

COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY MINUTES

May 13, 2009

Present: Joanne Guden, Sandy Cwik, Judy Bender, Darlene Krentz

Others Present: Suzi Giesen, Betty Bradley

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 Berlin Senior Center, Berlin, WI.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

After discussion, Bender made a motion to approve the amended agenda with the correct location and add Senior Picnic and H1N1 Flu. Cwik-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Cwik made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the March 11, 2009 meeting to say under meal costs - motion "effective May 1, 2009". Krentz-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES:

Betty Bradley, who will be the new Aging/Long Term Care Unit Manger, was present to introduce herself to Committee members. She was welcomed. Discussion followed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Giesen announced that the ADRC will be having classes in various locations throughout the summer 2009. (See attached.) "Living Well with Chronic Conditions" will be held in Berlin July 9 - August 13, 2009 on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. the "Tai Chi For Your Health" will be held in Berlin July 6 - July 29, 2009 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. "A Matter of Balance" will be held in Green Lake from June 2 - June 25, 2009 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Krentz reported that there is an exercise class that will be held on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 at a cost of \$45.00 in Princeton. This is being presented through Cornerstone (YMCA/Health). This is a low-impact senior exercise program.

BAY AREA AGENCY ON AGING REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS/GREATER WISCONSIN AGENCY ON AGING RESOURCES, INC.:

Guden reported that she is done with her Committee duties on the Bay Area Agency on Aging. The records will be going to the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR). The unemployment will continue until 2011 for those staff that lost their jobs. The attorney will be paying it out. The remainder goes to GWAAR. No one from the Bay Area Agency on Aging Committee is serving on the GWAAR Board. The audit will be done on 5/15/09 by the auditor Annette. Earl Eivert will sign the final payment. Discussion followed.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT: Guden reported regarding flu concerns and the resolution that was sent to County Board voicing opposition to the cuts in the State budget. Department of Health & Human Services programs are at risk of huge reductions including some Aging programs.

OLD BUSINESS: March and April Program Information: Giesen distributed and explained the March and April program information to Committee members. (See attached.) Discussion followed regarding donation amounts. Committee members would like to see a breakdown of donations by mealsites. This will be presented at the next meeting.

Clarification will be presented at the next meeting regarding the quarterly Elderly Benefit Specialist statistics with the correct numbers. Bender stated that the Elderly Benefit Specialist was very helpful for her.

Giesen reported that Senior Care may continue until 2011.

Family Care Update: Giesen reported that the wait list is down to 18-20 individuals. It is anticipated that those will be served by the first of the year. There is a second waiting list of approximately 20 individuals.

Van Ness, Giesen and Bradley will continue to meet with Care Wisconsin to assure providers are meeting clients' needs. Discussion followed.

Aging Network Changes: Bradley and Giesen attended a PSA meeting on April 27, 2009. The 2010 plan is due in October 2009. There are three areas to be included in the plan: Transportation; Emergency Preparedness and Caregivers. Discussion followed.

ADRC Board Member: There is still a vacancy for a committee member to serve on the ADRC board. Giesen will contact Schuh for any ideas. Committee members will be updated.

Berlin Senior Center Meal Preparation: Discussion followed regarding the changes that the Berlin Senior Center is doing in their meal preparation. They do not receive commodities. The preparation is improving. The Berlin Senior Center is still requesting a reimbursement of \$4.00/meal. Sue will be taking the Food Safe classes. Guden reported that the Friends of the Seniors are planning a trip to Egypt and a trip to Milwaukee in December to see the Nutcracker. The senior created a cookbook. The senior center will check with U.W. Extension regarding any available grants to write for to enhance their programs at the center. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS: Stimulus Funding: Giesen explained to Committee members that there is Federal funding available for expansions of congregate meal programs. The amounts available may be up to \$10,000. Reporting would need to be done in the SAMS system. Discussion followed.

Senior Farm Market Nutrition Program: Giesen reported that there is a Senior Farm Market Nutrition Program available for individuals over 60 years of age. There would be 109 -- \$25.00 vouchers available. To be eligible for the vouchers, the individual must be 185% of the poverty level, same as the requirements for the food pantry. This is a USDA sponsored program. Items to be purchased with these vouchers include fresh and local produce. Soda

farms is the only produce market in Green Lake County participating.

Senior Picnic: Giesen reported to Committee members that the Senior Picnic is scheduled for August 14, 2009 at Soldier's and Sailor's Park, Little Green Lake. Door prize information will be distributed before the next meeting. The letters will be e-mailed to Committee members so they can adapt accordingly.

H1N1 Flu: Committee members discussed the H1N1 flu and concerns regarding the mealsites. Information will be provided in the newsletter. Discussion followed.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Aging Advisory Committee will be July 8, 2009 at the Dartford Bay Mealsite in Green Lake at 10:00 a.m.

Future Agenda Items for Action and Discussion: Senior Picnic; Federal Stimulus funds; 2010 plan

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.