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**POLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING**

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

8:45AM

Polk County Government Center

ADRC Conference Room

Public is welcome.

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**Introductions**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Minutes**

**Public Comments**

**Site Reports/Fund Balance**

**Clear Lake meal site – Catherine Stewart**

**Discussion and action on the 2010 – 2012 Aging Plan Amendment**

**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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AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER  
POLK CO. AGING COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 13, 2012

Present: Janice Nelson, Viola Karr, Kristine Kremer-Hartung, Pat Schmidt, Harry Johansen, Warren Nelson, Joyce Bergstrand

Meeting called to order by Chair Pat Schmidt at 8:46am.

**Motion to approve Agenda** made by Viola Karr Second by Kris Kremer-Hartung  
Motion carried: unanimous

**Minutes** from February 14: Correction in Minutes from February the names Janice Nelson and Joyce Bergstrand were turned around. Motion was made to approve Minutes from February 14 with the names as corrected was made by Janice Nelson, Seconded by Kristine Kremer-Hartung. Motion carried – unanimous.

**Public comments** - none.

**Site reports and fund balance:** Laurie Ince made her report. Clear Lake is out of the congregate they are all considered home delivered meals. Catherine Stewart passed away and the Amery site will be/is doing the meals for Clear Lake.

Fund Balance is through December. Laurie is not through with the vouchers payable.

Laurie reports there is nothing new with the Vouchers, pretty much the same. We are paying some people to deliver the Clear Lake meals. There are 332 miles which is medical transportation. (the 285 meals on wheels that is the drivers.)

Logisticare was discussed.

**Director's Report:** Director Neve presented a follow-up from last meeting. She got some responses back but they are limited. The committee wanted to compare where we are at to other average donations, ours being \$284.00. Comparables: Burnett's average for home delivered is \$239.00 the average for congregate is \$262.00 combined average is \$251.00.

Congregate: Burnett \$262.00, for St Croix County \$290.00 theirs is combined they have a request for \$3.50 per meal but average is \$2.90. We were not able to get the details for Barron County, however, their suggested donation is \$3.50 for congregate & \$4.00 delivered.

Director Neve spoke further on the Clear Lake meal site: Catherine Stewart passed away March 1. In anticipation of that and the situation there have been changes from congregate to meal home delivered. Explained the change over from congregate versus home delivered. Volunteer drivers are driving to Amery and then deliver the Clear Lake meals. Laura wants the committee to know that Laurie has done a wonderful job in the

interim filling in. She has been covering the management of the meals and doing a fantastic job and should be commended for her work.

The committee would like us to put on the next agenda for the next meeting merger of Clear Lake/Amery meal sites.

**Discussion and action on the 2010 – 2012 Aging plan amendment:** Director Neve stated the changes you see are just pulling in Burnett County. The rest of the plan is in Kari's & Lois's words and their plan for actual programming. The only thing that has changed is the organizational structure and the organizational chart is there. The main board is the ADRC board and the advisory boards are Burnett & Polk Aging committees. The staffing is the same other then the Burnett employees being added. The Burnett advisory serves as nutrition and transportation. Section 3 of the plan is the planning process, there have been many meetings over the past several months and are listed this plan amendment. Discussion..

**Motion to approve the Aging plan Amendment** made by Janice Nelson Seconded by Joyce Bergstrand. Motion carried - Unanimous.

Committee member terms are as follows:

The Citizen Committee members have 2 consecutive 3 year term. County Board members have 3 consecutive 2 year terms, per the state.

Janice: Senior member – December 2007 – 2013

Viola – March 2008 – 2014

Karen- December 2008 – 2014

Board members May 2010 – 2016

Joyce Bergstrand November 2010 – 2016

Laura needs to make changes in the state document.

**Bureau of Aging & Disability Resource Center:** The Center has contacted Director Neve as they are looking for seven citizens to serve on a nutrition task force. The task force would be developing recommendations for the meal programs. The first meeting is scheduled for June 2012 in Stevens Point. Laura handed out copies of an information packet. If the committee knows of anyone interested you can email Laura or send it in. Chair Schmidt states we need to have a voice and would appreciate someone from the committee going.

**GWAAR:** We have received the approval letter from GWAAR with regard to the previous amendment.

**Update on Burnett merger:** Burnett merger is on board and has passed the first vote. It now goes before Aging advisory meeting on Thursday, then Human services committee next week.

**Supervisor position in Polk:** Laura states that position should have been advertised either last week or will be this week. Director Neve will be meeting with Polk Administration this afternoon for interviewing for a different position and will be asking the status of the Supervisor position. Ms Schmidt asked if there was a solution received with the question of the wages concern. Laura stated she did talk with Dana about wage negotiation. The wages are one step lower then where she thought it should be; however, we may have the ability of negotiating within the wage scale. Director Neve explained that the position does supervise the social workers. It is coming in at a lower level than the rate the other supervisors that supervise social workers here. There are no county dollars that go into this position and this would be funded by ADRC dollars.

Director Neve went to visit the county where Aging and ADRC is combined in several counties together and got some great information to work with. These mergers will be a process and to get all the process in line and get new spread sheets and especially on the fiscal end and where we can merge the programs but yet keep them distinct. She liked how they presented the money flow. When they talked to the people in the public all of the programs are considered ADRC programs. So they really worked hard at getting rid of the separation of dollars and who is in control of what program.

Viola Karr stated she saw an ad in the paper regarding applications for cook of those two sites along with an ad for general subs for those sites as well.

**Observations:** Joyce Bergstand stated the WI voter ID was thrown out. Is it possible the Senior Voices could do something stating people do not have to have an ID at this time?

Discussion to move the meetings back to conference rooms A & B for future meetings.

Next meeting is April 10 at 8:45am.

**Motion to adjourn:** made by Warren Nelson Seconded by Harry Johanson. Motion carried – unanimous. 9:56am

Respectfully submitted: Deb Miller