

Health & Aging Committee Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2013

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:, Bob Mott, Romelle Vandervest , Marge Saari, Jackie Cody, Nancy Brisse (Aging), Maxine Meyer (Aging), Joan Hauer (Aging) Greg Berard, Candy Sorenson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT/UNEXCUSED: None

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Conlon, Dianne Jacobson, Todd Troskey, Dawn Johnson, Carl Meyer, Dawn Van Den Heuvel

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Romelle Vandervest at 8:30 AM at the Health & Aging Building, 100 W Keenan St.

The Chairperson noted that this meeting of the Health & Aging Committee had been properly posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Motion made by, Berard, seconded by Cody to approve today's agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Aging:

Public comment/ communications: None

Alzheimer's Family caregivers Support overview: Sue Piazza unavailable today, topic carried over to May meeting.

Alive to Life event:

Jacobson explained the Alive to Life event that will be held Wednesday May 8th at the Rouman Cinema from 8 a.m. to about 3 p.m. This is an event to celebrate aging, workshops of how to get the most out of life. This year's major sponsor is Rennes Health & Rehab Center and we will also have a resource fair in the halls for area resources to tell the people what they have to offer.

Older American Act Funding:

Jacobson presented a handout showing what the preliminary grants. Compared to 2012 there is a difference, some have increased in some areas and decreased in some area. This is affected by the census totals from 2010 that have now been entered. The nutrition program took the biggest cut in funding. We have looked at ways to cut costs to the nutrition program. The first step was to no longer provide a stamped envelope for home delivered meal payments that we have provided in the past. We have also looked at going to a one-sided menu that no-longer has the educational nutrition information from the UW Extension printed on the back to save on printing costs per month. The nutrition information will now be posted at each meal site. Jacobson then presented the preliminary cuts due to the

sequestration. These cuts are what have been projected in funding due to the data that is available at this time. Some counties are looking at shutting down meal sites possibly a day a week. That would be our last resort. Jacobson reported that the "suggested donation" for meals has not changed in several years and recommended the amount be increased by 50 cents (\$3.50 for congregate diners and \$3.75 for home delivered meals) The increase in the suggested donation by the fifty cents for the meals would go into effect as of July 1,2013.

Motion made by, Hauer, seconded by Brisse to approve increasing suggested meal donation price by 50 cents effective July 1, 2013. Motion carried.

Mott expressed concern that the committee needed to see how the entire deficit would be covered. If other means would not cover the loss he feels the committee should consider a higher increase in the suggested donation. Jacobson was directed to bring a complete plan for covering the loss of income to the May meeting and the committee may revisit whether the suggested donation should be increased more.

Transit Commission:

Jacobson presented the committee with a handout on a proposal for the Tri-County Commission Initial Budget and Manager Search. One county cannot form a Transit Commission. For the past three years Forest, Vilas, and Oneida County Aging offices have been working on creating a transit commission. The DOT is in favor of the forming of the Transit Commission. Once a Transit Commission is formed it can provide more transportation services for our rural citizens. A consultant has been contacted for a break down of what his services would entail and how much the fee would be. The state has offered full funding to pay for the cost of the consultant. A proposal was presented to the committee to approve the hiring of the consultant.

Motion made by Mott, seconded by Cody to approve the proposal as presented. Motion carried.

Personnel Update: A full time Elder Benefit Specialist, Kris Schiek, started on April 15, 2013. The other vacancy of the ADRC Specialist was posted in the paper. Applications closed last Friday, April 19, 2013. There were thirty applicants and now those applicants will be screened and the ones that make it through the screening will then be interviewed.

Legislative Update: Jacobson distributed two handouts regarding advocacy alerts for Non-Emergency Medical Appointments and Family Care Expansion.

Discussion only, no action taken.

Monthly Reports:

Jacobson presented monthly reports for the Department on Aging.

Motion made by Cody, seconded by Meyer to accept monthly reports as presented. Motion carries.

Vouchers, Purchase Orders, Line Transfer Items:

Presented by Jacobson.

Motion by Cody, seconded by Berard to approve as presented. Motion carries.

Out of County Travel:

Jacobson presented the requests for meetings and workshops.

Motion by Brisse, seconded by Saari to approve as presented. Motion carries.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

Revisit any transportation issues. Jacobson was asked to bring a comparison of the old MA transportation system versus the new brokerage system. Jacobson will also bring a letter for the committee's support pertaining to the NEMT. Sue Piazza will attend for an overview on Alzheimer's Family caregivers Support. Kris Schiek will attend to meet the committee and explain her job duties. Jacobson will bring a complete plan for dealing with the nutrition program funding deficit and a sample letter for explaining the increase in suggested donations.

Health & Aging:

Minutes of March 21, 2013 meeting: Motion made by Cody, seconded by Saari to approve minutes of March 21, 2013 Health & Aging Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Date/time/location of next meeting: Regular Meeting scheduled for May 16, 2013 @ 8:30 a.m. at the Health & Aging Building, 100 W Keenan St. Health will present their agenda first; Aging follow @ approximately 9:30.

LRES response to Dept Head evaluation process:

The committee asked that the committee be involved in the department head evaluation prior to the three person panel of LRES, county board member and the committee chair. LRES said that this would not be a problem. Department heads just need to get it put on the agenda the month prior to the evaluation for the committee to provide input to the committee Chair.

Health & Aging Building Issues:

Jacobson reported that a person with a disability expressed concerns over two issues with our building. 1. The outside power assist button is too high for some people to reach and 2. there is no regulation handicap van parking available. Building & Grounds Department have been informed of these problems and they are researching the regulations to correct any problems.

