



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: Earlene Ronk, Chair; Carolyn Niebler, Carol Battenberg, Russell Kutz, Marcia Bare.

Also Present: Sue Torum, staff.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Torum certified compliance.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved in a motion made by Kutz, seconded by Battenberg and passed unanimously.

Approval of 10/6/2015 Minutes

A motion to approve the 10/6/2015 minutes was made by Bare, seconded by Kutz and passed unanimously.

Communications

None.

Public Comment

None

Discussion & possible action of the 2016-2018 Aging Unit Plan

The final version of the 2016-2018 County Aging Unit Plan were passed out and reviewed. A motion to approve the plan and forward it to the Human Services Board was made by Niebler, seconded by Bare and passed unanimously.

Discussion of resolution supporting new SSI asset limits

In December 2014, the federal government passed the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act. The Act allows individuals with disabilities before the age of 26 to set up ABLE accounts up to \$14,000 per year and \$100,000 in total without any adverse effects on their SSI benefits. These tax advantage savings accounts are targeted toward secondary education, home ownership and retirement. Current SSI asset limits have not increased since 1989 and allow individuals to retain \$2,000 in assets only. These changes are essential to Wisconsin's implementation of this federal program.

The committee expressed support of this resolution which is on the November Human Services Board agenda for discussion and possible action.

Discussion of Dementia Friendly Employers Toolkit

Cathy Kehoe, Dementia Care Specialist for Jefferson County, recently attended the unveiling of the Dementia Friendly Employers Toolkit at the Primex Wireless Corporation in Lake Geneva. Torum and Kehoe were involved in toolkit development discussions; Kehoe and two other DCS had their pictures taken with Governor Walker and more information will be in the Jefferson County Employee Newsletter. Articles on dementia are submitted on a monthly basis as Jefferson County moves towards becoming dementia friendly.

Discussion of Person Centered Information Tool for Treating Persons with Dementia in the ER and Inpatient Setting

The Person Centered Dementia Care Mentoring Alliance of Jefferson County developed a tool that is intended to follow a person with dementia when they enter the ER and/or are admitted to a hospital. The tool was handed out and reviewed. It contains relevant information to help health care providers recognize that the person has dementia and offers practical solutions to manage symptoms associated with the person being in an unfamiliar setting. The objective is to minimize the stress related to care transitions. A larger tool is also being developed and both will be piloted beginning in 2016.

Discussion of events scheduled for National Family Caregiver & Alzheimer's Awareness Month

There are several special events being planned in November related to creating awareness about Alzheimer's Disease and dementia. Cathy Kehoe, Dementia Care Specialist is doing presentations at area senior centers to increase awareness and offer free dementia screenings. If the person being screened consents, the results are then shared with their medical practitioner to conduct further testing to rule out a treatable medical condition before making a diagnosis of dementia or referring to a Memory Assessment Clinic. The ADRC will also offer a screening event on November 10th from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Kehoe and Torum will also present at the Community Care Alliance Meeting on 11/17 to talk about all of the caregiver services the ADRC provides and begin to lay the seed to create a local caregiver network.

A regional Dementia Conference will be held on Friday, 11/6 in Johnson Creek.

Discussion of S85.21 Specialized Transportation Grant Application for 2016

Copies of the 2015 Grant Application were reviewed since no significant changes to the plan are proposed for 2016. Torum reminded everyone that two years ago the plan had extensive changes. The discussion focused on the co-payment schedule which has not been adjusted in many years. After a lot of discussion there was consensus to recommend to the Human Services Board that the co-payments for 2016 be set at \$1.50 per one-way, in-county trip and \$7.50 per one-way, out-of-county trip. Torum will bring this up at the November Human Services Board meeting to gauge their support of this recommendation. There is short turnaround time as this plan needs to be reviewed and approved in the final version at the 12/15 Human Services Board Meeting.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Manager
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