

## **ADRC BOARD/COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

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

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Tom Richart, (serving as chairperson in place of Pat Treffert who is excused) 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 James Fisher and a second by Robert Walerstein, the agenda was adopted.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *On a motion by Suzanne Bruner and a second by James Fisher, the minutes from the meeting on 2/8/10 were approved.*

### **❖ ADRC DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Year End Report
  - Ms Pike presented an overview of the Year End Report for 2009 for the ADRC. A copy of this entire report will be posted to the County's website in the near future.
  
- Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act
  - There was an open discussion on the process by which the Federal Government seeks input on the funding of programs that affect Older Americans. The ADRC is planning a celebration in May to honor Older Americans. A portion of this event will be designated for discussion of the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act.  
In addition, Michelle Pike updated the committee on the changes the State is requiring for composition of ADRC boards. New board composition rules will ensure that a more accurate representation of the clients served in Long Term Care programs in the State of WI is reflected. In the future, Ozaukee County will need to replace an outgoing ADRC Board member who represents the elderly with one that would represent the Developmentally Disabled. This will ensure that 2 board members represent this population.

- Relocation of Port Washington Senior Center
  - Michelle Pike and Mary Ferrell had an opportunity to tour the Franklin Energies building which is the proposed new location for the Port Washington Senior Center. Both believe the location is an attractive site for the center but would encourage the construction of a chair lift in the rear of the building to better accommodate the delivery of food for the Senior Dining Program. Since the handicapped parking is near the rear of the building, this lift would also improve accessibility for those using these parking spaces.
- Summary of Human Service Day at the Capitol
  - Michelle Pike, Bob Haupt, Cindy Bock, and Suzanne Bruner traveled to Madison to meet with legislators to discuss issues pertinent to county human service departments. Bob Haupt outlined those topics that are of greatest concern to Ozaukee County. A thank you letter will be drafted by Michelle Pike and Bob Haupt to send to legislators that will also outline topics discussed.
- Board Member Bio
  - Suzanne Bruner gave an overview of her family, her career, and her involvement in the community including authoring a book on the History of Port Washington .

#### ❖ ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of State Implemented ADRC Wait List Policy
  - In January 2010, Supervisor Patrick Marchese requested that the State initiated Wait List policy be publicized to ensure the community awareness of the changes. Once this was accomplished, Supervisor Marchese suggested bringing the policy back to both the ADRC Board as well as to the ALTC Committee for formal approval. Ms. Pike reported that during the past two months the ADRC has made these changes known to individuals as well as to service providers in the county and that no negative comments surrounding the new policy had been noted. No further discussion was held.  
**On a motion by James Fisher and a second by Karen Nadolski the decision to support the updated Wait List policy was passed unanimously.**
- Request to support Ozaukee Senior Games in the Amount of \$200
  - Letter from area Senior Center Directors requesting financial support for the Ozaukee County Senior Games was reviewed.  
**On a motion by Robert Walerstein and a second by Stan Suring, the decision to support the request in the amount of \$200 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, the largest increases were in Port Washington and in Belgium. Work continues on improving both the attendance and the working relationships at the Oakwood Senior Apartments Dining Site.
2. Home delivered meals: The number of participants continues to increase. Since December 15<sup>th</sup>, 63 new individuals have requested home delivered meals.

#### Information & Assistance:

Ms. Ayres reported that numbers for incoming calls for February actually showed a 19% decrease in the number of contacts when compared to February of 2009. Ms. Ayres went on to say that although the contacts decreased, the complexity of calls (and thus the length of each call) continues to increase.

#### Department Financial Report:

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

#### Other Business:

- Karen Nadolski gave a report on the issues and progress being made by Balance, Inc. (a provider of services for individuals with Developmental Disabilities).
- Michelle Pike brought to the attention of the board that she and Mary Ferrell were going to be attending a rescheduled Special Needs Sheltering training in May and would not be present for the board meeting.

**On a motion by Paul Gurgel and a second by James Fisher, a unanimous decision was made to cancel the May, 2010 meeting.**

#### Topics for Next Meeting:

ADRC Board Member Bio – Tom Richart

**On a motion by Suzanne Bruner and a second by Stan Suring, the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Pike  
Director  
ADRC of Ozaukee County