

## **ADRC BOARD/COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

*THE FOLLOWING MINUTES HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE TO WHICH THEY PERTAIN*

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Tom Richart, Pat Treffert, Suzanne Bruner, Paul Gurgel, Supervisor Bob Walerstein, John Hilber and Karen Nadolski

**EXCUSED:** Stan Suring

**OTHERS PRESENT:** County Administrator, Tom Meaux, ADRC Director, Michelle Pike, Aging Services Manager, Mary Ferrell, Office Assistant, Tara Meinnert, Bob Haupt, DHS Director, Information and Assistance Specialist, Ginger Ayres and Kathy Geracie

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Pat Treffert called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**ASSURANCE THAT THE MEETING HAS BEEN PROPERLY NOTICED:** Ms. Meinnert indicated that the meeting had been properly noticed.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** *On a motion by Supervisor Walerstein and a second by John Hilber, the agenda was adopted.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Ms. Ferrell shared a “thank-you” note from a home delivered meal client’s family.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *On a motion by Suzanne Bruner and a second by Supervisor Walerstein, the minutes from the meeting on 2/09/09 were approved.*

**ADRC UPDATES:**

- State Budget and Implications for ADRC
  - Ms. Pike reported: At the ADRC Statewide meeting last Wednesday, everyone in attendance received dismal news. Due to the recent state budget issues, Family Care entitlements for those county’s currently in transition, will be pushed back to March 2011 instead of March 2010. For Ozaukee County this also means that enrollments will decrease from 6.5 individuals per month to 2.5 per month. This is a major setback for our current waiting lists. These changes are effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Ms. Pike asked the board their opinion about writing a press release or newspaper article to bring awareness to Ozaukee County residents regarding the changes with Family Care. The board agreed with Ms. Pike’s request and a press release will be written.

- 2008 End of Year Report and Executive Summary
  - Ms. Pike reported most categories showed an increase; slight decrease with congregate meals. There was a significant increase with I & A calls because the needs of our clients have become greater in addition to the fact that our marketing efforts and presentations in the community increased.
- Expansion of Outreach Activities for I & A Unit
  - At the present time, there are 2 I & A staff alternating weeks of outreach at the Grafton and Thiensville meal sites. Outreach will now be expanding to include once a month at Fredonia and Saukville meal sites.
  - Carol Filo, Benefit Specialist, will be giving presentations on Early Retirement from May through August.
- Sharing of Document – Feeling Comfortable with People who have Disabilities
  - Ms. Nadolski provided the board with a handout she finds helpful for people who may be unfamiliar with the types of disabilities individuals can have as well as how to interact with these individuals.

#### **AGING UNIT UPDATES:**

- Loss of AFCSP funding for 2010-2011
  - Ms. Ferrell reported AFCSP monies will be rolled into Family Care funding. When it comes time to work on the budget for 2010 there will be a shift of dollars to accommodate clients receiving this service.

#### **REPORTS:**

The following reports were discussed:

##### Congregate/Home Delivered Meals Program:

Ms. Ferrell reported

- Congregate numbers are starting to bounce back; sites are doing quite well.
- Home delivered meal numbers continue to increase.
- Ms. Ferrell cannot say enough about her volunteers. Recently there were a couple incidents involving volunteers; one volunteer fell and was injured but will be okay and another volunteer is credited with saving the life of a homebound individual who fell by calling 9-1-1. Ms. Ferrell recruits volunteers through churches and Harris Bank.

##### Information & Assistance:

Ms. Ayres reported an increase with calls and assistance; may be due to inquiries about tax help during the months of February and March. Ms. Ayres shared information on Homemaker/Companion services and provided a copy of the handout that is given to our clients.

Department Financial Report:

- Ms. Pike reported the ADRC Budget appears to be on target for this time in the year. The cost center related to supplies appears to be a bit high. Because the license fees for the software the ADRC uses (Beacon and Sams) must be paid in January, this fact makes the supply budget look overspent in the beginning of the year. This should not be a concern as the upcoming months should even this cost center out.
- Ms Ferrell reported that the Aging budget appears to be on target also. A correction will need to be made to two of the cost centers to straighten out the confusion that has arisen because of the change in vendors for the meal program. The charges for the meals were being placed in the Interdepartmental charges cost center rather than in the Purchased Services Cost Center. Ms. Ferrell has brought this to the attention of Anne Connors and the problem will soon be rectified.

Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups:

Ms. Pike asked James Fisher if he would continue to be a representative for CWAG and he accepted.

Area Agency Board/Advisory Council:

Dr. Fisher reported all fund requests were split equally among the counties when the South Eastern Area Agency on Aging dissolved at the end of 2008. The transition to becoming a new agency is complete. Many of the staff who worked for Southeastern Area Agency on Aging have been hired by the new agency which is called Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.

Other Business

Supervisor Tom Richart extended an invite to fellow board members who had interest in attending a meeting at Lasata on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> regarding the new Residential Care Apartment Complex planned for the Lasata grounds.

Topics for Next Meeting:

Valeree Lecey's Report - SEWAAA

**On a motion by Supervisor Walerstein and a second by John Hilber, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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ADRC of Ozaukee County