Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Also Present: Christine See, Office of Resource Center Development; Sue Torum & Sharon Olson, ADRC staff.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Torum certified compliance.

Review Agenda

The agenda was reviewed without comment.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of 12/6/11 Minutes

A motion to approve the 12/6/11 minutes was made by Getty and seconded by Mode. The motion passed unanimously.

ADRC Monthly Activity Report

Olson passed out the Activity Report for December. In 2011 the ADRC received over 5,000 contacts which is a 39% increase over the previous year. The elderly continue to be the primary group served by the ADRC, and Family Care continues to be the program most chosen by individuals enrolling into publicly funded long term care.

Members had either read or heard about the news release announcing Governor Walker's plan to lift the ban on the Family Care Enrollment Cap. Olson reported that the details about what this means have not been released.

Regional Long Term Care Council Discussion

Christine See, Quality Specialist, with the Office of Resource Center Development (ORCD) talked to committee members about the statutory requirement to develop Regional Long Term Advisory Committees. In 2012 the Department of Health Services is asking local ADRC boards and advisory committees to appoint members to the council within their region. Appointees would be expected to attend one regional meeting in 2012.   The purpose of these meetings is to gather input from consumers (elderly, persons with physical or developmental disabilities and/or their guardians) about the long term care service delivery system as it relates to publicly funded long term care and ADRC's. There was a lot of discussion about ways members could gather this information and Torum suggested that the next agenda item should be discussed before appointments are made. Hearing no objections, the meeting moved forward.

2013-2015 Aging Unit Planning Process & Environmental Scan

The planning process for the next three year aging plan needs to begin early in 2012 so that a complete environment scan can occur. The Bureau on Aging & Disability Resources has issued instructions for completing the planning process and they include "actively engaging" board or advisory committee members in directly gathering information from older people. There are many ways to do this and Torum passed out copies of some documents that contained ideas. Members agreed to "homework". They decided that there are two questions they will ask people they encounter: 1) what are the three most important issues facing you or other older people in your community? And 2) if you are on Family Care, Partnership or IRIS, what has been your experience and do you have any suggestions for ways to improve any of these programs?

Torum said that it is very important to start gathering information early this year since the committee will lose four members in July.

Logisticare Advisory Committee Meeting

The Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Advisory Council held its first meeting with Logisticare. There are four high level concerns:

1. Improving communications with members and complaint resolution process monitoring;
2. Improving provider education/outreach communications, complaint resolution and network adequacy;
3. Better defining and communicating policies ~ nursing homes, accompanying minors, etc.; and
4. Defining statistics to ensure that the council is looking at the right data for monitoring of the project.

Logisticare's top priorities are:

1. Improving the provider network;
2. Monitoring after-hours/discharge calls; and
3. Ensuring people get rides to appointments and monitoring that complaints continue to decline.

Older American's Act Reauthorization Bill

The Joint Committee on Deficit Reduction (Super Committee) failed to reach an agreement to reduce the federal deficit which means that the sequestration process begins and automatic, across-the-board cuts will

take effect on 1/13 unless Congress takes action in 2012 to reverse them. Several programs would be exempt, including Medicaid, Social Security and other small level entitlement programs.

The Older American's Act was not reauthorized by the 112th Congress, and Senator Sanders (I-VT), Chair of the Senate HELP Subcommittee on Primary Health & Aging, has indicated that the committee hopes to "mark up" a bill in January 2012. The bill would include recommendations to increase spending on meal programs and senior employments services by 50%. It would also allow strengthen the Ombudsman Program.

Torum said that aging program funding for 2012 has remained unchanged from 2011.

WI E-Sponder Program for Emergency Management

Torum introduced committee members to the WI E-Sponder program via a PowerPoint presentation. E-Sponder is a web-based tool for the emergency management community to use during an emergency. It offers users:

- Increased situational awareness
- Multipurpose functions created for event/incident management
- Data management before, during, and after and incident, contributing to recovery of funds
- Shows information in real-time
- Users are familiar with Microsoft platform and thus require little training
- Provides a database for contact info across all entities
- Positional Checklists can be customized to fit local standards and regulations
- Allows organizations to track expenses and resources, as well as personnel
- Fully customizable and flexible to expand and contract as needs arise and are fulfilled
- Accessible anytime, anywhere Internet access is available

Set next meeting date and possible agenda items

The next meeting will be on February 7, 2012 at the ADRC. Discussion will include information gathered at the public meetings, the Family Care Cap and advocacy opportunities.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mode, seconded by Lawson and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Manager
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