

Aging & Disability Resource Center-Grant County Board Meeting Wednesday, January 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Dale Hood at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the ADRC in Lancaster, Wisconsin.

Attendance: Mary Lou Bausch John Beinborn Dale Hood Dick Kilian
 Carol Beals David Fritz Carrie Bell Linda Adrian Hans Kostrau

Excused: Linda Connely, Mary Yager

Others Present: Gayle Mason, John Patcle, Marsha Gore, Rita Harmon

Beinborn/Adrian: Motion that the meeting was published via online, via our website, radio, newspaper and posted at the Grant County Administration Building. Motion carried.

Kilian/Adrian: Additions – Motion to approved Agenda. Motion carried.

Adrian/Beinborn: Motion to approve the minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

The committee held a moment of silence for Clinton Orton, a former board member who recently passed away.

Report by Beals/Beinborn – County board review of duties and expectations for board members. They stated the board will place an advisory referendum on the April 2011 Ballot concerning the number of County Board Members. They also stated that due to the new 2010 Census, redistricting would also be considered. The “Advisory Referendum” would cost the county \$2500 - \$3000. In addition to their duties and responsibilities Gayle asked the board to review our current organization structure at the February Board Meeting.

Elderly Benefit Specialist Marsha Gore provided a brief summary of Medicare Part D open enrollment. She expressed her deep appreciation of the volunteers and for staff. She also reviewed the complexity of the open enrollment. She stated it was confusing for current enrollees due to the cancellation and changes by usual companies and agencies. She also stated that 357 Grant County Seniors were forced to sign up for new Medicare Part D Drug Plans. Dale H. asked “what was the reasons for coverage and changes to the plans?” Marsha stated she was not sure why the coverage was dropped. Marsha gave information on client and case load during Part D Season. She stated a change in 2011 Open Enrollment. It will start in October of 2011. Gayle stated seniors were not happy with the changes in Part D and the way we handled the open enrollment period. Several seniors expressed concerns that Marsha and Gayle will review before the 2011 enrollment is set to start. Volunteer training will take place earlier in 2011.

Dick Kilian reported on his State Advisory Meeting which was held in December. The nine member advisory committee will meet quarterly. The members of the advisory committee will discuss issues related to older adults.

Reports:

ADRC Managers Report –

- Community Transportation Survey completed in Mineral Point and Cassville – Rita H. reviewed the results. Mineral Point indicated a taxi service two 1/3 days/week. Cassville is requesting Bus Transportation to either Dubuque or Prairie du Chien. DOT–Students to school (Vo-Tech) Shuttle–is on hold until the fall of 2011.
- GWAAR Advocacy – Gayle provided information about programs and services which might be cut or reduced from the Governors Budget. She stated that a committee is completing talking points. She will distribute the talking points as soon as they are complete. She encouraged the board to contact local and state elected officials and promote maintain funding in the upcoming budget cycle.
- Gayle also reviewed the board size and term limits. She stated 4 members terms are up in April. Gayle will review the application and ad for new board members and distribute the ad in March.
- GWAAR – was not successful in obtaining the Americorp Grant. Gayle stated they will re-submit the grant in July of 2011.
- Senior Statesman- no schedule date set yet. Gayle recommended sending a board member to an advocacy training hosted by GWAAR later in 2011.
- The Elder Abuse Grant managed by DSS provided case management reimbursement for staff time spent in 2010. The reimbursement will be used to cover hours for a senior relocation due to her mental health issues. Ruth Rotramel provided long term case management. Ruth is also working with Jayne Mullins and DSS Social Workers to develop a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU). The I-Team will review the MOU mid-February.

Action Items

- Approval of Vouchers – No discussion or questions
Kostrau/Beinborn: Motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

Adrian/Kilian -There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Next meeting is Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Bausch, Secretary
cc Gayle L. Mason