

COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY MINUTES

July 8, 2009

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

Others Present: Betty Bradley, Karen Davis, Karen Neuman

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 Dartford Bay Apartments Mealsite, Green Lake, WI.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Bender made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2009 meeting. Krentz-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES:

Karen Neuman, Berlin Senior Center, was present to discuss under "Old Business - Berlin Senior Center Meal Preparation".

Introductions were made.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

GREATER WISCONSIN AGENCY ON AGING RESOURCES, INC (GWAAR): Guden reported that she has received no correspondence from GWAAR - Madison. Guden reported that the funds from the Bay Area Agency on Aging are still in limbo. The lawyer that has been retained is looking into this matter.

Neuman reported that Betty Gross, Berlin Senior Center, was nominated and selected to receive the Senior Achievement Award - District 3.

Bradley reported that she will be attending the regional GWAAR meeting to be held on July 31, 2009. Discussion followed regarding submitting a letter requesting representation from the Bay Area Agency on Aging on the GWAAR Committee. Also discussion followed regarding submitting a letter requesting better communication between counties that were part of the Bay Area Agency on Aging and GWAAR. After discussion, Bradley will check with GWAAR if Committee members can be added to lists that are sending out updates regarding Aging matters. Committee members will be updated.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT: Guden reported that the Department of Health & Human Services is still working with Care Wisconsin regarding Family Care.

Guden reported that the emergency operation center has been open. The center

is used for the key people to meet/coordinate for planning objectives in the case of a pandemic/emergency.

Guden updated Committee members that it is anticipated that the Justice Center will be completed by June 2010. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS: May and June Program Information: Bradley distributed and explained the May and June program information to Committee members. (See attached.) Discussion followed. The form will be updated to include what funds each mealsite is receiving each month.

Family Care Update: Bradley reported that Department of Health & Human Services staff are working with Care Wisconsin. The transition has been completed. The individuals on the wait list are getting served faster than was first anticipated. It is anticipated that by the end of year 2009 the wait list will be completed. From that point until August 2011, 3 new people can be served every other month - 2 one month and 1 the other month. Bradley reported that relocations have increased significantly to 2-3 per month. Discussion followed. Bradley explained the funding for the clients and payments toward their cost of care.

ADRC Board Member: Bradley updated Committee members that Ed Hendrickson and Bob Michels have agreed to serve on the ADRC Committee. After discussion, Cwik made a motion to recommend to the Department of Health & Human Services Board that Ed Hendrickson and Bob Michels serve on the ADRC Committee. Hilger-second. All ayes. Motion carried. Committee members will be updated regarding the third Committee member needed for the ADRC Board.

Berlin Senior Center Meal Preparation: Neuman was present to update Committee members regarding the mealsite. Neuman reported that the new chef has started and has been watching sales and preparing his own menus. (See attached.) Neuman reported that the average amount short to cover the meals each month is \$401.00. Committee members questioned how much funding was received to cover the cost of these meals. Discussion followed. Neuman reported that the suggested donation per meal in June 2006 was \$2.25. The funding received was \$3.65/meal. Neuman further reported that in July 2009 the suggested donation was \$4.00/meal. The funding received is \$3.65/meal. Discussion followed.

Neuman reported that seniors are refusing to pay the suggested donation of \$4.00/meal and are not eating at the site and are eating elsewhere. Discussion followed regarding meal preparation, supplies, etc. Neuman questioned if the other mealsites have been having problems/complaints regarding the \$4.00 suggested donation.

Bradley reported that there is no additional funding available for 2009.

Discussion followed regarding volunteers/drivers and receiving a free meal. Bradley reported that only the "volunteers" that are needed to serve the meals should receive a free meal. Also, drivers from the Green Lake/Princeton and Markesan mealsites do not receive a free meal. Neuman reported that the Berlin drivers receive a free meal for delivering meals. Discussion followed. This will be reviewed further and possible guidelines will be developed.

Krentz reported that since there has been some interest in having meals at

the Princeton Mealsite, a survey is going out to find out interest. Committee members will be updated. Krentz reported that Kathy will be at the Princeton Senior Center from 10:00 - 3:00 Tuesday - Friday - 295-8864.

Senior Farm Market Nutrition Program:

Bradley reported that the Senior Farm Market Nutrition Program will start in July. This program is available for individuals over 60 years of age. There will be 109 -- \$25.00 vouchers available for residents of Green Lake County.

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 in addition to various certified food stands/farm markets throughout the county. The certified farmers will have a yellow sign displayed. The coupons will be issued at 4 sites. The issue dates will be July 15th - Berlin; July 23rd - Princeton/Green Lake; July 21st - Manchester. Discussion followed.

Senior Picnic: Bradley updated 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 has been distributed. The theme this year is "Rock Around the Clock". Discussion followed regarding caterers. After discussion, Hilger made a motion for Pick n' Save to cater the meal at a cost of \$ /meal. Cwik-second. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Stimulus Funding: Bradley explained to Committee members that there is Federal funding that Green Lake County has received for congregate/homebound meal programs in the amount of \$11,000.00. \$8,000 for congregate meals; \$3,000 for home delivered meals. Discussion followed regarding how these funds would be expended. Bradley reported to Committee members that this stimulus funding can not be rolled over but needs to be expended in 2009. Bradley reported that other funding will be carried over as needed. It is anticipated that the stimulus funding will be utilized to cover meal costs and/or equipment if needed at any of the mealsites.

Bradley also reported that the FEMA received \$1,600 in stimulus funding for the food pantry to purchase additional food.

2010-2011 Aging Plan: Bradley reported that preparations are being made to submit the 2010-2011 Aging Plan. Bradley explained the three areas in which goals need to be updated and submitted for approval: Transportation coordination; emergency preparedness and family caregivers support activities. Bradley reported that in the area of transportation that the Department of Transportation/City of Berlin are working on improving transportation in the city of Berlin at a possible savings of around \$20,000. Bender reported that there have been tri-county meetings between Waushara, Marquette and Green Lake Counties regarding coordination of services. Bradley will look into this as part of the transportation goals and Committee members will be updated.

Bradley reported regarding the Emergency Preparedness goal. Guden reported that the emergency operation center has been open. The center is used for the key people to meet and better coordinate planning objectives in the case of a pandemic/emergency.

It was suggested that Bradley contact Gary Podoll, Kathy Munsey and the TRIAD Committee to gather more information to develop the goals for emergency preparedness.

Bradley reported that for the family caregivers support activities that it will be looked into for a possible goal hooking up the Family Caregiver Support Group with the Alzheimer's Support group. Other options also include developing a lending library with videos/books specific to dementia, etc. Discussion followed.

Committee members will be updated regarding the 2010-2011 Aging Plan.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Aging Advisory Committee will be September 23, 2009 at the Princeton Senior Center at 10:00 a.m.

Future Agenda Items for Action and Discussion: Senior Picnic report; Federal Stimulus funds; 2010-2011 Aging plan; Senior Meal Program

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.