

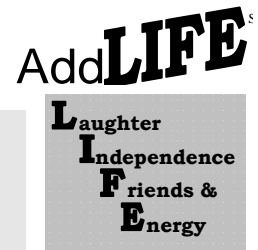
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POLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

JUNE 14, 2011 8:45 AM

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

Medical Assistance Transportation Broker: Contract

2010 Annual Report Distribution

NEW BUSINESS

Interfaith Caregivers Appreciation Letter

Area Agency on Aging Assessment for Elderly Nutrition

Program – Report and letter

Structure and staffing of Aging Department

Information / Committee Observations

Next Meeting Date

Adjourn

Patricia Schmidt, Chairman, Council on Aging

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COUNCIL ON AGING
June 14, 2011

The Polk County Council on Aging met in conference room A & B in the Polk County Government Center in Balsam Lake on June 14, 2011 at 8:45 am.

<u>Present</u>	Warren Nelson	Janice Nelson
	Pat Schmidt	Karen Krupa
	Viola Karr	Harry Johansen
	Kristine Kremer-Hartung	Joyce Bergstrand

Others Present Laurie Ince, Dana Frey

Call to Order Pat Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:50 am.

Approval of Agenda Motion by Krupa and seconded by W. Nelson to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes Minutes from the May meeting had been mailed to the Council. Motion by Johansen and seconded by Hartung-Kremer to approve the May minutes. All in favor. Motion passed.

Financial Report and Bills The April fund balances were distributed to the Council. The current bill list was distributed.

Public Comment None

Medical Assistance Transportation Broker Contract No discussion.

2010 Annual Report The 2010 Annual Report for the Department of Aging was distributed. Moved by Karr and seconded by Bergstrand to approve the 2010 Annual Report. All in favor. Motion passed.

Interfaith Caregivers Appreciation Letter A letter of thanks from the Interfaith Caregivers was distributed to the Council for the \$1000 that the Aging Department paid to them for Homemaker and Chore services.

GWAAR 2010-2012 Elderly Nutrition Report and Letter A copy of the letter and the report from GWAAR was distributed to the Council.

Laurie Ince reported that the report was very favorable for the department and the issues that were questioned in the report have been resolved.

Structure and Staffing of the Aging Department

Administrator Frey addressed the council regarding the evaluation of alternative organizational structures for the Polk County Aging Department that he compiled. There was discussion on hiring a director and continuing as present, merging with ADRC, merging with Human Services or opting out of Aging Programs. He had addressed in his evaluation about a possible merger with the Health Department but informed the council that that option would not be approved by the State and thus was no longer an option. He discussed the possibility of merging with Burnett County Aging (ADRC), and that he would look into this option more extensively. Discussion was held on whether the Elderly Benefit Specialist position, now housed in the Aging Department, could move down to the ADRC office. This is something Administrator Frey will look into more extensively also. The consideration of merging with the ADRC or Human Services was not favorable as there would be no cost savings and service level would not be improved. Administrator Frey advised the Board that his recommendation, per his evaluation, was to hire a director and move forward. After discussion, the Council on Aging instructed Administrator Frey to move forward and start of the process of hiring an Aging Director. He informed the Board that he would continue to look into the options of merging with Burnett County and having the Elderly Benefit Specialist be moved to the ADRC office.

Information/Committee Observations The committee expressed thanks to Administrator Frey for his evaluation of the alternatives.

Next meeting date July 12, 2011

Adjourn Moved by W. Nelson and seconded by Karr to adjourn. All in favor. Motion passed.

(Pending approval at the meeting of the Council on Aging, July 12, 2011)