



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: Earlene Ronk, Chair; Carolyn Niebler, Connie Stengel, Russell Kutz, Marcia Bare, & Jeanne Tyler

Also Present: Mary Vohs, community member, Sharon Olson, Leigh Fritter and Dominic Wondolkowski, ADRC Staff.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

It was determined that the committee was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Marcia Bare, second by Connie Stengel. Approved unanimously.

Approval of 10/03/2017 Minutes

Caroline Niebler made a motion to approve the November 7, 2017 meeting minutes as written, Jeanne Tyler seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

Communications

Earlene Ronk read a letter from Jane Mahoney, OAA Consultant with GWAAR with an approval of the 2018 Aging Plan Budget. The transfer of 20% nutrition funding is approved and the request for over 20% will be considered after all the aging unit budgets are reviewed by the state.

Public Comment

None.

Advocacy Updates from from GWAAR – Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources and /or ORCD – Office of Resource Center Development:

Wondolkowski discussed the tax bill passed by the Senate on 12-1-17. National Advocates say the bill will hurt people with disabilities because: (1) the bill increases the federal deficit by \$1.5 trillion. This means the federal government is not collecting enough money to pay for existing programs and services (like Medicaid—which funds Family Care, IRIS, BadgerCare, Children’s Long Term Supports, the ForwardHealth Card and other Wisconsin programs); (2) the bill eliminates tax deductions and credits—including the Rare Disease Tax Credit—that help people with disabilities work, access housing, and get medication. Elimination of tax credits reduces financial incentives for drug makers to develop products for rare diseases such as Huntington’s disease, which have small patient populations, limiting the commercial potential of drugs; and (3) the bills eliminates the requirement in the Affordable Care Act that everyone must have health insurance. This may cause premiums for people with disabilities and pre-existing conditions to increase, leaving health insurance unaffordable for millions.

Discussion: ADRC Report:

The ADRC KOI for November was not met by a margin of one; 26 of 27 Long Term Care Functional Screens (96%) were calculated within the 14-day time frame.

The Quarterly MCO/ ICA/IM/ADRC Roundtable meeting occurred on Nov. 10, 2017. Topics of discussion included the requirement to witness signatures on enrollment documents and Care WI. Internal policy change effective 1-1-18, staff will re-screen all consumers every six months. This will be helpful for ADRC as it will eliminate staff from completing re-screens on recently disenrolled members. Dane Co. Family Care set to open and serve Jan. 1, 2018. Adams Co. is now the only remaining legacy waiver county in the State.

Marketing: the ADRC billboard sign was delivered to Martin Advertising on 12-4-17 and should be installed in Johnson Creek sometime this week. The billboard ad will run for 60 days from date of installation.

The 2014 Wisconsin Dementia Care System Redesign five-year Plan, where DHS made improving care for people with dementia and their families by addressing gaps in care delivery infrastructure and expanded community and crisis services for people with dementia needs to be updated in 2018. DHS is seeking input from people with cognitive concerns, family and informal caretakers and professionals alike by completing a brief survey. Committee members were provided with a handout explaining the initiative with instructions how to take the survey. The survey is open Dec 1-19th.

Senior Dining Program Updates:

Leigh Fritter stated that customer satisfaction surveys were completed at the end of November, and that she was entering the results to be submitted to GWAAR for compilation. She stated that the results would be returned in 2018. Fritter also discussed the previously approved increase in the suggested donation rate to \$4.00 for the year 2018, and that letters had been sent to home delivered meal recipients and site managers were notified to make congregate participants aware of the increase.

Fritter discussed Jefferson County taking on Watertown Home Delivered Meals. She stated that the first day of deliveries was on December 4th. As there was already a congregate meals site in the city of Watertown receiving meals from Feil's catering, and the dining site manager in Watertown, Patti Hills was willing to take on this new responsibility head on, the transition went smoothly. Fritter stated that she was grateful that majority of the volunteers that previously delivered meals for the Watertown Meals on Wheels program continue to deliver meals to the city of Watertown residents in both Jefferson and Dodge counties.

Discussion and possible action on approving the 2018 Transportation Plan

Olson distributed the 2018 Transportation Plan. Discussion on Transportation Plan for 2018: Last month the committee voted to make a requirement that participants have a copay for transportation services. Last month, a motion to require participants to pay a copayment of \$3.00 for in county trips and \$15.00 for out of county trips. After meeting with Jackie the Transportation Coordinator, there appears to be numerous one-way trip so needed to change the verbiage to \$1.50 per trip in county and \$7.50 for out of county. There are 4 projects for 2018, Project 1 the Driver Escort Program, Project 2 is the Senior Dining Program Taxi Subsidy m Project 3 is the Intercounty Taxi Cab Service and Project 4 is the purchase of a wheelchair van to coincide with Project 1. Counties may waive copayments in cases

of emergency when the user is indigent or when the user is not competent to make a payment. This will be reviewed quarterly by this committee. It will be on the agenda for January, April, July and October. Olson shared that no one attended the Public Hearing yesterday, 12/4/17, nor did she receive any phone calls in regard to the Transportation Plan. A motion to approve the 2018 Transportation Plan was made by Carolyn Niebler , second by Marcia Bare. Approved unanimously.

Discussion on Caregiver Conference

Wondolkowski and Fritter explained the Dementia Care Specialists, Sue Konkel and Sue Torum did an excellent job organizing and advertising the event. Unfortunately, the event was attended by only three community members. Possible reasons for the low turn-out were discussed, including the day of the week and time of day selected, location, caregivers inability to leave the one they are caring for to attend, etc. Suggestions made by committee members for the future included tying the event with another, larger event, where there are multiple vendors; reach –out to citizens who provide respite as well as full-time caregivers; and host the event at the more popular senior centers of Watertown or Fort Atkinson.

Discuss and review Aging Plan Goals

Olson shared that the draft of the 2019 – 2021 Aging Plan will need due in June of 2018. Olson will share at the next meeting, a draft of survey/talking points for her and the committee to get public feedback. The present process, although required for the plan, of having a public hearing does not appear to be generating public input. She is asking if each committee member would be interested in seeking at least 5 community participants for input on all the Aging programs including transportation needs. reviewed the Aging plan for 2018 to stay on track and Olson will make staffing and contact information changes in the plan and submit to the state for review.

Discuss Future Agenda Items:

Jeanne Tyler suggested having a presentation on the topic of dementia; the different types of dementia and the differences between dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. Also, the challenges communities face with this population.

Discussion from committee is to have agendas and minutes sent to them via email and have paper copies at the meeting. Members would also like alerts from GWAAR on upcoming bills and policies so members may be more informed. Olson will check if there are requirements of sending County Committee notification. One member will need to be sent as they do not have email.

Adjourn: Jeanne Tyler made a motion to adjourn at 3:05 pm, Caroline Neibler seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Olson, Manager,
Aging & Disability Resources Division