giesen reported that there will be changes in the job duties for the positions under Care Wisconsin, the care management organization.

Giesen reported regarding services and funding availability for those who choose not to take Family Care. The ADRC for the intake point.

Giesen reported there will be a 6-month transition on active cases and up to 24-month transition for those on the wait list. There are approximately 134 active cases and approximately 75 on the wait list. The Family Care program is for those that are Medical Assistance eligible and disabled individuals. Discussion followed.

Giesen updated Committee members that April 3, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. the provider meeting will be held at the Health & Human Services Center with Care Wisconsin for a presentation on what family care is and then a question/answer session. Discussion followed.

**NEW BUSINESS: Aging Network Changes:** Discussed under Bay Area Agency on Aging.

**Meal Cost:** Giesen reported that all providers are put into the system including meals. Giesen updated Committee members regarding meal costs. For the Congregate meals, the cost is \$9.77/meal including administrative costs. The Congregate grant is \$83,000 with donations of \$15,000. The cost of Home Delivered meals is \$4.93/meal. The Home Delivered Meal grant is \$49,000 with donations of \$17,000. Discussion followed about the suggested donation cost. Giesen reported that some other counties charge \$3.00/meal. Giesen updated Committee members that in 2007 the Congregate meals were over budget. It was recommended that the suggested donation be raised to \$3.00/meal. The current suggested donation is \$2.50/meal. After discussion, Bender made a motion to increase the suggested donation to \$3.00/meal effective May 1, 2008. Hilger-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

Guden reported that the Berlin Friends of the Senior Center are planning a trip to Ireland with a limit of 26 available spots. Discussion followed.

Guden reported that on April 28, 2008, the Ripon College is holding a dance in conjunction with the Berlin Senior Center. This will include the college students and seniors teaching each other different types of dancing. Discussion followed.

Guden reported that the Green Lake Mealsite - Dartford Bay Apartments had the mealsite temporarily at Our Lady of the Lake Church while remodeling was done at the apartments. Discussion followed regarding making a donation to the church in appreciation for hospitality. Different ideas will be discussed. After discussion, Hilger made a motion to spend between \$100-200 for an appreciation gift to Our Lady of the Lake Church for use of their facility. Cwik-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Future Meeting Date:** The next meeting of the Aging Advisory Committee will be May 14, 2008 at the Vista Valley Apartment Mealsite.

**Future Agenda Items for Action and Discussion:** Family Care Program Update;  
Meal Cost - Green Lake Mealsite

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.