

Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kutz at 1:04 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Russell Kutz, Chair; Jeanne Tyler, Vice Chair; Janet Sayre Hoeft, Secretary; Ellen Sawyers, Frankie Fuller, LaRae Schultz, and Ruth Fiege.

Also present from ADRC: Michael Hanson, Kimberly Swanson, Kim Herman, Heather Janes, Sharon Olson, and Dominic Wondolkowski. Guests: Carol O'Neil.

<u>Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law</u>

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

Approval of Agenda

Number 15 will be moved up for the presentation from Janet Zander and Michael Bruhn. Janet Sayre Hoeft made a motion to approve the agenda, Frankie Fuller seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of September 1, 2020Minutes

Frankie Fuller stated that believes LaRae Schultz was present at the September 1, 2020 Meeting, by joining after roll call. I have that LaRae Schultz was excused that she was attending a conference but will verify with LaRae. Frankie Fuller made a motion to approve meeting minutes from September 1, 2020, as written, after confirmation from LaRae Schultz. Janet Sayre Hoeft seconded. Motion carried.

Communications

None.

Public Comment

None.

<u>Michael Bruhn from the Alzheimer's Association</u> - Janet and Mike presented Voting and older adults, lessons learned and changes needed. PowerPoint presentation may be found in the ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting October 2020. Janet also discussed Advocacy role getting to know your legislators.

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

Olson shared updates on the following:

 Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol Fraud Alert - Olson share information on insurance companies and agent misconduct

<u>Discussion and possible action on Requests for Waiver of Transportation Co-payment</u> No requests at this time.

<u>Discussion: ADRC Report, Dominic Wondolkowski</u> - For September, the KOI was not met. 15 out of 16 customers were enrolled in a LTC program per the KOI guidelines. Wondolkowski reviewed the one case that did not meet the KOI. The ADRC has completed 117 enrollments for 2020 and there are 11 enrollments or likely enrollments already for the month of October. For September, the ADRC documented 614 calls (includes 7 home, 3 office and 2 nursing home visits) with 319 unduplicated callers. This is a increase in calls compared to August (484) but a decline compared to July (733).

Senior Farmer Market voucher program distribution concluded on 9-30-20. Of the 201 vouchers, 139 were distributed. The Elder Benefits Specialist programs mailed 450 letters to past consumers offering assistance with the Medicare Part D open enrollment period Oct. 15-Dec 7th. The ADRC will begin processing plan finders for customer beginning October 19th. The Dementia Care Specialist has many upcoming events including Dementia Basics Virtual training on October 13th 9-10am; Powerful Tools for Caregivers starting Nov. 3rd 9-11am; Virtual Book Club---launching November 2020; Monday Morning Caregiver Coffee Hour extended through December and a monthly Lewy Body Dementia Virtual Support Group beginning Sept 21st 1-2pm. Refer to ADRC website for event details.

The ADRC is involved in two initiatives. We are 1 of 5 counties involved in an Outcome Measurement Focus Group that started in April. The project is part of the No Wrong Door Return on Investment grant DHS received to study the benefits of options counseling and to develop a measurement tool ADRC staff would use to determine if options counseling is the best course of action and customer outcomes are achieved. The second initiative involves Screen Liaisons-Sara Zwieg to participate in the "pilot" CST examination in January. Based on the pilot test results, the test may be modified before all other screeners are required to take the test in the spring.

<u>Discussion: Senior Dining Program Updates – Kimberly Swanson</u> - Swanson shared monthly total meals in January (2444) compared to total meals served in August (2422). In addition, contactless, curbside meals began July 20 and the number of participants and meals has increased from 69 meals and 17 participants in July to 175 meals and 39 meals in August. Swanson further shared that Home Delivered Meal (HDM) participants received a 16 oz. container of cottage cheese, made in Wisconsin and purchased locally, courtesy of a donation from the VitaPlus Corporation. In addition, HDM participants each received a handmade quilted placemat, courtesy of the Patched Lives Quilt Guild of Waukesha County. And finally, Swanson shared that tentative plans for October include shelf stable meals planning, annual training of volunteers and staff, and annual kitchen inspections at nutrition sites.

<u>Discuss Mobility Manager Report – Michael Hansen</u> - Ridership for the ADRC of Jefferson County Driver / Escort Service was about the same in September with 447 rides compared with 437 rides in August. We now have another part-time driver on staff, so rides should increase going forward if demand continues to stay strong, since we have previously been limited by the number of available drivers.

The 6 electronic tablets that were purchased are now being used daily by all our part-time drivers. Staff Drivers (non-volunteers) are using the tablets for passenger assignments, route mapping, fare collections, mileage tracking, hours, and pre & post trip vehicle inspections.

Our third of four Wednesday Walk events was held on September 23rd at Carlin Weld County Park. Seven individuals attended the event including 1 person who had not attended previously. The weather was very nice and everyone enjoyed themselves greatly.

<u>Discuss Family Caregiver Programs – Kim Herman</u> Kim Herman shared the current census of NFCSP, AFCSP, and Supportive Services programs. The Armchair Tours and Joyful Moments through the Hummingbird Project has been successful, as participants expressed that they really enjoy the time and activities.

Discussion Jefferson County's Specialized Transportation Assistance Program (wis. Stat. 85.21) draft Application: Olson share that the 2021 County Elderly Transportation project budget of Wisconsin DOT funding \$222,837 with a county match of \$44,567 would continue with the thee on-going projects, Driver /Volunteer Escort Program, the Senior Dining Program, and The Wheelchair Accessible Transportation. Two new "Mobility" projects were reviewed and public hearing will be before our next meeting. One project is a transportation service for seniors and people living with disabilities to travel between the 4 major municipalities

that exist along the State Trunk Highway 26 Corridor in Jefferson County. At present, there is no affordable intercity transportation service in Jefferson County. This intercity service would be provided by the ADRC of Jefferson County using an ADRC vehicle and staffed by ADRC employees. The second project would provide a transportation service for seniors and people living with disabilities to enjoy unique places and popular attractions that can be reached within 1-2 hours of driving time from Jefferson County. The overall goal of this project would be to help individuals to have an active and social lifestyle all year round. The locations of the day trips would be selected to appeal to a variety of interests, but also to provide educational and cultural experiences as well. The Day Trip transportation would be provided by the ADRC of Jefferson County using an ADRC vehicle and staffed by ADRC employees.

<u>Discuss Future Agenda Items</u> - Janet Sayre Hoeft stated that she left a note in the conference room for a topic on stipends at the next meeting. Olson stated that Heather Janes, the Dementia Care Specialist would be presenting at the November meeting.

Adjourn: Janet Sayre Hoeft made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Frankie Fuller seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Olson Aging & Disability Resources Division Manager