

COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY MINUTES

September 18, 2014

Present: Dick Trochinski, Betty Gross, Darlene Krentz, Barb Reif

Others Present: Betty Bradley, Karen Davis

Requirements of Open Meeting Law have been met.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m. by Trochinski at the Berlin Senior Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA:

Motion/second (Gross/Krentz) to approve the amended agenda to include under New Business - "Dementia Caregiver Coalition". All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Motion/second (Gross/Krentz) to approve the amended May 21, 2014 minutes and the July 16, 2014 minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

GREATER WISCONSIN AGENCY ON AGING RESOURCES, INC (GWAAR): Bradley reported when the next meeting will be held. Bradley reported that the Bi-Annual Aging Conference was held last week with 400-500 in attendance. There was discussion of re-design of the Bureau of Aging to reduce duplication of services/efforts. This comes from the idea of "merging the two ideas" similar to ADRC's. The funding would not necessarily change but working in conjunction with each other would. A summit will be held to discuss ideas. Discussion followed.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT: Trochinski reported regarding the meeting and explained the Neshkoro School Project to Committee members.

OLD BUSINESS: July and August Program Information: Bradley reported that the July and August Program information will be sent out for Committee review.

Food Pantry: Bradley reported that there will be a mobile food pantry on October 16, 2014 in the parking lot of the Food Pantry. This is being held in conjunction with Feeding America. Bradley reported that there is no cost to the county involved. Consumers need to be financially eligible and will need proof of identification. Discussion followed. Volunteers are needed and welcome. Please contact the agency.

Bradley also reported that Feeding America is working through Wal-Mart. Feeding America is a warehouse distributor and with changes Green Lake County food pantries are receiving food donations directly from Wal-Mart weekly which amounts to approximately 1000 pounds of food per week. Bradley explained that donation funds are being saved especially in the area of meat. Discussion followed.

Bradley reported that Green Lake County received a \$10,000.00 grant from ADVOCAP and was able to complete paying for the freezer for the food pantry. Bradley reported that \$24,000.00 was paid through grants/private donations.

Nutrition Grant: Neuman showed/explained to Committee members the new "Coffee Club" free for service breakfast café that has been open for approximately one month. There have been around 10 in attendance each day. Neuman reminded Committee members that this "Coffee Club" is open for anyone. Discussion followed.

Bradley reported that 11 grants were awarded and that the Berlin Senior Center is the only one trying to do a self-sustaining program. The grant runs through May 2015.

Senior Picnic: Bradley updated Committee members that the Senior Picnic will be held on August 8, 2014 at St. Johns, Princeton. Bradley reported that the picnic went well. Lots of generous donations were received. There was 198 in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS: Dementia Caregiver Coalition: Bradley reported that the first Dementia Caregiver Coalition meeting will be held on October 2, 2014 from 9:00 - 11:30. Bradley explained that the purpose of this meeting is to learn what resources are available in the community: community education; develop new partners/programs. Bradley explained a new Court decision that was implemented regarding elderly dementia individuals in crisis and hospitalization procedures. Bradley described examples of different things that have been done to help dementia individuals. Bradley reported that there is support of educational programs for employers. Discussion followed.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Aging Advisory Committee will be November 19th at Fox River Industries at 10:30 a.m.

Future Agenda Items for Action and Discussion: Food Pantry Update; Funding updates; Nutrition Grant update; 85.21 transportation grant; Annual self-assessment

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.