

ADRC BOARD/COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2011

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

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

EXCUSED: Donna Kolanko

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Pike, Director of ADRC, Mary Ferrell, Aging Services Manager, Tara Meinnert, Office Assistant, Ginger Ayres, Information and Assistant Specialist, Cathy Bonvicini, Information and Assistant Specialist, Bob Haupt, Director of Health and Human Services, Tom Meaux, County Administrator, and Bob Kellerman, Executive Director of GWAAR

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Pat Treffert called the meeting to order at 9:00a.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 James Fisher and a second by Suzanne Bruner, the agenda was adopted.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *On a motion by Bob Walerstein and a second by Suzanne Bruner, the minutes from the meeting on 2/14/11 were approved.*

❖ **ADRC ACTION ITEMS:**

- Review and Approve 2011 NFCSP Self Assessment
 - Ms. Ferrell reviewed 2011 NFCSP Self Assessment that Jan Braby, NFCSP Coordinator prepared for GWAAR; no concerns with funding being spent for services and a Caregiver Coalition was formed.
NOTE: NFCSP funding is used for caregiving or to support caregivers

On a motion by Tom Richart and a second by Stan Suring the 2011 NFCSP Self Assessment was unanimously approved

❖ **ADRC DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Advocacy – How, Why, What?? – Presentation and Discussion by Bob Kellerman, Director for Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR)
 - Bob Kellerman provided background on GWAAR – GWAAR supplies information, training, and technical assistance, combined with advocacy, to county and tribal aging offices that provide services to older people. Mr. Kellerman talked about the importance of board members advocating on behalf of issues critical to the elderly and disabled.

- Update of Proposed State of WI Budget for 2011-2013 and what it may mean for client's the ADRC serves (both Michelle and Mary)
 - Ms. Pike and Ms. Ferrell reported that there are several items in the 2011 -2013 budget that could have a direct effect on the ADRC and the clients served. Proposed changes to Senior Care's prescription drug program will mean that the Elderly Disability Specialist's case load will increase significantly. All seniors currently on Senior Care will now need to apply for Medicare Part D. Many of these seniors will need assistance choosing the correct Medicare Part D program.

 - The 2011-2013 budget also proposes to decrease funding to county governments. Because the meal programs in Ozaukee County utilize county levy funding, these programs may be affected in the future. Family Care, Partnership, and IRIS will be stopped from expanding. New enrollments will only be accepted as openings occur due to attrition. The result of this will be the re-development of waiting lists.

- Synopsis of Administration on Aging Grantee meeting in Baltimore (Michelle)
 - Ms. Pike attended AOA Options Counseling Grantee meeting in Baltimore from February 14-18; 20 states received this grant. The focus of the meeting in Baltimore was to bring all the grant recipients together to discuss such topics as the definition of Options Counseling, develop nationwide standards and best practices, and to discuss future expansion of ADRC's. Two keynote speakers who provided outstanding speeches during the grantee meeting were: Joseph Shapiro, NPR News Investigations correspondent and Kathy Greenlee, Assistant Secretary for Aging. Ms. Pike will continue to be involved with phone conferences throughout the year and continue to update board as needed.

- Older American's Month celebration
 - Ms. Pike reported that no date has been set for the celebration; calls have been made to Crossroads Church and Cedarburg Cultural Center for possible location. The focus of the celebration will be SCAMS and possible skits performed by a drama club from a local school district. Other topics will include nutrition, balance and falls, and an update on budget and Medicare.

- Pending departure from board of John Hilber
 - Ms. Pike reported John Hilber will be departing from the ADRC Board. April will be his last meeting; John represents the physically disabled population. If board members know of a person(s) interested in filling this vacancy they are asked to contact Ms. Pike at their earliest convenience.

❖ **AGING SERVICES DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- None

❖ **REPORTS:**

Developmentally Disabilities Representative Report:

- Ms. Nadolski (reporting on behalf of Balance, Inc.)
 - Balance, Inc. will be closing their facility at Conservatory Court in Saukville due to a reduction of funding through Community Care; this location was used for PACE. PACE clients will now be served out of main office on Foster Drive in Saukville or S. Webster Street in Port Washington.
 - Balance, Inc. rented a home on Montgomery Street in Port Washington to provide a client of Community Care a place to live, but due to medical needs this vacancy was not filled. However subsequently Balance was assigned two clients who are now residing in the home.
 - On behalf of Ozaukee ARC, Ms. Nadolski had been asked to find out if congregate meals can be an option for the developmentally disabled population. Ms. Ferrell said it is available at full cost and would discuss the details at a later time with Ms. Nadolski or a representative from Ozaukee ARC.
- Ms. Kolanko (reporting on behalf of Portal)
 - Ms. Kolanko was excused from the meeting so no report from Portal was available.

Congregate and Home Delivered Meal Report:

- Ms. Ferrell reported that the congregate location in Fredonia continues to see an increase in attendees; Cedarburg continues to struggle in recruiting new attendees. Home delivered meals have seen a slight decrease with numbers but can change in a day; there have been no concerns about fuel prices expressed by volunteers who deliver meals. Ms. Ferrell purchased coolers for Mequon routes that are light and easier for the older volunteers to carry; if it works out well these may be purchased for other locations.

Information & Assistance (I & A):

- Ms. Ayres reported monthly totals for February 2011 versus February 2010 for comparisons. At the bottom of her report, Ms. Ayres provided information about number of presentations and people who attended in 2010. Some topics covered during these presentations were long term care insurance, Family Care, Title 19 along with advocacy, resources, and services for aging and disabled residents of Ozaukee County; locations where presentations were held included nursing homes, senior centers, apartments, Workforce Development, Concordia, and Portal Industries.

Department Financial Report:

- Ms. Pike reported that the ADRC budget is satisfactory at this time – one cost center had a higher amount posted early because of the computer software (SAMS) renewal at beginning of year.
- Ms. Ferrell reported that the Aging budget is satisfactory at this time

Other Business:

- Ms. Pike discussed the ADRC conference coming up on April 12 and 13 at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells; first day of agenda items relate to board members and anyone who is interested in attending have been asked to make arrangements with Ms. Pike. Two staff members from the ADRC, Cathy Bonvicini and Mary Ferrell, will have a display booth and will provide information about NiaTx (a special quality improvement project recently undertaken) at the conference.

- Tom Richart reported the County Board passed a resolution to reorganize committees and ALTC has now been combined with Health and Human Services beginning in April. Tom also provided an update on residency numbers at Lasata Crossings – 41 out of 60 have been filled; little behind on expected numbers since opening but real estate market may be a factor.

Topics for Next Meeting:

- None

On a motion by Suzanne Bruner and a second by James Fisher, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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ADRC of Ozaukee County