

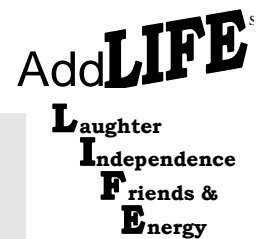
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POLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

MAY 10, 2011 8:45am (note start time)

POLK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, CONFERENCE ROOM A & B

PUBLIC IS WELCOME

8:45 am

Call to Order

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Minutes

Financial Report, Bills

Public Comment

OLD BUSINESS

- 2011 goals for the Aging Department
- Medical Assistance Transportation Broker: contract
- 2010 Annual Report: final approval

NEW BUSINESS

- Homemaker/Chore funding to Interfaith Caregivers
- GWAAR conference call
- Information/Committee observations:
- Next Meeting Date
- Adjourn

Patricia Schmidt, Chair
Council on Aging

Kari Flom, Director
Polk County Aging Department

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COUNCIL ON AGING

May 10, 2011

The Polk County Council on Aging met in conference room A & B in the Polk County Government Center in Balsam Lake on May 10, 2011.

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

Others Present: Dana Frey, Laurie Ince and Kari Flom

Call to Order: Pat Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:47am.

Introductions: Laurie Ince, bookkeeper for the Aging Department, was introduced to the group.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion by Bergstrand and second by J. Nelson to approve the agenda. Motion passed. All in favor.**

Minutes: Minutes from the April Council on Aging meeting were distributed. **Motion by J. Nelson and second by Johansen to approve the April minutes. Motion passed. All in favor.**

Financial Report and Bills: The February and March fund balances were available for the Council. Administrator Frey distributed the quarterly committee report. The current bill list was distributed.

Public Comment: None

2011 goals for the Aging Department: The goals remain the same from the previous month. Flom did not include a management goal because the new Director/Supervisor should set the management goal(s). The 2011 goals will be added to the 2010 annual report. **Motion by Johansen and second by J. Nelson to approve the 2011 goals. Motion passed. All in favor.**

Medical Assistance Transportation broker: contract: LogistiCare the Medical Assistance non emergency transportation broker will begin on July 1, 2010. LogistiCare is purely a broker and will not be providing direct transportation but will contract directly with volunteer drivers and organizations that provide volunteer drivers along with other transportation providers for Medical Assistance clients. Flom and Ceder attended an informational meeting given by LogistiCare. From Flom's understanding LogistiCare does not reimburse for the background checks, drug testing, training, and driver license checks for volunteer drivers when LogistiCare contracts with a Volunteer Driver Organization, so the Aging Department would be covering those expenses. LogistiCare reimburses for 'loaded' miles (when a customer is in the car) only and doesn't reimburse for dry runs (when a driver goes to pick up a customer but the customer isn't there or refuses to go). The Aging Department would be covering those expenses. Flom shared that the current 85.21 grant may be expanded beyond medical trips only (social, beauty salon, grocery shopping, employment, etc) if Medical Assistance clients are served by LogistiCare. Currently referrals are made to Interfaith for non medical trips but Interfaith is experiencing a swell in transportation requests.

Discussion was held on the effect of LogistiCare implementation and at the June Council meeting, information will be provided on the financial impact to the Aging Department.

2010 Annual Report: final approval: With the motion to approve the 2011 goals, the goals will be added to the 2010 annual report and distributed to Council members at the June meeting. **Motion by J. Nelson and second by Karr to approve the 2010 Annual Report. Motion approved. All in favor.**

Homemaker/Chore funding to Interfaith Caregivers: Discussion was held on the funding of \$1000 to Interfaith to provide homemaker/chore services to Polk County Seniors. The funding is budgeted under the National Family Caregiver Program grant. Krupa spoke to the services provided under the grant from the Aging Department. Krupa abstained from the vote. **Motion by Hartung and second by J. Nelson to approve \$1000 to Interfaith for homemaker/chore service via the National Family Caregiver grant. Motion approved. All in favor. Krupa abstained from the vote.**

GWAAR conference call: The Council on Aging held a phone conference with GWAAR's John Schnabl, Older Americans Act manager, regarding the options for an Aging Department. The three options are 1) stay as an independent department 2) become a unit within a larger department or 3) become a private non profit.

Schnabl also educated the group on the process of having the Elderly Benefit Specialist (EBS) program in the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). If the action is taken to transfer the EBS program in the ADRC, GWAAR will assist with implementation of the transfer via a purchase of service agreement between the Aging Department and the ADRC. The reporting, funds and contract for the EBS program would remain with the Aging Department.

Schnabl also informed the Council on the expectations of the contract agreement between Polk County and GWAAR on providing Older Americans Act programming: that all of the services listed in the GWAAR contract need to be implemented according to the Wisconsin Elders Act and the Policies and Procedures Manual for Older Americans Act programming.

If a change in structure of the Aging Department in Polk County is proposed, there needs to be approval by GWAAR, approval by the Council on Aging: including a public hearing to provide Senior input and the current three year plan needs to be amended and approved by GWAAR.

Information/Committee observations: Flom distributed the letter for the annual nutrition program assessment/site visit. Schmidt thanked Flom for her seven plus years of service to the Aging Department.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 8:45am.**

Adjourn: 10:08am **Motion by W. Nelson and second by J. Nelson to adjourn. Motion passed. All in favor.**

(Pending approval at the meeting of the Council on Aging, June 14, 2011)