

WINNEBAGO COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sylvia Banville, Don Griesbach, Ann Jungwirth, Joyce Klundt, Donna Lohry, Patty Maehl, and Esther Walling

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dr. Jean Caudle, Roger Jaeger

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Ziemer, Oshkosh Seniors Center; Deb Tauer, Advocap RSVP; Terri Stern, Nutrition Program; Moosey Goljenboom, Pickett Community Center; Joan Jaworski, Mark Weisensel and Dorothy De Grace, Winnebago County Human Services Department

GUESTS PRESENT: Carol Frahm, Lutheran Social Services

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A. Welcome and introductions – Esther Walling

Esther welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

B. Adoption of agenda/additions

Mark Weisensel said Dr. Jean Caudle and Roger Jaeger are unable to attend the meeting today. With those changes to the agenda, Patty Maehl moved for approval and the motion carried (7-0).

C. Approval of minutes of the March 25, 2009 meeting

With no additions or corrections, Don Griesbach moved for approval and the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

II. REPORTS:

A. City Committees

Dr. Jean Caudle – Oshkosh Seniors Center:

Jean was excused from today's meeting

Ann Jungwirth – Oshkosh Committee on Aging:

Ann deferred to Mark Ziemer for his report. Mark said there will be a Take Back the Medication event on April 30 at the Seniors Center. The 5th Annual Oshkosh Senior Triathlon is scheduled for May 4, May 6 and May 8. A Board of Directors is now in place for the Friends of the Oshkosh Seniors Center, and new board members for the Seniors Center Advisory Board have been appointed. They are in need of a couple more members for the Oshkosh Committee on Aging. The Seniors Center Volunteer Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 19.

Sylvia Bull – Menasha Senior Center:

Sylvia was excused from the meeting. Joyce Klundt said the Menasha Senior Center received its accreditation. On May 7 they will have a speaker to give a presentation about hospice. The Spring Banquet will be held on May 13. The Senior Center received a Nintendo Wii game from a donator. Skin cancer screening will take place on Friday, May 15 at the Senior Center.

Patty Maehl – Neenah Committee on Aging:

Patty reported that she recently attendance a district meeting of the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups.

Moosey Goljenboom – Pickett Community Center:

Moosey said a carpet was recently donated to the Pickett Community Center. A dart ball tournament will take place on the weekend of April 25. The Center will have its Volunteer Anniversary Lunch on Thursday, April 30.

Roger Jaeger

Mark Weisensel distributed a report from the Omro Area Community Center.

B. Winnebago County Retired Senior & Volunteer Program – Deb Tauer

Deb said they have been working on their Spring Cleanup project. They trained four volunteers for the Phone Buddy program, and they currently have three participants. Deb said they submitted their grant request. They have been hosting tea parties as a recognition event for volunteers in Winnebago and Green Lake counties. Advocap will have its annual meeting in May, at which time four volunteers or groups will be presented with awards. Deb said RSVP staff will be attending the Wisconsin Volunteer Coordinator Association training. She said an EAA tour, including lunch for all of their volunteers, is being planned.

C. Nutrition Advisory Council – Theresa Stern

Terri displayed a sample of an aluminum tray that is currently used for home-delivered meals and a sample of another tray that is biodegradable. Terri said they are looking at purchasing the new tray because it has better features and is less expensive than the aluminum one.

Terri referred to her year-to-date Nutrition Program report using a new format. The report indicates which meals were eligible for the Nutrition Service Incentive Program (NSIP) funding source of approximately .57 cents per meal. Terri noted that donations for meals cover about 30% of their budget. Total donations have averaged \$2.27 so far this year. She noted that this is less than the budgeted amount, and is probably due to the slow economy.

D. County Board – Don Griesbach

Don said that a resolution to proceed with Family Care was recently passed by the County Board.

E. Human Services Board – Don Griesbach/Donna Lohry

Donna said the Human Services Board will be voting on a resolution to begin planning for an Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC). She said we must put our trust in those people who are leading us, because they are the ones who must carry us through and take care of all of our concerns.

F. Benefit Specialist – Joan Jaworski

Joan said SSI recipients and Social Security beneficiaries will be getting a \$250 one-time stimulus benefit by the end of May. She said seniors should be aware of fraud scams. Joan said the food stamp allotment to eligible individuals has been increased to \$16 per month. A \$350 standard utility allowance will be given to anyone applying for food stamps. The next food stamp increase is expected in the year 2013. The BadgerCare Plus core plan health care for childless adults will begin July 1 with enrollment beginning June 1.

G. Supervisor – Mark Weisensel

Mark said he will be attending a regional meeting of county aging directors with the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR). He will also be attending the Spring Association meeting in Stevens Point for county aging directors. Among the topics of discussion will be budget issues and Family Care.

Mark said that he has been directed to submit a zero per cent increase for the Commission on Aging budget for 2010. Mark said he discussed the options with the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Commission, and they recommend we freeze all of the elderly service programs at the 2009 level. Donna Lohry moved that we not increase our budget requirements for 2010, but instead freeze the Commission on Aging budget at the 2009 level; seconded by Joyce Klundt and carried unanimously. Esther Walling said there would not be a Commission on Aging meeting in May.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Program – Winnebago County Health Department, Rural Older Adult Health Screening Program

Cindy Draws is a nurse supervisor for the Rural Health Screening Program for older adults. She thanked the Commission for the money that they contribute to the program. Cindy gave an overview of the various services they offer to rural Winnebago County residents over the age of 60. They provide Public Health nursing visits to offer education, health management, medication monitoring and set-up. The adults are referred by a family member or physician as having a need for these services.

Cindy said the Personal Care Program that they offer is primarily for Winnebago County residents who have medical assistance. They also provide affordable nail care service to residents who are unable to provide their own care because of disability, illness or chronic disease. They do homebound influenza vaccinations to elderly or disabled rural residents. Cindy said they have started offering fall prevention information and have devised a fall risk assessment tool, which they piloted in 2008. She said the Health Department will participate in the Senior Conference again this year. “Living Well with Chronic Disease” is a six-week self-management class that is offered in collaboration with the Human Services Department. The Health Department also participates in the “Take Back Medication” clinic offered in the spring and fall of the year.

Mark Weisensel thanked Cindy Draws and her staff for the fine job they do for older adults.

B. Comments – Visitors and Guests

There were no comments

C. The next meeting of the Winnebago County Commission on Aging will be held Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the Oshkosh Human Services Building, located at 220 Washington Avenue.

E. With no further business, Donna Lohry moved for adjournment; seconded by Joyce Klundt and carried at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dorothy De Grace, Secretary—Human Services Department