Discussion only, no action taken.

Health:

Car Seat report: Dawn Van Den Heuvel presented the 2012 Car seat report. In 2012 there were 61 car seats checked, 28 of those car seats checked were exchanged through their Bureau of Transportation Safety Grants, "WE Safety & Enforcement Grant. The objective of the grant is to provide convertible car seats to low-income families. The amount of the grant was \$1,000.00. The grant money requires \$250.00 in matching funds from a local source. The Matching funds were received from the Kiwanis. In 2012 there were two registered car

seat technicians in Oneida County, Dawn Van Den Heuvel & Char Ahrens. The 2013 grant was written for 2013. A total of 30 car seats were purchased for 2013. The same grant of \$1,000.00 and the matching funds from the Kiwanis was obtained.

Discussion only no action taken.

Monthly Reports:

Environmental Health: Summary given by Todd Troskey, Registered Sanitarian.

- Rhinelander Retail Food- There were three complaints investigated since the March Board of Health Meeting. A complaint related to an artificial fingernail in a prepared deli salad was investigated. The food flow from all products used to make the deli salad along with the employee hygiene practices were reviewed to ensure all employee fingernails are clean and trimmed, as referenced in the food code. The store manager believes the nail was from the commercial source that provides the premised sauce and vegetables.
- Rhinelander Restaurant- The second complaint was a complaint regarding mold on mushrooms was reviewed. Only canned mushrooms are used for making the food at the restaurant. While it is difficult to believe canned mushrooms had mold, existing opened cans were inspected.
- Tourist Rooming Houses- A complaint was received from a currently licensed operator regarding several tourist rooming houses advertising rentals on the internet that may not be licensed or in the correct zoning district. Due to a legislative change that a tourist room is a one to four keyed entrance. Three out of the seven that were not licensed are pursuing licensing.

Communicable Disease: None

Health Hazards: One case of no running water was reported that was transferred to the city of Minocqua. One case of obnoxious fumes was also reported. There was another report of hoarding regarding garbage and cat smells. Burning garbage which was transferred to the DNR. Another black mold issue that was reported which was close to being posted as unfit for human consumption. The owner was presented with a letter that he is not able to rent until this issue is corrected. It will be reinspected after the remediation is done.

Discussion only no action taken.

Accreditation Update: Accreditation is due April 30, 2013. The accreditation is about ninety percent done. The documents need to be printed and then uploaded to finish the process.

Quality Improvement: Conlon presented a QI project summary sheet. The QI Team is made up of a variety of staff. All staff is training on quality improvement.

Motion by Cody, seconded by Mott to approve as presented. Motion carries.

Performance Management: Conlon presented the performance management plan. The 2012 Performance Management tracking log was reviewed and 2013 Performance

Management tracking log was presented to the committee along with the changes that were made to improve the performance measures.

Motion by Saari, seconded by Sorenson to approve as presented. Motion carries.

Healthy People, Healthy Oneida County Update: Conlon presented the 2012 annual report for Healthy People, Healthy Oneida County. Accomplishments and progress towards outcomes was discussed. The annual report will also be posted on the Health Department web site under Healthy People, Healthy Oneida County.

Motion by Cody, seconded by Saari to approve as presented. Motion carries.

Physician Update: Conlon contacted Aspirus a couple of times. She will give them one more week, and then contact them again. After that, perhaps we need to look at other medical facilities.

Legislative Update:

- MA Badgercare
 - Human Service- Statutory revisions
 - Flu Report
- Discussion only no action taken.

Discuss Medicaid funds for BadgerCare:

Conlon presented the resolution that was brought forward by Social Services and is being forwarded to the county board. The issues under the affordable care act states are eligible for money to help them implement the affordable care act. Also to be able to afford the expansion of coverage for in Medicaid. Governor Walker was refusing federal dollars to assist in the filling the gaps and needs. With that refusal of these dollars it will basically affect some people to have continuing coverage through Badgercare. Without those Federal dollars available to fill the holes the state will not be able to keep Badgercare where it is at. Cody added” That without the acceptance of the affordable care act money there would be enough money to cover over a thousand individuals that would receive coverage with the dollars. Conlon also presented a fact sheet that comes from the Wisconsin Council on Children and families. Mott “stated that he didn’t understand why the governor would refuse the \$4.4 million why wouldn’t you accept it and if it doesn’t prove to be beneficial opt out of it. If we are spending a 100 million more a year on coverage why wouldn’t you accept this. Cody also stated that the healthcare providers in this area will also be affected, due to the fact that they cannot sustain a \$3.5 billion loss in the next ten years and still provide the same level of health care to the area. Cody stated that this will also have a trickle down effect in the economy of local businesses in an economy that cannot afford another major cut. Mott requested that Cody speak to the county board on this matter during the meeting on the resolution.

Conlon requested that if the committee would like to support this resolution for the affordable care act, that as members of board of health they should indicate their support to the county board when the resolution is presented.

Motion made by Cody, seconded by Saari to approve to support the social services resolution. Motion carried.

Requests for Meetings and Workshops:

Conlon presented the requests for meetings and workshops.

Motion made by Sorenson, seconded by Cody to approve as presented. Motion Carries.

Vouchers Purchase Orders & Line Item Transfers:

Motion made by Saari, seconded by Cody to approve voucher and purchase orders totaling \$27,134.44 and line item transfers as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda items for next meeting: Usual

Public Comment: None

Motion by Saari, seconded by Mott to adjourn meeting at 11:10 a.m. Motion carried.

Committee Chairman

Committee Secretary