

**COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY MINUTES**

November 18, 2009

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

Others Present: Betty Bradley, Karen Davis, Linda Van Ness

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, Cwik made a motion to approve the agenda. Krentz-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Krentz made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2009 meeting. Cwik-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPEARANCES:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Guden read a thank you from the Berlin Senior Center for the \$1,000.00 received from Green Lake County to go toward the purchase of the freezer.

Bradley distributed the GWAAR newsletter for Committee review. (See attached.) Discussion followed.

**GREATER WISCONSIN AGENCY ON AGING RESOURCES, INC (GWAAR):** Guden reported that the transition from Bay Area Agency on Aging funds to GWAAR in Madison is almost complete. The attorney is holding the audit and \$7,000.00 if needed for any final expenses. Discussion followed.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT:** Van Ness reported that the 2009 budget is on track at present. The 2010 proposed budget has been approved.

Van Ness reported that the H1N1 vaccine is being administered to those that meet the specific high-risk groups. Appointments are necessary and as more vaccine becomes available, the high-risk groups will be expanded.

Van Ness reported that the congregate meal program is expended 73.04% with three months to go in 2009. Discussion followed regarding concerns.

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

Bradley updated Committee members regarding meal program costs. Bradley explained the cost per meal and the average donation amount for September and October. Bradley reported that the overall cost of the meal is \$7.35 per meal including transportation costs, etc. Discussion followed.

**2010-2012 Aging Plan:** Bradley updated Committee members that the 2010-2012 Aging Plan was approved. Final comments were received and minor adjustments were made and the plan was re-submitted. Discussion followed.

**Mealsite Manager Positions:** Van Ness reported that the resolution increase in hours for the Mealsite Managers to make them part-time/full-time was approved by County Board. Discussion followed.

Bradley reported that a survey was distributed to homebound consumers and the individuals dining at the mealsites. Results were distributed for Committee review. (See attached.) Bradley reported that overall the comments were positive. Discussion followed.

**NEW BUSINESS: Suggested Donation Price for Meal Program:** Bradley reported that the present suggested donation for meals is \$4.00. Staff from the Berlin Senior Center feel that if the suggested donation was dropped to \$3.50 there would be more participation at the site. Bradley reported that the average through area counties is \$3.25/\$3.50. Discussion followed. Bradley reported that there will be meetings with each mealsite/senior center to educate individuals. It will be emphasized that the goal is to continue to providing the meal programs even though budgets are being cut. Donations are an important part to the success of these centers as there is no additional federal/state funding available. It was recommended to change the suggested donation to \$3.50/\$4.00 on a trial basis for the next 3 months, have meetings with the mealsite/senior centers and bring the matter back for discussion in March 2010.

Guden reported that the CWAG spring 2010 conference will be in Marquette County and the fall 2010 conference will be held in Green Lake County - Berlin.

#### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**Future Meeting Date:** The next meeting of the Aging Advisory Committee will be January 13, 2010 at the Berlin Senior Center at 10:00 a.m.

**Future Agenda Items for Action and Discussion:** Berlin Meal Rate; Senior Meal Program - policies/costs

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.