

COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY MINUTES

November 20, 2008

Present: Joanne Guden, Naomi Hilger, Judy Bender

Others Present: Suzi Giesen, Karen Neuman, LeRoy Dissing

Requirements of Open Meeting Law have been met.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Guden at Fox River Industries, Berlin, WI.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

After discussion, Bender made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Hilger-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Bender made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2008 meeting. Hilger-second. All ayes. Motion carried. The August 19, 2008 minutes were reviewed as there was no quorum and for record only.

APPEARANCES: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Giesen reported that Fond du Lac County invited Green Lake County to the AARP Christmas party.

Giesen shared with Committee members the newsletter from Vilas County. Discussion followed.

BAY AREA AGENCY ON AGING REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Guden reported that the Bay Area Agency on Aging has changed their name to Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resource. Guden reported regarding all the personnel changes. Discussion followed.

Guden reported that there will be an increase in Social Security. Guden also reported that there are energy assistance dollars available for elderly individuals and they should contact EBS, per the BAAA.

Guden reported that the Bay Area Agency on Aging employees will receive six months pay plus 6 weeks severance based on the longevity of their employment. Forms are due in November. The last day of the BAAA is December 31, 2008. There will be 5 employees out of work. One individual will finish the year-end work that needs to be done. Discussion followed.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT:

Guden reported that the 2009 budget was passed at the November County Board meeting. Committee members were updated regarding changes in the budget because of the transition to family care and Care Wisconsin.

Committee members were updated regarding changes in the ADRC with Veronica Ottow now the ADRC Coordinator and Gloria Lichtfuss being hired as the ADRC Resource Specialist.

Giesen reported that the ADRC budget is due 12/1/08. Guden, Warren, and Ingram, from the Executive Committee, will meet with County staff to finalize the budget before the due date. Discussion followed.

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

Family Care Update: Discussion followed regarding Care Wisconsin. Resources for placement were discussed.

Aging Network Changes: Giesen reported that as January 1, 2009 the Aging Network will become Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resource.

NEW BUSINESS: Meal Programs and Budget: Giesen updated Committee members regarding a request to increase the cost of meals by 13¢/meal. After discussion, Bender made a motion to increase the payment to Feil's Catering by 13¢/meal for a cost of \$4.50/meal. Hilger-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

Giesen explained the budget as of October 2008 regarding the meal programs: Congregate meals is expended 64% of the budget; Homebound meals is expended 100% of the budget. For revenues: Congregate meals is 76% while Homebound meals is 88%. The USDA amount has been increased to \$18,599.00. Discussion followed. Actual cost to the county per meal, after donations and USDA is almost 49¢.

Berlin Senior Center/85.21: Giesen reported that there has been no change. Discussion followed regarding the Berlin Senior Center vans.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Neuman reported that there will be a Thanksgiving meal at the Berlin Senior Center.

It was reported that the Berlin Senior Center is considering an expansion to adjacent property. \$22,000 has been received in donations for the project. The house next door (north) was demolished to provide parking. The next project may be a room addition on the south side.

Other Berlin Senior Center activities were discussed. Twenty-four seniors traveled to Ireland in October. A Washington DC trip for Spring is already full!

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Aging Advisory Committee will be January 14, 2009 at the Princeton Senior Center.

Future Agenda Items for Action and Discussion: Family Care Program Update; By-Laws; TRIAD Report; Transportation Report

Hilger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Guden-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.