

COMMISSION ON AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES

Wednesday, August 13, 2019

MaryAnn Miller called the Commission on Aging and Disability Services meeting to order at 9:02 am

Roll Call

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

Also Present

Sheila Drays, Rob Griesel, Amanda Higgins, Ashley Sanborn, Kris Schefft, Jackie Wendlandt

Excused

Gary Schmidt

Absent

Judy Patenaude

Roll Call, Introduction, and Non-Member County Board Members

Roll call and introductions commenced.

Action on the Minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting

Shirley Kitchen motioned and Dianne Birkholz seconded to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Annual By Laws Review

The following changes will be made and brought to the next meeting for review:

- Update the date to 8/13/19
- Article I Section 3: Purpose on page 1 will change word "of" to "or"
- Article II Section 6: Training on page 4 to change to "Education and Training" and also add verbiage "through various means including emails, online training, and in person training"
- Article III Section 4: Attendance at Meetings on page 4 to add verbiage "the ADRC Director will contact that member to find out their intent on this Commission. If the ADRC Director is unable to reach the member, the Commission shall recommend to the Dodge County Administrator that this person be removed from the Governing Board for cause"
- Article IV Section 1 Item I on page 8 spell out word MCO and add abbreviation in parenthesis
- Article IV Section 1 Item K on page 8 add "represents interests of youth transitioning into adult services" and move current item K to item L

Communications and Announcements

Kris and Sheila will be presenting what services are available at the ADRC at the full County Board on September 17 at 7 pm. All are invited to attend. Bill Hoekstra suggested that the ADRC be a quick link under the "I WANT TO" tab on the Dodge County website. Kris will contact IT and report back at the next meeting. Lorna will be attending a meeting at the Senior Center to tour the new Marquardt Memorial Manor in Watertown.

Aging/Nutrition/Transportation Supervisor's Report

Kris stated that Jackie DeLaRosa, the Aging, Nutrition, and Transportation Supervisor has been hard at work completing two new grants for a new minivan as well as a new bariatric van. The County Administrator approved the new buses and the 2017 vans to be wrapped. Kris also stated that there is an influx of new home delivered meal participants. Although the dining centers are fully staffed there is still a need for home delivered meals drivers. Brief discussion followed.

Dementia Updates

Rob Griesel, Dementia Care Specialist, stated the Dementia Live held in March had nine people attend. The 'Creating the Spark' event to bring tools to caregivers held in spring had great attendance at 68 people.

There were Dementia Friends sessions in Waupun and Watertown recently – 6/18 at the Waupun Senior Center (joint session with Fond du Lac County), 7/16 at the Watertown Library (joint session with Jefferson County). These sessions are meant to empower individuals to make small changes to support those with dementia in their community. SPARK! takes place the 2nd Friday of every month and will expand in 2020 to further offer programming to individuals with early to mid-stage memory loss and their care partners twice a month. There will be a Mindfulness event at Swan Park in Beaver Dam on 9/10. The goal is to bring caregivers and recipients tools to be able to relax. There will be a Train the Trainer workshop at the Watermark in Beaver Dam on 9/17 as well as an offering of Horicon Marsh Boat Tours on 9/18 and 10/1. The fall Caregiver Conference will be on 10/17 at Springbrook in Burnett with keynote speakers Gary Glazner and Fabu. A three part series for care partners and loved ones of individuals with dementia entitled 'At the Crossroads...Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Driving' will be at the Watertown Regional Medical Center on 10/22, 10/29, and 11/5. Lastly, Rob stated he plans to have a Respite Day and Holiday Party again this year in December.

Elder Benefit Specialist

Amanda Higgins, Elder Benefit Specialist, stated there will be a joint Dodge/Jefferson County Welcome to Medicare class at the Watertown Regional Medical Center on 8/28. Amanda also stated that a Medicare Planfinder training will be held at the Administration Building on 9/16 for the Managed Care Organizations (MCO) to be able to assist their members in choosing a plan on the Medicare Planfinder website during the Medicare Open Enrollment Period (AEP). Brief discussion followed.

Medicaid Basics

Medicaid Basics is not available this month due to training new staff in the Economic Support unit.

Disability Benefit Specialist

Ashley Sanborn, Disability Benefit Specialist, stated she has been receiving referrals for young adults long after the eligibility period starts, which is 17½ months. Ashley stated that she and Vicki Zimmerman, Aging and Disability Resource Specialist, will be at Beaver Dam High School for their parent teacher conferences in October to be available in case there are transitioning young adults with questions. They would like to expand outreach with other school districts' special education teachers as well but it has proven to be a challenge. Brief discussion followed. In 2018, the disability determination requirement was waived for Family Care causing a ripple effect for Medicaid enrollment. Young adults need to enroll using their own information and separating their information form; parents/guardians also need to stop claiming them on taxes for them to be eligible for medical assistance. This is only for individuals without a disability determination under the age of 19.

ADRC/Aging Supervisor's Report

May and June 2019 call statistics were provided for members of this board and briefly discussed. Kris stated that a combined full time permanent EBS/DBS position has been approved and posted. The ADRC will share a booth with the Veteran's Service Officer (VSO) at the VA event along with 13 other counties in Madison on November 19. There will be a Zumbathon on September 21 at Powerhouse Athletics in Beaver Dam to raise monies for the Dementia Concerns Coalition (DCC). The official 2019 Resource Directory for Dodge County was just released throughout the community.

Future Agenda Items - Opportunity to Request Topics of Discussion for Future Meetings

It was suggested to talk about spousal impoverishment in more detail at the next meeting. Kris will check into an Economic Support (ES) worker coming to speak at the next meeting. Future handouts on getting the word into schools in regards to transition was also suggested.

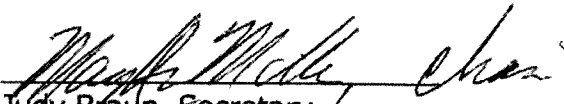
Next Meeting

The next meetings of the Commission on Aging and Disability Services will be held on **Tuesdays, October 8 and December 10** at **9:00 am** in **room G046** on the **ground floor** of the Henry Dodge Office Building.

Adjournment

Chairperson MaryAnn Miller adjourned this meeting of the Commission on Aging and Disability Services at 10:06 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Judy Braun, Secretary

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next committee meeting.