

September 11, 2012
Polk County Aging Advisory Committee

Present: Joyce Bergstrand, Pat Schmidt, Karen Krupa

Also present: Marsha Stoeberl and Deb Miller

Meeting called to order by Chair Pat Schmidt at 8:50 a.m.

Motion to approve agenda was made by Karen Krupa Seconded by Joyce Bergstrand

Future meeting date & time: October 9, 2012 8:45am

Marsha Stroeberl will be taking the place of Director Neve.

Pat Schmidt gave an update on the ADRC Board. Pat discussed what is happening. Judy Brusletten has retired. Laura made a presentation to Judy on her retirement and the Board wished her well. Dawn Sargent explained the new transportation software that the agency is looking at. They want it to encompass both counties with the software so it is web based, this way, either county will be able to dispatch for the other county.

It was asked if the Milltown site manager had it been hired. Marsha stated an offer has been made but she has not heard if the offer has been accepted or not.

Clear Lake congregate site Marsha explained they would be offering free meals for a week and then have it a couple of weeks to see if it will go or not. The meal site will be at the Ridgeview apartment building in Clear Lake. There is a community room with a kitchen. Marsha's personal goal is 10 people per day. The committee asked how are we advertising for this. Marsha stated we are advertising in the Museum Chronicle, Clear Lake and Amery papers, radio and Senior Voices in October. It was suggested that maybe something should be sent out to the churches in Clear Lake and if sent out prior to the end of the month could possibly hit the news letter from the different churches.

National Conference: Laura and Tonya are at the conference now.

We have an intern starting soon.

Resignation on ADRC Board: Bert Lund has turned in his resignation on the ADRC Board and Laura will be contacting Donny Taylor the Burnett County Board Chair for a replacement for Bert. Pat Schmidt stated Tom Magnafici, who asked to be on this board, and has not attended any meetings. Pat states that the Chair of the ADRC Board is going to talk to Mr. Magnafici.

Director Report: Copy of the ADRC Northwest WI Service Plan was presented. Marsha went over the changes. The main thing is the new transportation system and they hope to have it fully functioning prior to end of 2013. Second paragraph the goal is to investigate a possible contract with Logisticare that goal is for 2014. The 2015 goal is if we decide to have a contract we would have that in place by then. Last sentence, change suggested by Karen Krupa and noted by Marsha should be “could” be in place. Do not mention the word cost in the first paragraph – “cost to the riders”. Interfaith is mentioned in other sections of the report but not in this section, Karen would suggest possibly adding that here as well.

4B: Using high school kids for chores such as stacking wood, raking leaves, bagging leaves, also please include Interfaith in this area as well suggested Karen Krupa.

Friendly visitor program: get more involved with Interfaith in Polk and more on that type of a program in Burnett. Burnett feels they do not have that in their county and would like it started there.

Marsha stated we need to strengthen and expand the Elder Nutrition Program. We will be doing more marketing and which we hope will get more people to come in to eat. Our home delivered meals are 3 or 4 times more. We will be doing marketing for all of the meal sites but just starting at Clear Lake. It was suggested that the Advisory board attend the free meal site weeks at each site to talk to the people there to eat. Joyce stated it would be nice to have someone from the committees or someone from the area that knows the people or their Board members from that area.

4c: is pretty much what it was only added a few words. Start having meetings quarterly. Having a caregiver conference in Burnett county area by the end of 2014 and that would be equivalent to what is being held in New Richmond this coming Friday.

Karen Krupa stated there is no mention of Polk County support group that normally meets over at St Croix Regional Medical Center and she believes there is also one in Burnett County also. Endeavors Day Break program was not mentioned and also the one in Burnett County she can't remember the name of that day program.

4D: Dawn is the lead person in the emergency preparedness in Burnett County. Karen suggested that the Speaker mentioned through out as well as Senior Voices, not just Senior Voices. There is a special needs registry in Polk County, with Kathy Poirier at the Justice Center. Possibly put this information at the concrete meal sites. These programs need to be explained and promoted. Marsha will check to see if they have a registry in Burnett County.

4E: Karen Krupa suggested to get rid of re-institute and put continue and also you may look at offering one class for both counties but possibly alternate sites. Getting people to give up the hours to sign up for the class is a problem. Karen Krupa asked if that is part of a dementia program. Marsha doesn't know much about it but will check on that possibly LEEP.

4F: Resource directory: Troy the intern will be working on the web site. We eventually want to share information via news letters, which we are hoping to combine the two news letters by end of 2014.

Local Focus Areas: Marsha explained a new program she is hoping to start with donations where she would get people to donate canned goods to deliver emergency meal packages to elderly home bound for winter in case the weather is bad and the meals on wheels cannot be delivered. Karen Krupa stated Marsha should maybe include cash donations so that you can go out and buy what doesn't come in? Sometimes you can buy in bulk and get it purchased at a cheaper price. Getting everyone to buy into this we need to stress we are doing it for our elderly neighbors and friends. The group would have to double check and make sure we have extended expiration dates on the canned goods. The grocery stores have bins to purchase and place in at Christmas time it is possible we could get the stores to have bins for this purpose also. It was suggested that we also get employees in both counties involved. Marsha states that if the first year is successful she would like to see it happen every year.

Tonya Eichel is working on getting a hospitality center up and running at next years Polk County Fair and trying to get people to come in through there. We are hoping for a place where people can sit down, rest and have a cold drink. It would hopefully give the ADRC more exposure and have more contact with people coming through. This will be started at the Polk County Fair initially and then possibly expanding to the other Fairs.

Pat Schmidt stated that in Section 3A planning process – Last sentence didn't get completed, it states following ... But there is nothing following!

Nutrition Caregiver/Prevention: Marsha has gotten at least two calls stating people have gone off meals on wheels because they are better the clients are better and no longer need them. This is one of the purposes of the program and nice to hear.

Marsha is attending the Caregiver's Conference on Friday and will hopefully make some connections with people there.

Committee discussions:

Pat Schmidt states Final Affairs event is coming soon and she has been putting some effort into this. There is no cost and a free meal helps she is hoping it to be successful.

Address for the GWAAR conference. Registrations...

Motion to adjourn made by Joyce Bergstrand Seconded by Karen Krupa Motion carried

Meeting adjourned: 9:55am

Submitted by Deb Miller

