

COMMISSION ON AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

Wednesday, December 11, 2018

MaryAnn Miller called the Commission on Aging and Disability Services meeting to order at 9:00 am

Roll Call

Dianne Birkholz, Judy Braun, William Hoekstra, Shirley Kitchen, MaryAnn Miller, Lorna Negen

Also Present

Sheila Drays, Amy Ewerdt, Amanda Higgins, Ashley Sanborn, Kris Schefft, Jackie Wendlandt, Janet Zander

Excused

Jody Langfeldt, Judy Patenaude, Gary Schmidt

Absent

None

Roll Call and Non-Committee Member County Board Supervisors in Attendance

Roll call and introductions commenced.

Action on the Minutes of the October 2, 2018 meeting

Shirley Kitchen motioned and Lorna Negen seconded to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Aging/Nutrition/Transportation Supervisor's Report

Amy stated the home delivered route in Beaver Dam is growing. It is currently at 21 participants. Amy wishes to make two routes in Beaver Dam as well as in Hustisford to lessen the time for each route to be completed in hopes to maintain warmer food temperatures. Car bags were purchased in the attempt to maintain food temperatures from the time they leave the dining center to the time the last meal is delivered on the route. The plan is to order bags for all dining centers. There have been some issues with the plugs but replacements have not cost the program anything.

Budget Report for 2019 – Amy stated the state of Wisconsin is giving more funding to the Senior Dining Program in 2019.

Amy stated that all dining center managers including herself attended the yearly manager training in Sun Prairie on September 26, 2018.

The Randolph congregate dining center was closed for about a week in October while the apartment complex dealt with fleas in the building. All home delivered participants were served through the WaterMark in Beaver Dam.

The Senior Dining Program received notice from Marquardt Village that they no longer will be contracting with us in 2019. Amy is actively looking for a different congregate site in Watertown. Amy is getting ready to submit the 85.21 Specialized Transportation Assistance Grant by the end of the week.

Dodge County Transportation has ordered a new minivan to replace the one in the accident. It is expected to arrive in a few weeks.

Dementia Updates

Kris stated there were about 150 attendees at the Caregiving Conference held here at the Henry Dodge Office Building on October 25. It was a great conference with various speakers. Next year's conference is set for October 17, 2019.

Rob Griesel, our Dementia Care Specialist, has been involved in hosting Dementia Live experiences throughout Dodge County. There have been numerous demonstrations at Horicon Library, Columbus Senior Center, and Quad Graphics Library. Participants that attend Dementia Live gain a heightened awareness of the challenges faced by those who live with dementia.

Dementia Friendly Dodge (DFD) is a newly created organization to focus on dementia awareness in Dodge County.

Kris stated the Dementia Crisis Grant has funded numerous projects and trainings throughout the year. It has also allowed our Caregiver Coordinator and Dementia Care Specialist to purchase items/fidgets/tools that are available for loan out to help support those with dementia and their caregivers. Things such as window/door alarms, locking systems, auto pill reminders and dispensers, sensory/fidget toys, brain games, etc.

The grant has allowed an opportunity to host a Respite Day on 12/5 at the TAG Center in Mayville for caregivers and their loved ones as well as a Christmas Party for care partners and recipients at Audubon Inn in Mayville on 12/18.

Elder Benefit Specialist

Amanda Higgins, Elder Benefit Specialist, stated the Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) ended on December 7. Amanda stated she is still totaling but so far she has had contact with over 120 people that needed assistance with their plans. There are 29 new Part D supplement plans for 2019 as well as 19 new Advantage drug plans. The Medicare Advantage Enrollment Period runs from 1/1 to 3/31. The 2019 Welcome to Medicare Workshop schedule is complete. Five of these classes will be joint with Ashley, our Disability Benefit Specialist, to allow people of any age to attend.

Medicaid Basics

Ashley Sanborn, Disability Benefit Specialist, generally spoke about Medicare savings programs such as QMB (covers Medicare Part B premiums and co-pays), SLMB (two types – SLMB and SLMB+ which is a higher income level), Low Income Subsidy (LIS - for Medicare Part D costs), SeniorCare (Medicare Part D assistance program), and Medicaid. The Medicare Savings Program brochure was provided for all members of this commission. Ashley also stated that there was a big glitch with letters the Capital Consortium mailed out to individuals stating they were being kicked out of their Medicare savings plan by error. Topics to cover in more detail for future meetings will be regarding Family Care, Medicaid, and spousal impoverishment. Medicaid is a big topic so breaking that out into sub topics like a general overview and the functional piece of Medicaid would be helpful. Perhaps our Economic Support staff can come to a future meeting to present this information.

Disability Services

Ashley Sanborn, Disability Benefit Specialist, states that there will be collaboration with Division of Vocational Rehab (DVR) and Access to Independence (ATI) to improve the transition process. Vicki Zimmerman, ADR Specialist, and Ashley will be going to schools throughout Dodge County to find children in the transitional period (17½ years of age) to start the benefit eligibility process before they turn 18 as they are more likely eligible for benefits. Usually once a child reaches 18 the benefits change to adult criteria.

ADRC/Aging Supervisor's Report

September and October 2018 call statistics provided for members were reviewed and briefly discussed. Kris also reviewed the *ALICE in Dodge County* report from United Way and the *2018 Customer Satisfaction Report*.

Janet Zander, CSW, MPA, from Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) presented to the members of this coalition on the importance of advocating for those who cannot do so for themselves as well as educating them to make their own informed decisions. PowerPoint and discussion ensued.

Future Agenda Items

Opportunity to request topics of discussion for future meetings. MaryAnn Miller requested an updated membership list including phone numbers and emails as well as Janet Zander's contact information.

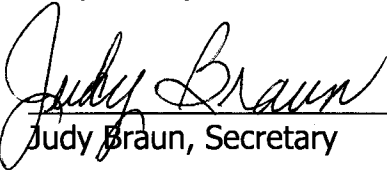
Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging and Disability Services will be held on **Tuesdays, February 12, April 9, June 11, August 13, October 8, and December 10** at **9:00 am** in **room G046** on the **ground floor** of the Henry Dodge Office Building.

Adjournment

William Hoekstra motioned and Shirley Kitchen seconded to adjourn this meeting of the Commission on Aging and Disability Services at 10:30 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Braun, Secretary

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