

Aging & Disability Resource Center-Grant County Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 16, 2011

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

Attendance: Mary Yager Mary Lou Bausch Dick Kilian
 David Fritz Carrie Bell Linda Adrian Hans Kostrau

Excused: Dale Hood, John Beinborn, Carol Beals, John Patcle

Others Present: Gayle Mason, Marsha Gore, Ruth Rotramel

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

Killian/Kostrau: Additions – Motion to approved Agenda. Motion carried.

Fritz/Bell: Motion to approve the minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

No report from Fred Naatz – DSS Director

Gayle reported on the MOU with DSS and the Elder Abuse Social Workers. The MOU is a work in progress. The MOU is nearing completion and will give both agencies the opportunity to improve communications concerning clients at risk. Both agencies and the I-Team committee will review the MOU in the next month. The APS and ADRC staff will share information and provide case management for adults at risk. Both the APS workers and staff from the ADRC will bill the grant for case management hours.

Gayle also provided information to the members concerning a new MOU with SFCA (Southwest Family Care Alliance) and the ADRC. Mary Mezera and Becky Cupp, regional ADRC Managers, will provide technical assistance to complete the MOU by June 1, 2011.

ADRC Regional Report: Hans Kostrau reported the Advocacy Meeting which was set for Friday, February 18th was postponed. He stated only two elected officials responded that they would attend the event. He also stated the regional board members and ADRC Managers will meet with the law makers in Madison in the spring.

Dick Kilian reported he received word that SeniorCare would continue and is part of the Governors Budget. Gayle stated Dick provided an advocacy letter directly to Governor Walker. It was mentioned that the Governor may have raided some surplus funds from SeniorCare to cover the costs.

Mary Y. reported on the Homelessness in Grant County. She expressed concerns over the number of homeless individuals. Mary also reported on the Homeless Task Force updates mentioned at the ADRC Advisory held in January. She shared information concerning private donations for the homeless given to Platteville Peace Lutheran Church. She expressed her appreciation for the support of this family to the Homeless.

Report by Marsha Gore: She reported about the clients served by the EBS Program. She stated information indicated 26% of EBS Clients are below the Federal Poverty Level. Other interesting information included age range:

Age 60-64– 54 clients

Age 65-74 – 258 clients

Age 75-84 – 190 clients

Age 85 plus – 98 clients

Grant County statistics indicated that 10.7% of the clients are below the Federal Poverty Level.

Question by the Board – What is the Status of the remodel or the move to the third floor of the Administration Building? Gayle gave a long summary and long story made short “no move in the future.”

Reports:

ADRC Managers Report –

- Resignation – Linda Conley stated that due to family ties and a new job she is unable to fulfill her obligations on the ADRC Board.
- Gayle reviewed the Mineral Point Shared Ride Taxi – Due to the weather the Meeting with the Mineral Point Village Board was postponed.
- Rita and 2 others will attend the Transportation Day at the Capital on Wednesday, February 23rd.
- The ADRC received another 3 year extension of the grant for Senior Farmers Market Vouchers. Seniors who meet 185% of poverty are eligible to receive the vouchers to purchase fresh produce anywhere in Wisconsin at an approved Farm Stand, Farm or Farm Market. The ADRC Staff will distribute the vouchers starting June 1st. Gayle reported that the Grant County Board of Supervisors approved the grant Tuesday, February 15th.
- Organizational Chart was tabled.
- Board Selection – Mary Lou, Mary Yager and Hans Kostrau volunteered to serve on the interview team selecting new board members.
- The members had a brief discussion concerning total citizen members on the ADRC Board. They agreed to discuss this in March but felt decreasing the citizen members by one would reduce cost and still meet statutory requirements.
- Gayle provided a brief overview of the Annual Report and the OAA Plan Report. She asked the board to review this and call in the next week if there were any questions and concerns.
- OAA National Family Caregiver Support Program Plan Report was presented to the ADRC Board.
- The board requested to send questions and concerns to Travis Tranel before the March Board Meeting. Assembly person Tranel has accepted an invitation to attend the March Board Meeting.
- TORT Reform – Is it true this bill would omit evidence about the practices of a Nursing Home during litigations? Examples would be evidence found in either a neglect or abuse situation. What are your thoughts on TORT Reform?
- If employees of the state, county and municipalities are expected to cut wages and pay additional costs for healthcare and retirement, has the state legislators planned cuts in their

wages and increased their share of insurance and retirement? Has the Governor also decreased his wages and increased his insurance rates and retirement contributions?

- What results are expected after elimination of collective bargaining? How will this affect public employees who live and work in Grant County?
- Have you given any thought how this affects the tax base and local community economies?
- Can you give any expected outcomes of the elimination of collective bargaining?
- How can the legislator improve communications with local government officials and the residents you serve?
- If the state cuts MA Matching funds for Federal MA dollars, what will be the expected impact on local citizens, employers and the local economy?
- Every elected official is an administrative aid. Has there been a plan to reduce their wages, increase their insurance costs and increase their retirement costs?

Action Items

- **Approval of the OAA/National Family Caregiver Support Program Plan – Report**
Kostrau/Kilian: Motion to approve the report and plan. Motion Carried
- **Approval of Vouchers –** No discussion or questions
Fritz/Kostrau: Motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.
- **Approval of interview team for new board members of Bausch, Yager, Kostrau**
Adrian/Bell: Motion to approve the interview team. Motion carried
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Adrian/Kilian -There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Next meeting is Wednesday, March16, 2011

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