



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 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 and Connie Stengel.

Also Present: Sharon Olson, 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 Bare, seconded by Battenberg and passed unanimously.

Approval of 7/7/2015 Minutes

A motion to approve the 7/7/2015 minutes was made by Kutz, seconded by Bare and passed unanimously.

Communications

None.

Public Comment

None

Discussion About Celebrating Senior Citizens Day 8/21/2015

Olson informed the committee that the ADRC will celebrate Senior Citizens Day this year with an open house. She said that the Senate has unanimously passed the Older American's

Act (OAA), and now it moves on to the Assembly. During the event we will create awareness about the OAA and what it means to older adults and seek input into the Aging Unit Plan.

Discussion About the Meet & Greet Event for the Alzheimer's Association Outreach Coordinator for the Latino Population

The meet and greet will be held at the Fort Hospital Auditorium on Friday, 8/14 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. During this time there will be an opportunity to discuss ways that organizations and interested others can reach out to the Latino families affected by dementia. Denise Grossman, Elder Benefit Specialist is also meeting with Virginia Zerpa and will be introducing her to the board of Conexiones Latinas.

Discussion about Community Conversations: Caregiving & Having the Talk with your Aging Parents

This event is part of the **Next Avenue** series of discussions through Milwaukee Public Television and Olson is a panelist. This community conversation is on a wide range of subjects including safety, health and caregiving. The event will not be televised, rather it will be audio taped. It is tonight at UW-Whitewater and it begins at 6:00 p.m.

Demonstration of ADRC Language Line Technology

Olson worked with MIS to secure new language line technology called **Language Uc**. Using an I Pad employees are able to connect with language line services anytime, anywhere so that they can communicate with non-English speaking customers and those who need a sign language interpreter. She showed a brief video that demonstrated how it works.

Discussion About the Status of County Transportation Services

The Transportation Coordinator is expected to be gone for at least 6-weeks beginning 9/1. A driver will be pulled off the road to do her duties, but he can only do this on a part time basis. This leaves a gap in our ability to meet requests. Torum said that the agency is always recruiting volunteers but there simply isn't enough interest. The agency is looking for substitute drivers.

Discussion About Possible Action on Increasing the Suggested Meal Donation to \$3.75 in 2016

The Nutrition Project Council met and discussed this issue on 7/28. The meal cost will increase in 2016 to \$4.05 and \$4.18 in 2017. The suggested donation has not been increased in many years and we would like to get it more in line with the actual food costs. Nutrition Projection Council passed a motion to increase the suggested donation to \$3.75 in 2016 and Torum asked committee members for their support.

Battenberg made a motion to support the increase in 2016 and to raise it to \$4.00 in 2017. Stengel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

2016-2018 Draft Aging Unit Plan

The Draft 2016-2018 County Plan on Aging and budget was passed out. The sections that had not already been discussed were reviewed. Goals were discussed and members who did not attend the July meeting were in agreement with meeting in alternate locations in 2016.

During August Torum and Olson will take advantage of every opportunity to get public input into the plan. The local priority section currently does not have goals pending feedback.

A motion was made by Bare in support of the draft plan; it was seconded by Battenberg and passed unanimously. It will be sent to the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, GWAAR shortly for their review and feedback.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Manager
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