

**COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY MINUTES**

July 21, 2010

Present: Naomi Hilger, Betty Gross, Jack Meyers

Others Present: Betty Bradley, Karen Davis, Karen Neuman

Excused: Carol Kujawa, Darlene Krentz

Requirements of Open Meeting Law have been met.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Meyers at the Markesan Vista Valley Apartments Mealsite.

Introductions were made.

The Pledge of Allegiance was done and will be added to the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

After discussion, Hilger made a motion to approve the amended agenda to include Election of Officers. Gross-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Hilger made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2010 meeting. Gross-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Jack Meyers is the Chairman as he is the representative from the County Board/Health & Human Services Board.

Meyers opened the nominations for Vice Chairman of the Commission on Aging Advisory Committee. Gross made a motion to nominate Naomi Hilger for Vice Chairman. Meyers-second. All ayes. Motion carried. Meyers questioned three times if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, Gross made a motion to close the nominations. Hilger-second. All ayes. Motion carried. Gross made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Hilger for Vice Chairman. Meyers-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPEARANCES:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**GREATER WISCONSIN AGENCY ON AGING RESOURCES, INC (GWAAR):** Bradley reported that in June meetings were held regarding re-authorization of the Older American's Act. Bradley reported regarding the meeting she attended. Discussion was held regarding what the most important parts of the act are and what concerns there were. Transportation and the re-organization of the program in general were discussed. The information from the various meetings will be consolidated and information shared. Bradley explained the need to re-authorized the Older Americans Act with any recommended improvements.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT:** Van Ness reported that the Open House

was held on July 11, 2010.

Van Ness reported that directive from the Green Lake County Finance Committee for the 2011 budget is 0% increase excluding personnel. Van Ness reported that the State budget as a whole is not doing well which will affect county funding. Discussion followed.

**OLD BUSINESS: May and June Program Information:** Bradley distributed and explained the May and June program information to Committee members. (See attached.)

Bradley reported that the Food Pantry has moved into the old Department of Health & Human Services building. An open house is scheduled for August 7, 2010 from 9:00 - Noon. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bradley reported that the suggested donation continues to be \$3.50-\$4.00 and seems to be working well.

**Meal Program Policies/Decisions: Nutrition Advisory Council:** Bradley reported that Health and Human Services needs to have a Nutrition Advisory Council. Bradley distributed information regarding the Nutrition Advisory Council which she would like up and running by January 2011. The Council would need to meet quarterly at each meals site for a site visit. The purpose of the Nutrition Advisory is for individuals that actually eat at a mealsite or receive meals - consumers. Individuals that can serve on the Council include family members, caregivers, and/or neighbors. Bradley is recommending that one Commission on Aging Advisory Committee member serve on the Council.

Bradley explained to Committee members that Lichtfuss and herself will be going to each mealsite and explaining the council and recruiting a representative and alternate to serve. Homebound recipients will be contacted to see if they would like a family member or neighbor would like to serve on the Council if the actual recipient feels that they could not.

This matter will be brought up again at the September 2010 meeting.

**CWAG Fall Meeting - October 4, 2010:** Bradley updated Committee members regarding the CWAG Fall Meeting. Each Committee member is requested to bring a door prize to be raffled off at the meeting.

Local representatives Luther Olson and possibly Joan Ballweg will be in attendance as speakers. Irene Kutz, Benefit Specialist, will be presenting on Medicare Part D Plans - enrolling and changing plans. Bill Fietlinger will be a presenter regarding social security issues.

Greg Underheim will also be a presenter regarding "Being an Advocate for Yourself" - doctor, landlord, etc. Discussion followed.

Neuman reported that Ken Hill, Berlin Senior Center, was presented the CWAG Senior Achievement Award. Hill was given this award due to his achievements for the Berlin Senior Center and "Friends of the Berlin Senior Center".

**Senior Farm Market Nutrition Program:** Bradley updated Committee members

regarding the second year of the Senior Farm Market Nutrition Program available for individuals over 60 years of age. This is a USDA sponsored program. Items to be purchased with these vouchers include fresh and local produce. Bradley reported that there are 21 vouchers left to distribute. The vouchers will be available at the August Food Pantries and the Senior Picnic.

**Senior Picnic:** Bradley updated Committee members that the Senior Picnic is scheduled for August 13, 2010. The picnic will be held at Our Lady of the Lake Church. Door prizes are still needed. Discussion followed.

Pick n Save will be catering for the picnic at a cost of 4.85/person.

The theme is "Feeling Lucky" (casino-type theme).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2011 Aging Plan:** Bradley reported she received the information regarding the 2011 Aging Plan. Bradley explained that this is a 3 year plan with updates required each year. Bradley reported that it looks like a new budget will need to be submitted in 2011 to GWAAR. Committee members will be updated.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION** None.

**Future Meeting Date:** The next meeting of the Aging Advisory Committee will be September 15, 2010 at the Berlin Senior Center at **10:30 a.m.**

**Future Agenda Items for Action and Discussion:** Senior Picnic report; Nutrition Advisory Council; by-laws; 2011 Aging Plan

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.