



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: Earlene Ronk, Chair; Carolyn Niebler, Marcia Bare, Ellen Haines, Carol Battenberg, Russell Kutz, and Connie Stengel.

Also Present: Jim Mode, County Board/Human Services Board, Sue Torum, Sharon Olson and Denise Grossman, staff. Guests: Ellen Sawyers and Ella Reinel.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Torum certified compliance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of 4/5/2016 Minutes

A motion to approve the 4/5/2016 minutes was made by Battenberg, seconded by Bare and passed unanimously.

Communications

Ronk read a letter from GWAAR approving the 2015 Self Assessment.

Public Comment

None

Discuss: Health Action, 2016 Conference

Denise Grossman, Elder Benefit Specialist, with support from Jefferson County and the Wisconsin Associates of Benefit Specialists was able to attend the 2016 Families USA 21st Annual Health Action Conference. The conference was held Feb 3rd - 6th in Washington DC. Grossman provided the committee with the following report:

Each year, the Health Action conference brings together grassroots advocates, enrollment assisters and navigators, policy wonks and activists. Health Action 2016 highlighted the progress many states are making to address health equity for its citizens, nationwide!

Keynote speakers included leaders in the highest ranks of health care advocacy, ranging from the US Surgeon General to congressional champions, to scholars in health care policy. There were many opportunities to meet with colleagues from across the county to share ideas, best practices and tactics.

Networking with attendees who had different roles and from different parts of the nation, Grossman learned about many models of advocacy, from how to serve immigrants in California, to accessing healthcare for women in Iowa to how we provide free legal services for Wisconsin elders via the Benefit Specialist program.

One of the highlights happened the first morning, when Congressman Luis Gutierrez brought 600+ advocates to their feet with a stirring speech advocating for the Exchange Inclusion for a healthy America.

Grossman reported on the efficiency of the conference and the “energy” level of the venue located on Capitol Hill. The three days were packed full of open plenaries addressing successful policies, lunch and learn sessions, and peppered with breakout workshops, as well as afterhours networking opportunities.

Grossman and her colleagues managed to maximize the conference by attending separate breakout workshops, which allowed them to share with each other, what they respectively gathered about advocacy success and challenges from Montana to Indiana to Minnesota, California, Arkansas, and Alaska! In addition to breakout workshops, the large general plenary sessions provided interesting analysis including multiple graphs and statistics that support the opinion on how Medicaid expansion does actually save dollars.

In conclusion, the experience provided Grossman three full days of learning, sharing, and simply re-energizing. She will be presenting a complete overview at her Wisconsin Association of Benefit Specialist’s annual conference in June 2016.

Discuss: Older American’s Reauthorization Act

Torum reported that the OAA has finally been reauthorized. Unfortunately, funding has not increased to meet the need. Funding trends are as follows:

Older Americans Act Core Aging Network Funding 2010-2017				
Older Americans Act Title	FY 2010 Final Enacted	Request for 2017 as of 2-9-16	Change from 2010 - 2017	Percent Change 2010 - 2017
Title III B: Supportive Services & Centers	368,348	357,724	-10,624	-2.88%
Title III C1: Congregate Meals	440,783	454,091	13,308	3.02%
Title III C2: Home-Delivered Meals	217,676	234,397	16,721	7.68%
Nutrition Services Incentive Program	161,015	160,069	-946	-0.59%
Title III D: Preventive Health	21,026	19,848	-1,178	-5.60%
Title III E: Family Caregivers Support	154,220	150,586	-3,634	-2.36%
Title V SCSEP	825,425	434,371	-391,054	-47.38%
Title VI A: Grants to Indians	27,708	31,158	3,450	12.45%
Title VI C: Native Amer. Caregivers	6,389	7,531	1,142	17.87%
Title VII Ombudsman/Elder Abuse	21,883	20,658	-1,225	-5.60%

Discuss: ADRC Compliance Plan

Olson reported that there are only two issues under the compliance plan that we need to address. One is fairly minor and has to do with updating a sign by the upper parking lot. We will be getting quotes shortly, but this is not expected to be a big expense. The other has to do with our current telephone system which

does not have the capacity to meet the contract requirements. If we are forced into compliance, it will be very costly to purchase and cover the monthly fees.

Discuss: ADRC Governing Board Report

The legislature directed the Department of Health Services (DHS) to assess which responsibilities of resource center governing boards are duplicative of functions performed by DHS under state statutes. Changes to the statutory requirements to remove duplication is due to Joint Finance by July 1. Torum shared an invitation for ADRC Advisory Committee members participate in the process by attending a conference call. There are two opportunities scheduled for later in May. Call in information was provided.

Discuss: Dealing with Dementia Documentary

The documentary was released on 5/2. There are twelve segments. Cathy Kehoe, the Jefferson County Dementia Care Specialist is featured in several and committee members were encouraged to watch it. Several segments show what is happening locally and caregivers from our community are featured.

Torum recognized Kehoe for the excellent work she did on this project.

Discuss: 2016-2018 Aging Unit Plan Goals

Torum provided a progress report relating to the 2016 goals contained in the Aging Unit Plan. Highlights are as follows:

- ✓ Four offsite Advisory Committee meetings are scheduled for 2016 and locations and speakers have been confirmed.
- ✓ The committee meeting agendas are being posted countwide each month.
- ✓ Nutrition Program staff are well on their way to meeting the goal to provide nutrition education to every person attending senior dining and receiving home delivered meals prior to the survey being slated for October.
- ✓ The goal related to Health Literacy is also in progress.
- ✓ A Job Description Questionnaire to create a Nutrition Program Supervisor has been completed and has been submitted to Human Resources.
- ✓ The Caregiver Coalition is being provided information related to caregiving no less than once/quarter.
- ✓ The goal to make Jefferson County Government Dementia Friendly has been met!

Adjourn:

Prior to adjournment, Ronk acknowledge Torum for the contributions she made throughout her 36 year work history with Jefferson County.

A motion to adjourn was made by Haines, seconded Stengel and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Manager
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