

Aging & Disability Resource Center-Grant County Board Meeting Wednesday, April 20, 2011

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

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

Excused:

Others Present: Gayle Mason, John Patcle, Mary Mezera, Carol Fjelsted

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

Adrian/Beinborn: Additions – Add to agenda, hiring of Blue River Meal Site Manager. Motion to approve amended agenda. Motion carried.

Bausch/Kostrau: **Motion to approve the minutes as amended, Carol Beals, not Carrie** Beals,
_____ Motion carried.

Advocacy:

Advocacy against proposed cuts-Representative Ron Kind or wife Tawni will attend May meeting. 1st proposal for economic support that went to the state was rejected.

Under business briefs in the Shopping News there is an ad about Southwest Family Care Alliance opening a new office in Darlington. Information is incorrect for Lafayette County.

Reports:

ADRC Managers Report –

- GWAAR Advocacy –Bob Kellerman updates—shared revenue and SeniorCare—Dale Schultz wants to keep SeniorCare. CWAG wants wrap around policy for SeniorCare. We need to contact our Representatives, either e-mail or call, letters take three weeks to get to destination. Discussion concerning legislative issue and how we reach our representatives. The members suggested we talk to their aides or assistants. Discussion concerning how we should educate or inform Assemblymen Tranel. The board suggested providing Mr. Tranel information concerning Southwest Family Care Alliance, Medical Assistance, BadgerCare.
- Discussion about the Listening Session at Lancaster High School. Both Senator Schultz and Assemblyman Tranel attended.
The participants discussed the following topics: some about losing their jobs, positions not being filled by schools, Family Care re-establishing waitlists, Elderly Nutrition, Elderly Transportation, SeniorCare, wind generation, loss of funding due to reduction in Shared Revenue, school funding, property taxes, loss of collective bargaining, loss in vital programs and services for the very young and the elderly and road repairs. (Note this list is not inclusive all topics discussed at the listening session.)
- Gayle voiced concern over DHS's ability to refuse Federal Medicaid dollars. If we don't have collective bargaining DOT Shared Ride Taxi allocations will not be available. This may hinder both the Grant County and Iowa County Shared Ride Taxi. This will impact residents in Lancaster, Fennimore, Dodgeville and Boscobel. Taxi will be affected, cities will be impacted. Board Advocacy is critical. Suggestion to write letters to the editors, contacting local and state elected officials to discuss the importance of programs and services. The board requested information about current use of programs.

ADRC Board Applications—we have three applications. Mary Lou, Mary Y, Hans, and Gayle will meet week of May 9th to go over them. Asked John if we could reduce by one member, he responded with the affirmative.

ADRC Board Lengths—Gayle reviewed the policies regulating board term limits, which includes two year terms and no more the three consecutive two year terms.

Security Concerns—Gayle provided an update on the lockdown at the Social Service/ADRC Building. She expressed concerns over development and implementation of new policy and procedures in handling any future threats.

She stated security training is scheduled for the 1st week of May. The staff training includes safety techniques by Sheriffs Department, Nate Dreckman and Unified, Neil Blackburn. Gayle also reviewed possible modifications to the main entry door. She stated that DSS agreed to cover half of the costs.

Transportation Trust Fund—Gayle stated we have reached maximum allowable allocations for the DOT Trust Fund. She suggested taking additional staff wages and prepaying Southwest Opportunity Center for 2011 bus lease. She also stated that WIS-DOT is aware of the proposed solutions and has tentatively agreed to this solution.

New Board Training—Gayle reviewed new board training and asked the board what topics or information should be included. The board suggested:

- Acronyms need to be spelled out
- Limit the use of acronyms at board meeting and in the minutes so everyone understands them
- Remind new members about acronym sheet
- Small description about who sits on our board and what they represent
- Clarify how organizations work together
- List of state and county agencies
- Data showing the number of customers contacting the ADRC
- Regional ADRC service area and contracts
- Need paper listing home care agencies

Other

- Blue River Meal Site Manager is retiring on June 2nd, maintain position, non-benefit position, 3 hour a day, 4 days a week. Attendance has doubled.
- High School transition fair was well attended—10 to 12 there.
- Farmers Market Vouchers--\$25.00 vouchers in \$2 to \$3 increments, go out June 15th. Up over 240, hoping 80% will use. Markets will be certified by Health Department
- SW Tech applying for grant for dental program to help low-income adults to get teeth cleaned. ADRC will provide transportation. Will know by July, 3 year grant. Dr Hughes from Cassville is Dentist of record, also a Dentist from Dubuque.
- Mary Mezera explained LEEPS (Language Enriched Exercise Plus Socialization) program that pairs volunteer to do simple exercises and works on language use.
- ADRC convention—mostly for Directors, employees, not too much for board members.
- By January 2012 everyone in Wisconsin I will be served by ADRC.

- 2 year budget cycle will limit adding new clients into Family Care—if funding is not given to ADRC will more money be given to Family Care. Lots of discussion about Family Care working here but not in other parts of the state
- Mary Lou shared highlights on the training for Living Well with a Chronic Condition. She stated they hope to offer a class by the end of May. .
- Gayle stated that both Donna McDowell and Gail Scherswenska appreciate the people we have sent to State Advisory Committee. Dick Kilian serves on the state advisory. He shared highlights from the last meeting. He invited Senator Herb Kohl to attend the meetings. Senator Kohl was unable to attend.
- **Approval of Vouchers**—Fritz/Killian
- **Reallocation of the Transportation Trust Fund**—Kostrau/Hood: Motion carried
- **Other**-Retire Meal Site Manager-re-hire position—Adrian/Bausch: Motion carried

Adjourned: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. Next meeting is June 15th at the Youth and Ag Building in Lancaster.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Mary L Bausch, Secretary
 cc Gayle Mason
 cc Carol Fjelsted