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POLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

February 14, 2012

8:45AM

Polk County Government Center

Conference Room A & B

Public is welcome.

AGENDA

Call to Order

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Minutes

Public Comments

Site Reports/Fund Balance

Self-Assessment Review & Action

Director's Report

Information/Committee Observations

Next meeting dated

Adjourn

Patricia Schmidt, Chairman, Council on Aging

Laura Neve, Director ADRC NW WI

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COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING

Polk County Government Center
Conference Rooms A & B
Balsam Lake, WI 54810
February 14, 2012

Present: Patricia Schmidt Viola Karr, Joyce Bergstrand, Karen Krupa, Kristine Kremer-Hartung, Harry Johansen, Joyce Nelson, and Warren Nelson (8:48 am)

Pat Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:45am.

Approval of the Agenda – Motion to approve the Agenda made by Janice Nelson Second by Joyce Bergstrand. Motion vote Unanimous.

Minutes to accept the Minutes from January 10th as presented made by Janice Nelson, Second by Viola Karr. Vote was Unanimous

No public comments

Site report – Laurie Ince stated that she has taken Clear Lake out of the congregate. Laurie checked with GWAAR and it is ok.

Voucher Report – discussed.

Warren Nelson arrived at 8:48am.

The council is requesting that they only get the Site Report and not the attachments. Laurie stated she will do the first two pages.

There was discussion on meal sites menu and site report.

At the bottom of the Senior Voices it says December 2011 – should that be 2012. Yes, it was just not caught when it was done this time. Laurie will let Barb Ceder know.

Laura asked if the council would like a spread sheet that shows costs separated out. The council decided they would appreciate it.

Self Review & Action Director Neve explained the Self Review and Action form. Corrections were made to the form as follows: on the first page the organizational structure /first box should be marked not the second one. Half way down the page number 1 Kristine is over 60, and Joyce is not an elected official. Joyce Nelson started before Viola Karr. Might have it turned around the dates.

Pat Schmidt – Questions on emergency preparedness. Ms. Schmidt asked if there was a list of people that would need assistance in case of an emergency. Ms. Neve stated it is

the special needs registry. Chair Schmidt asked if that list is updated and correct. Ms Neve stated she will need to check and see if it was updated in Kari's absence.

Karen Krupa asked a question on the Transportation Corporation Council bi-monthly meeting. Ms. Neve stated that it includes Human Services, Veterans, Golden Age Manor, etc.

Director Neve talked about the current Caregivers Support Group in Amery. There is only one person that goes regularly and there is another group that would suit that one person better. One of the State's focuses is grandparents caring for grandchildren and we are looking at redesigning the Caregiver's support group to possibly match that focus.

Joyce Nelson asked what is a "warm referrals" and what do they refer to. Ms. Neve explained that all calls are to be answered and transferred to a different location rather than ask them to hang up and call there themselves.

We need approval of the Self Review document. **Motion** made to approve the document with the changes specified was made by Janice Nelson, Seconded by Kristine Kremer-Hartung. Vote was Unanimous

Director's Report: Burnett County Aging merger has passed the Human Service Committee to continue to plan towards it. Ms Neve has met with the Commission on Aging in Burnett to talk about the merger and organizational chart proposals. There are not any changes with the exception the organizational structure. There will be some changes with support staff. They have similar concerns, as this committee had, as far as, substantial changes with programming itself, etc. She assured Burnett there is no intention on her part to change programs. She still recognizes the counties as two different entities, not saying that if she doesn't see room for improvement or cost saving measures they won't be made.

She is recreating the Plan on Aging so that it is combined. There will also be a combined budget for both counties. There are different categories (like the transportation, etc.) under each category she will be specifying the plans for each county. She needs to redo that plan and budget and will hold public hearings on March 6th to present the new plan. Then it will need to go to this committee on the 13th, to the Burnett Commission on Aging on March 15th, the Human Services Committee on March 20th and the ADRC Board on March 29th. After that it will be sent to GWAAR so they can give the final approval for hopefully April 1st.

Ms. Neve intends on doing any tweaking that needs to be done after the public hearing and hopefully get those changes mailed out prior to the March 13th meeting.

Director Neve stated there will be a meeting in Hayward put on by the State regarding the Long Term Care system. We have a local group that is attending that meeting, so she will be advertising a listening time at the hearings for comments that include the long

term care system so that the small group can get input from the public to take with them to the Hayward meeting.

Update on the hiring of the Polk County Supervisor. In Polk they need to send Job Descriptions out for wage scaling. The Supervisor scale came back lower then the people they were going to supervise. The Job Description had to be resent. The Burnett supervisor will probably be hired prior to the Polk supervisor.

Wage scales in Burnett are different then Polk so the pay will be different in each county.

Harry Johansen asked if Burnett County got the same pressure from the State to merge as Polk did to combine. Ms. Neve stated yes, this is State wide, not just this area.

Laura is going to Wausau to visit as it also has a multi-county combined Aging and ADRC. The counties they are associated with are bigger then we are, like Marathon, Langlade, etc and there are four counties. The state liked our proposal because it is easier to handle than the large structure with four counties.

The question was asked as to what was the State's reaction to the Tribe not joining the Aging Department. Director Neve stated she is working closely with Crystal Peterson and there will be more cooperation and working together with the Tribe. Actually in the Burnett Aging plan now, there is a lot of cooperation between the two, this will just include more. It is the federal funding that the tribe gets which doesn't allow for the merge.

Laura has contacted Polk Administration to get the Assistant Meal Site Managers for Amery and Dresser and those should be advertised soon.

Barb Ceder has taken the lead on the Transportation grant and she has put in many hours. She needs to be commended on the job she has done on the grant. Pat Schmidt asked that Laura pass onto Barb that the council appreciates the great job she did on the grant.

Karen Krupa asked about the ADRC Open House. Ms. Neve states we have not discussed it in our staff meetings as of yet. We typically do have an open house in April. Ms Krupa would like to put it in the Interfaith newsletter.

Ms. Schmidt asked about the signs on the door glass, directing people to the old Aging Office still. Ms. Neve stated she will contact the Buildings Department and see if we can't get those down.

Discussion was held on the congregate meal donations. Harry Johansen asked if we can get those figures for Polk. He would also like us to get from Barron, Burnett & St Croix counties just for comparison. He would like to get home delivered, congregate & donations comparisons, if possible.

Next Meeting is February 13, 2012. 8:45am.

Motion to adjourn was made by Janice Nelson Seconded by Joyce Bergstrand. Vote was Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:43am.

Minutes taken by Deb Miller