



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: Carol Battenberg, Ellen Haines, Jim Mode, Darlene Schaefer, Connie Stengel and Caroline Neibler.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Torum certified compliance.

Review Agenda

The agenda was reviewed.

Public Comment

None

Approval of 10/1/13 Minutes

A motion to approve the 10/1/2013 minutes was made by Stengel and seconded by Haines. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications

Torum read a letter from the Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources dated 11/1/2013. The letter notified the county that the 2014 County Aging Plan Amendment was approved. In 2014 the budget was the only update and it was reviewed.

Advocacy

Jim Mode, Sharon Olson and Sue Torum attended an advocacy event that Opportunities, Inc., hosted at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The event was well attended by persons with disabilities and a national advocate spoke about how important story telling is when advocating for change. The theme of the event was "Our Work, Our Choice."

ADRC Report

The ADRC has completed most of the enrollments of people being relocated from Bethesda. All Aging & Disability Resource Specialists are getting more training about dementia in order to become “dementia capable.” This is keeping in line with what the state of WI is working on to redesign the current system of dementia care.

Senior Statesmanship Program Report

Six people attend the program which took place on 10/31/13. Denise Grossman and Torum ran the session and the agenda included information on:

- An Overview of the WI Aging Network & County Aging Programs
- Strategies for Effective Advocacy
- Group Exercise: Advocating for Change

This was an abbreviated session since the group was so small. Those that attended were very appreciative that it wasn't entirely cancelled.

National Family Caregiver Month Activities

The ADRC waiting area has a resource table set up and any caregiver who visits the ADRC during the month of November is eligible to enter a prize drawing. People coming to the ADRC are directed to the table by the person at the front office. Newsletter articles were also sent out to area papers to encourage caregivers to visit the ADRC. Appointments were not necessary if caregivers requested a 1:1 consultation.

The ADRC's webpages on caregiving were also updated and are much more comprehensive than ever before.

State Dementia Summit

The report from the stakeholder summit was provided and reviewed. The work being done in Jefferson County aligns nicely with the state's objectives. This would not be possible without having a Dementia Care Specialist.

Review Draft 2014 Specialized Transportation Plan

Torum stated that a lot of work has gone into this plan's development, but due to committee turnover, at least three members are had limited involvement. The history of how services have been provided was explained as well as the changes that are a direct result of the van driver's 1/1/14 retirement. Torus said that ridership on the van has seen a significant decline over the last few years and it is no longer efficient to continue with the status quo. The changes in 2014 include integrating shopping services with the driver-escort program that relies on volunteers and paid drivers moving forward. In previous years, this project did not include paid drivers.

In addition, Brown Cab Service has expressed an interest in offering cab service on a county wide basis and this is one of the options being promoted by the consultant's that are in the process of

studying transportation in Jefferson County. The 2014 plan includes \$7,500 to fund intracounty cab services for seniors and persons with disabilities needing rides to medical appointments. The transportation coordinator will be responsible for identifying the trips most appropriate for this service; those trips are expected to run between Fort Atkinson to Jefferson and Johnson Creek. In 2012 there were 695 round trips between Fort Atkinson and Jefferson.

There was discussion about the current co-pays and how to make them equitable across projects since cab transportation comes at a greater cost. If different rates are set there is no incentive for people to use the cab during this trial project. Members agreed to let the Human Services Board discuss and set the rate. The Board will review the plan on 11/12.

Set next meeting date and possible agenda items

The next meeting will be on December 3, 2013. Discussion will include review and approval of the 2014 transportation plan and Senior Dining.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Division Manager
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