



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Haberman at 1:00 p.m. Haberman, Moran and Steppke were given certificates of appreciation for serving on the committee; their terms have expired and this is their last meeting.

Roll Call

Present: Nancy Haberman, Chair, Carol Battenberg, Marian Moran, Jim Mode, Georganne Mortensen, Earlene Ronk and Mary Ann Steppke.

Also Present: Sue Torum and Denise Grossman, staff.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Torum certified compliance.

Review Agenda

The agenda was reviewed.

Public Comment

None

Approval of 5/7/13 Minutes

A motion to approve the 5/7/13 minutes was made by Steppke and seconded by Mode. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications

None

Advocacy

Elder Benefit Specialist Updates: Grossman provided the committee with a report based on activities completed during the last federal fiscal year (10/1/11-9/30/12). The EBS program served 789 unduplicated individuals and recorded 1,700 contacts. This resulted in a monetary impact of \$1,911,000!

The goal to increase outreach to the Hispanic population also showed positive results in 2012. Grossman had 49 contacts with 13 unduplicated Hispanic individuals. This is a significant increase over the previous year.

The bi-monthly ABC's of Medicare workshops continue and are always well attended. In September a workshop will be held at the Fort Hospital auditorium and a representative from the Board on Aging and Long Term Care will also be in attendance.

State-by-State Snapshot of Poverty among seniors: A Kaiser Family Report on findings from analysis of the supplemental poverty measure was shared. A key finding is that the share of seniors living in poverty is higher in every state when the supplemental measure is used and in 12 states, including WI, the rate is twice as high.

Network Notes: The Spring 2013 edition of Network Notes was handed out to raise awareness of what the Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. does. There have been some updates related to the advocacy issues raised in this issue: 1) The Joint Finance Committee passed an increase of \$433,000 in state general purpose revenue (GPR) to supplement Older American's Act programs that were negatively affected by the last census. 2) Joint Finance also passed an amended motion to provide \$1,064,900 segregated transportation funding in 2013-2014 and \$4,259,200 GPR in 2014-2015 to provide a 4% increase in mass transit. The motion also increases paratransit aid by +10% (\$2,750,000) annually. Specialized Transportation Assistance under 85.21 will not increase under this amendment. That issue will need to be dealt with in the Assembly or Senate.

ADRC Report

Family Care & IRIS Expansion: Information from Disability Rights WI was reviewed. It provides a snapshot of which counties have Family Care and those that are waiting for expansion. There are still 1,676 people waiting for publicly funded long term care in WI. The document supports expansion in the current budget.

Family Care Geographic Service Regions: A second document was distributed that shows which Managed Care Organizations (MCO's) are available in each county.

Olson reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that compared the ADRC's last Quality Assurance Review with 2012 data that has been collected through surveys. Over 200 surveys were handed out, and a fraction (30+) was returned. In comparing the results to the 2010 review, it appears that ADRC customers are still experiencing a high level of satisfaction.

ADRC Conference Report: Information from the conference was shared. It was well attended and all of the sessions were very good. Torum shared that care planning within Family Care shifts the focus to authorizing services that meet a member's long term care needs, vs. quality of life outcomes. As an example, if a person asks for transportation to attend a family event, which is not a long term care outcome, it will likely be denied.

Volunteerism

170 people attended the volunteer banquet this year. Approximately 100 of them volunteer for Senior Dining! In follow up to the banquet, Beth Eilenfeldt, Banquet Coordinator, sent out a survey to see if people are satisfied with the event. Of those who responded the overwhelming majority say they would not change anything. They like the themes, entertainment and meal. They did not indicate a preference for door prizes vs. entertainment.

The National & Community Service Association recently reported that Senior Volunteering is at a 10-year high! They estimate that 20 million seniors are volunteering nearly 3 billion hours a year. The value of these services is \$67 billion.

Transportation

On 8/1/2013 Medical Transportation Management (MTM) will begin serving WI. They replace Logisticare and will provide non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) to certain Medicaid beneficiaries. Representative Penny Bernard Schaber has requested an audit of the NEMT Program on three separate occasions and has received bipartisan support for an audit. An audit will be conducted but not the extent that was requested.

The county-wide transportation study under the grant that Brown Cab received is scheduled to begin shortly. Information will be shared as it becomes available.

Set next meeting date and possible agenda items

The next meeting will be on July 2, 2013. Discussion will include replacing members, advocacy, the state budget, sequestration, nutrition and transportation.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

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