



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday, August 2, 2011

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Haberman at 1:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Nancy Haberman, Dick Jones, Virgene Lawson, Jim Mode, Marian Moran, Leah Getty, Mary Ann Steppke & Sharon Van Acker.

Also Present: Denise Grossman, Elderly Benefit Specialist, Sue Torum & Sharon Olson, ADRC and Jeanette Petts, Community Action Coalition.

**Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law**

Torum certified compliance.

**Review Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed without comment.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approval of 7/5/11 Minutes**

A motion to approve the 7/5/11 minutes was made by Lawson and seconded by Van Acker. The motion passed unanimously.

**Correspondence from GWAAR**

Torum read a letter dated 7/11/11 from GWAAR regarding the 2010 County Aging Plan Amendment. It said that "Jefferson County continues to exceed meeting the outcomes noted in the agency's plan amendment." In two areas, outcomes were not met and will be the subject of future meetings of this committee.

**Elderly Benefit Specialist Report**

Denise Grossman, Elderly Benefit Specialist, presented on the upcoming *Supermarket of Public Benefits*, Voter ID law and her plans for doing FoodShare outreach. She provided handouts on each. There was a lot of discussion on the new Voter ID law; Jones said that he will be at the benefit fair to inform people about this change and how to get a photo ID.

### **ADRC Monthly Activity Report**

The ADRC had 340 contacts in July. While enrollments have significantly declined, we continue to have attrition openings, so people on the waiting list are continuing to be served.

### **Review & Approve New Waiting List Policy**

The updated waiting list policy was discussed with changes related to the Family Care cap. It adheres to the state guidelines as to how people are served. Most notable in the new policy are the following provisions:

- People who will be financially eligible for the program prior to the next biennium or entitlement (whatever comes first) are allowed to be on the waiting list if they are functionally eligible for the program.
- People being served under Urgent/Emergency Funding must be served with attrition funding as soon as it becomes available.
- People who wish to relocate from a nursing home must reside in the home at least 90 days in order to be processed.
- Children do not automatically roll over into the adult system at age 18; they can now remain on the Children's Long Term Support Waiver Programs until age 22.

The policy was approved in a motion made by Jones, seconded by Moran and passed unanimously.

### **Transportation**

Jeanette Petts provided an overview of the 0% interest auto loan program that CAC administers. The organization has provided 28 loans in the last 2 years and will expand this program into rural Waukesha County. The transportation needs of low income workers has been a priority for the CAC and Petts is writing a WETAP (WI Employment Transportation Assistance Program) grant to get funding for a part-time mobility manager.

The mobility manager would focus on the transportation needs of the elderly, people with disabilities or those who are otherwise disadvantaged. This position would be highly beneficial to Jefferson County because mobility managers are responsible for looking at all available transportation options within a set area (county and/or region) and then taking the steps to begin coordination discussions with all stakeholders to improve access, options and efficiencies.

The Jefferson County Transportation Coordination Plan contains strategies/goals, activities and outcomes to address transportation issues. The planning document was reviewed and updated to clarify some activities, especially in the area of coordination as it relates to mobility management.

Jones made a motion to accept the changes and to support the WETAP grant application. The motion was seconded by Steppke and passed unanimously.

The next item of discussion under transportation was the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Broker System which is currently being managed by Logisticare. The new system began on 7/1/11 and Jefferson County has been experiencing many problems since. Torum gave some examples of how agency clients are not being served. She added that the department is receiving many complaints from previous customers who relied on the county transportation system to get to critical medical appointments (dialysis & chemotherapy). Some are not getting scheduled rides at all, while others report that the drivers show up way past the appointment times. The Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel had an article on this issue in the July 29<sup>th</sup> edition and it points to this being a statewide issue. The Department of Health Services was quoted as saying that 99% of Medicaid recipients who request rides from Logisticare receive them. Counties are collecting data and will be sharing stories with DHS to help them evaluate how this new system is working.

Torum reminded everyone that the S85.21 Specialized Transportation Grant Application will be released shortly. Any significant changes to the plan require careful consideration. The county owns and operates one van that takes seniors grocery shopping; the committee was asked to give some thought to whether or not this service should continue in areas that are served by taxi cabs.

#### **Set next meeting date and possible agenda items**

The next meeting will be on September 6, 2011 at the ADRC. The topics will include updates on the county, state and federal budgets, transportation, YOST, Special Needs Registry and a report on the benefit fair.

#### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jones, seconded by Steppke and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Manager  
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