

POLK COUNTY AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 14, 2012

Present: Joyce Bergstrand, Karen Krupa, Viola Karr and Pat Schmidt

Also Present: Tonya Eichelt, Deb Miller, Marsha Stoeberl

Meeting called to order by Chair Pat Schmidt at: 9:02am

Motion to approve Agenda made by Joyce Bergstrand Seconded by Karen Krupa

Motion to approve July 10, 2012 minutes: Correction needs to be made to the Minutes, it is A'viands not Alliance. It is requested that page numbers be put on the Minutes. Marsha stated she cooked and lives in Barron and that change needs to be made.

Motion made by Karen Krupa Seconded by Viola Karr. Carried

Future meeting date & time: Laura would like a meeting next month again: September 11, 2012 9:00AM

ADRC Board: Pat Schmidt gave a report on the ADRC Board meeting. The budget was approved for Burnett County. Polk budget was not approved but discussion on the budget. Polk's budget cannot be approved until it is approved by Dana/Board. The Board approved the purchase of file cabinets for Burnett County with money left over for this year as they are much needed by the new staff.

Pat Schmidt commented on the Red Cliff trip. We took the ADRC van, Laura, Larry Jepsen, Joyce Bergstrand & Gladys Beers. Pat stated the trip was beautiful and lunch was furnished. The Vice President of Logisticare was there or someone very high up in that Agency as well as the Health & Human services rep out of Madison along with the Wisconsin representative for Logisticare. People were invited to go to the microphone and give their concerns. There were many people were telling their experiences and there were very few GOOD comments. One person in a wheel chair was told that he was taken to a clinic in Duluth and just left there. The clinic called Logisticare and they brushed him off. The clinic finally had to call family members to come and get him. The representatives seemed very concerned about this incident. It is possible that the ADRC can contract with Logisticare and ADRC can do the driving and then bill Logisticare for those services. Karen Krupa asked about the feeling of the group was it positive or negative – Pat Schmidt stated it was mostly negative. Tonya Eichelt, Transportation supervisor stated we are considering a contract with Logisticare but it has to be on our terms.

ADRC Director Report was given by Tonya Eichelt. Veteran's transportation meeting in Hayward was discussed. It was asked if there was a suggested resolution for service in the area. We need to make sure everyone is communicating correctly so there is no duplication of rides. Rick Gates suggested some of the Veterans are paid themselves and that money needs to come back into the transportation program. We want one entity to coordinate it all not several.

Aging Plan: Laura had written up a draft of the Aging Plan. The two glaring issues we are working on are transportation and caregiver assistance. We are working as well on marketing and outreach. We need to improve on the ADRC acronym and those are the things we need to work on in the next 3 years. Joyce Bergstrand stated that what she has found is that the Aging feel they have to be disabled in order to get assistance. It is the marketing that needs to show them that they do not need to be poor in order to get services. We are more than willing to go and speak to any agency that wants us to speak. We will speak at any function that is necessary or would like us to come.

The draft of the Aging Plan was reviewed and discussed in detail. Suggested changes were recorded to be passed on to Director Neve for possible inclusion into the final version.

Section 5 is a local focus area: Tonya stated Laura thought maybe there would be some advocacy areas that we maybe should address? Pat stated as people age and become widow or widowers they are making some pretty big decisions in their lives. Pat feels sometimes aging people need someone who is not vested in their lives. They need someone to talk to. Marsha stated possibly the benefit specialist would be able to fill those shoes.

Tonya states that she and Laura are going to Virginia for the National Conference to address Options Counseling. We try to provide all of the consumers' options and they are in charge of their decisions. Laura and Tonya are speaking at the conference and Barb Engelhart is in a video that will be shown during the presentation.

Karen suggests that this should be in the news. She states it is good advertising for the ADRC and we need a press release. Not just any but a fancy press release should be done to let people know that OUR ADRC is nationally known.

Tonya passed around the Final Affairs conference. Pat Schmidt stated there is a very good agenda and she is encouraging a lot of people in Luck and the surrounding area to attend.

Judy Brusletten is retiring at the end of the month. We will have an Open House for her the 28th or 29th and we would like to encourage all board members to attend.

Marsha went over the information in the packet on the meal sites. Karen believes they just need the last page of the report. She does not feel they need more than that. Karen said well let's try it and see how it goes.

Motion to move the meeting back to 8:45am by Karen Krupa Seconded by Vi Karr
Motion carried – opposed Joyce Nelson

Motion to Adjourn: Karen Krupa Second by Vi Karr. Motion carried – unanimous

Meeting adjourned 10:11am

Minutes by Deb Miller