



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: Earlene Ronk, Chair, Jim Mode, Carolyn Niebler, Carol Battenberg, Darlene Schaefer; Dan Krause

Also Present: Sharon Olson, Sue Torum, staff & Heidi Rubio, Student Intern.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Torum certified compliance.

Review Agenda

The agenda was reviewed.

Public Comment

None

Approval of 4/7/2015 Minutes

A motion to approve the 4/7/2015 minutes was made by Mode. The motion was seconded by Schaefer and passed unanimously.

Communications

A copy of the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network memo dated 5/4/2015 was passed out. This memo was sent to the Joint Finance Committee and refutes that there is a “demographic disaster” due to the projected growth of the elderly population that would potentially overwhelm WI long term care Medicaid program.

The Presidential Proclamation announcing May as Older American’s month was handed out. 2015 is an historic year as it marks the 50th anniversary of Medicare, Medicaid and the Older

American's Act in addition to the 80th anniversary of the Social Security Act. A Whitehouse Conference on Aging is planned for this summer and is seeking input from a wide range of constituents.

ADRC Report

Olson introduced Heidi Rubio a student intern at the ADRC. Heidi spoke about her learning experience at the ADRC and shared some materials she converted from English to Spanish. Before her internship ends, she plans on marketing these materials to schools and other places in the county where Spanish speaking residents would be most likely to see them.

Olson talked about the Senior Farmer's Market Voucher Program. The program will once again serve 201 people and we will encourage people to redeem every voucher.

Olson also reported that she and others from the county's Care Transitions Coalition gave a presentation at the Fort Atkinson Memorial Hospital this morning. The coalition is working on a project to decrease readmissions to the hospital when aspiration pneumonia is diagnosed. In June coalition members will pilot a program with St. Coletta's. The program is being developed and a report will be provided when the pilot concludes.

Review and Discuss Status of State Budget

1. **SeniorCare:** The Department of Health Services is requesting a three-year renewal of the SeniorCare Drug Assistance Program. At this time, it is unclear what this means since the provision to end SeniorCare is still in the governor's budget.
2. **ADRC's:**
 - a. Representative Mark Born has introduced a motion to remove the proposed changes to ADRC's, Family Care and IRIS from the state budget.
 - b. The Jefferson County Human Services Board passed a resolution to the same effect and this will go to county board shortly.
 - c. Torum and Olson attended a listening session hosted by Representative Cody Horlacher and provided him with information about why ADRC's are important to older adults and people with disabilities.

Report on Let's Talk About Medicine Program

The program was held at the Jefferson Senior Center on 4/23 and about 13 people attended. The participants were very engaged in the program and there was a lot of good discussion. This was a very worthwhile program to be involved in.

Senior Dining Program Updates

The program is up for bid and bid packets will go out shortly. Information will be sent to participants alerting them to this so that they have an opportunity to provide input into the process. Members were reminded that several years ago, Feil's was outbid and people were very unhappy. When the caterer who was awarded the contract unexpectedly terminated it, program participants were very vocal about wanting Feil's back and they wrote letters to the human services board and these were shared on the day the bids were opened.

Wisconsin Health Literacy: Let's Talk Medicines Program

Wisconsin Health Literacy will offer a program called Let's Talk Medicines on April 23rd at the Jefferson Senior Center. The Senior Center has already been promoting it and five people are signed up. They would like to see at least ten and we are confident that this goal will be reached. The program helps people learn a variety of skills and techniques including: reading & understanding the medicine label, including special instructions; dosage instructions and strategies to help remember to take medications on time and basic storage techniques.

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Review Evidenced Based Prevention Programs Offered by the ADRC

Due to time constraints, this subject was tabled.

2016-2018 Aging Unit Plan Assessment

The Draft 2016-2018 County Plan on Aging Instructions were reviewed. The required focus areas were discussed and members were asked to be thinking about things we could do to get more people involved in plan development and also involved in advocacy opportunities on issues that directly impact them. This was discussed at the last meeting and those ideas were reviewed.

Torum shared information about the Senior Dining Program and pointed out two concerns:

1. Participation in the Senior Dining and Home Delivered Meal Program are in serious decline. A review of program participation over the past 5 years shows a 23.7% decline

among both programs; 19.44% on the delivered side and 29.18% on the congregate side. Attracting people to the program needs to be one of the goals.

2. The 2014 program surveys revealed that some participants are going hungry and others are food insecure. A goal in this area is critical to achieving the program's primary objective.

The committee also discussed unmet needs. A member said that it is very difficult to find a certified nursing assistant since several home health agencies have closed in Jefferson County and finding a CNA who is willing to work with IRIS participants under a private arrangement is also challenging.

Set next meeting date and possible agenda items

The next meeting will be on June 2, 2015. Discussion may include new committee appointments, a review of the 2014 Annual Report, the state budget and three-year Aging Unit Plan.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Manager
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