



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: Nancy Haberman, Chair, Dick Jones, Jim Mode, Sharon Van Acker, Mary Ann Steppke.

Also Present: Sue Torum & Sharon Olson, ADRC staff.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Torum certified compliance.

Review Agenda

The agenda was reviewed.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of 5/1/12 Minutes

A motion to approve the 5/1/12 minutes was made by Jones and seconded by Mode. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications

None

Governance: Review Candidates for Committee Vacancies

The following people have expressed interest in serving on the committee. They are: Earlene Ronk, Jefferson; Carol Battenberg, Johnson Creek; Dan Krause, Fort Atkinson; and Georganne Schmidt, Palmyra. After discussion, Steppke made a motion to forward a recommendation to the Human Services Board to appoint all four individuals to the committee. The motion was seconded by Mode and passed unanimously.

Both Jones and Van Acker were thanked and provided with certificates of recognition for their service to the ADRC. Both indicated that they really enjoyed their time on the committee and learned a lot.

Advocacy/Legislative Updates

Torum shared the WI Supreme Court Decision in the Helen E.F. case. The court's decision has far reaching implications regarding the treatment options for people with dementia who also have disruptive or harmful behaviors toward self or others. The decision asserts that people with dementia are not proper subjects for treatment using the Chapter 51 mental health system; rather they are more appropriately treated under Chapter 55, the protective services system.

ADRC Monthly Activity Report

Olson passed out the Activity Report for May. She said that about 9 people from the waiting list are still pending enrollment due to various factors (establishing MA eligibility, etc). She also said that the Arthritis Foundation is offering an evidenced based program designed to help individuals with arthritis manage their symptoms to live a better life. The ADRC will be providing this information to the general public immediately.

Olson also handed out some new brochures. Everyone thought that they looked terrific!

Elder Abuse Prevention Activities

Torum informed everyone that June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. There are many activities planned throughout the month including:

- News Releases
- Public Presentations
- Table tents at Nutrition Sites
- Posters throughout the county
- Information going with home delivered meals
- APS newsletter and awareness info to law enforcement
- Elder Abuse Financial Brochures sent to banks
- Info posted on Facebook page

2013 Transportation Planning

Torum is meeting with Carrie Porter from the Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR). Carrie is a Mobility Manager and expert in transportation issues. The meeting is set for June 14th and the entire program will be reviewed. Information from that meeting will be shared at the July meeting.

2013-2015 Aging Unit Plan: Focus Areas

Since ½ of the committee membership changes in July 2012, the focus areas of the plan were developed based upon this committee's observations and the feedback they received when meeting with peers. Tentatively, the ADRC will work on the following goals:

Focus Area 4-A: Development of a System of home & Community-Based Services

- Explore ways to expand the Reaching-out-Respite Program which relies on volunteers to operate

Focus Area 4-B: Older American's Act Programs

- Develop outreach strategies that focus on people who do not eat at the Senior Dining Programs

Focus Area 4-C: Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD)

- Develop a local registration system to identify people with dementia who may interface with emergency services; Collaborate with community partners to develop a protocol for dealing with people who have dementia as a result of the Helen E.F. Supreme Court Decision; Attend Alzheimer Association sponsored activities to reach out to caregivers and inform them of our programs and about the Caregiver Coalition

Focus Area 4-D: Emergency Preparedness

- Ongoing planning with Dodge/Jefferson Special Needs Planning Committee
- Attend all local planning meetings

Focus Area 4-E: Evidenced-Based Prevention Programming

- Implement *Stepping On, Home Meds* and *Healthy Eating for Successful Living Among Older Adults* Program

Focus Area 4-D: family Caregiver Support

- Work with the caregiver coalition to identify priority areas to meet service needs

Local Focus Areas:

- Work with Your Friends in Action to develop an outreach program to combat isolation, the biggest risk factor for elder abuse/neglect
- Explore the development of a support group for Parents of Adult Addicted Children who are at-risk of being abused/neglected

Set next meeting date and possible agenda items

The next meeting will be on July 3. Discussion will include standing items, orientation, transportation and the 2013-2015 Aging Unit Plan.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Manager
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