

**ADRC BOARD/COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8TH, 2010**

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

PRESENT: Supervisor Tom Richart, Supervisor Bob Walerstein, Pat Treffert, Stan Suring, Suzanne Bruner, Paul Gurgel, John Hilber, James Fisher, and Karen Nadolski

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Ferrell, Aging Services Manager, Ginger Ayres, Information and Assistance Specialist, Kay Ella Dee, Disability Benefit Specialist, Bob Haupt, DHS Director and Tom Meaux, County Administrator

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Pat Treffert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: *On a motion by Stan Suring and a second by Karen Nadolski, the agenda was adopted.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Supervisor Walerstein distributed an article from *Wisconsin Counties – The Future of Long Term Care*. The article defined ARDC's as the "foundation for the long-term care reform that is occurring in Wisconsin."

Mary Ferrell and Bob Haupt gave an overview of the upcoming Human Service Day at the State Capitol. This event will take place on March 4th, 2010 and participation from this committee is encouraged.

Mary Ferrell distributed a copy of the press release that was published following the incident in Waukesha County. This notice was also read at each of the dining centers.

Mr. Suring commented on the excellent edition *Facts for Seniors* that was received.

Ms. Treffert received a letter from GWAAR regarding the assessment that had been completed on the 2007-2009 County Plan. Ms. Treffert pointed out areas that the Aging Services Department would be working on over the next several years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *On a motion by Bob Walerstein and a second by Stan Suring, the minutes from the meeting on 1/11/10 were approved.*

❖ **ADRC DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Introduction of Tara Meissner as Mobility Manager
 - Mary Ferrell informed the committee that Tara Meissner had been selected to fill the position as Mobility Manger. This is a limited position, fully grant funded. Ms. Meissner will work 20 hours/week in 2010.

- Older Americans Month
 - Ms Ferrell gave a brief overview of previous celebrations that had taken place to recognize Older Americans Month in May. Ms. Ferrell noted that a decision would need to be made at the March meeting so that a location and entertainment could be booked.

- Board Member Bio- Stan Suring
 - Mr. Suring gave an entertaining overview of his family, education, work, travel and community service.

❖ **AGING ACTION ITEMS**

- Ms. Ferrell provided an overview of the request to increase donation for the Home Delivered Meal and Congregate Meal programs, a decrease in federal and state funding has necessitated this \$.25 increase.
 - **On a motion by James Fisher and a second by Bob Walerstein the decision to increase the recommended donation by \$.25 was unanimously approved.**

❖ **REPORTS:**

- The following reports were discussed:
 - Congregate/Home Delivered Meals Program:

Ms. Ferrell reported:

1. Congregate meals: Attendance remains steady at most meal site locations, although the number of participants was a bit lower in January. This winter season has seen the program closed two times due to weather conditions. Mary Ferrell and Michelle did meet with the housing manager at Oakwood Senior Apartments to discuss concerns regarding low participation at that site. They will keep this committee informed of the situation at that site.

2. Home delivered meals: The number of participants continues to increase.

Information & Assistance:

Ms. Ayres reported that numbers for incoming calls for January showed an increase of 4% when compared to January of 2009. Ms Ayres also shared information about the presentations that were given by the staff of the ADRC in 2009. The total presentation numbered 33 different offerings while serving 760 participants.

Disability Benefit Specialist:

Ms. Dee gave an overview of the services that she had provided in 2009. She gave detail as to the demographics of the type of client served as well as the type of services they received. The fiscal impact of the services that she provided in 2009 was \$962,893.00. This dollar amount was determined by using a state calculation.

Department Financial Report:

- Ms Ferrell reported that both the Aging budget and Aging and Disability Resource Center's budgets are satisfactory at this time.

Topics for Next Meeting:

ADRC Board Member Bio – Suzanne Bruner

On a motion by Suzanne Bruner and a second by Stan Suring, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ferrell
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ADRC of Ozaukee County