



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ronk at 1:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Earlene Ronk, Chair; Carolyn Niebler, Carol Battenberg, Russell Kutz, Connie Stengel and Jim Schroeder, County Board Chair.

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 Bare, seconded by Stengel and passed unanimously.

Approval of 9/8/2015 Minutes

A motion to approve the 9/8/2015 minutes was made by Kutz, seconded by Battenberg and passed unanimously.

Communications

None.

Public Comment

None

Discussion of 2016-2018 Draft Aging Unit Plan

The draft plan is complete. All goals were reviewed. The public hearing(s) will be held on Monday, October 12, 2015 at the Fort Atkinson Senior Center and ADRC. The announcement

was published as required. Much of the draft plan has already been reviewed by the Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR), and some minor adjustments were made to the goals. All goals were reviewed, and County Board Chair, Schroeder, stated that he supports the goal making Jefferson County government “Dementia Friendly.” The plan will come back to the Committee in November for final approval and then will be forwarded to the Human Services Board for review and approval.

Discussion of 9/29/2015 Family Care/IRIS 2.0 Meeting with Advocates

The passage of Act 55 requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to solicit public input about the changes to Family Care and IRIS. Act 55 required that two hearings were held, the Department is having eight. Torum attended the advocates meeting. During the hearing, many of the comments focused on maintaining choice, limiting the size of the new Integrated Health Agencies (IHA’s) so that some already existing MCO’s might be able to continue to operate, maintaining enrollments via the ADRC’s as a fluid process (no subject to open enrollment periods), and provide for a phase in period where consumers are rolled over incrementally, while retaining their current benefit packages. As more becomes known, it will be shared.

Discuss of 2013-2015 Aging Unit Fiscal Assessment

An in-person assessment with GWAAR staff was completed on Thursday, 10/1. The written document that led the discussion was passed out and briefly discussed. The Fiscal Division Manager was involved in the meeting and her knowledge of county accounting practices was critical to the assessment. At this time, we are not expecting any corrections. The assessor did ask if the department tracked in-kind expenses, and even though it is not a requirement to report them, we were encouraged to do so.

Discussion of Draft Policy Changes to Senior Dining & Home Delivered Meals

The WI Aging Network Manual of Policies and Procedures is undergoing significant updates. This manual guides entities that receive federal Older American Act (OAA) funds on remaining in compliance. Chapter 8 deals with the Elder Nutrition Program and is the first chapter available for review in draft form. The pages that had the most substantive changes were passed out and reviewed. There was very good discussion about the purpose of the program, the way that contributions are handled and the increasing responsibilities related to program management. Torum said that those responsibilities are currently shared and in the future, she will recommend that they county completes a new Job Description Questionnaire creating a Nutrition Director position. This recommendation is a goal in the Aging Unit Plan.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Manager
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