

## **ADRC of Florence County Governing Board/Commission on Aging**

Monday, June 17, 2013 – 5:30 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Florence, WI 54121

**Attendance:** The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Florence County Governing Board/Commission on Aging met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, June 17, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Florence County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Susan Theer. Members present: Sherry Johnson, Susan Theer, Tina Sonkowsky, Karen Wertanen, Ron Erickson and Fumiko McLain. Excused were John Halada, Cindy Halada and Bill Behrman. Also attending ADRC/Aging Director Barb Bauer.

**Minutes/Agenda:** It was moved by S. Johnson and seconded by T. Sonkowsky to approve the minutes of the 12/21/13 meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously. On a motion made by R. Erickson, seconded by Wertanen and voted unanimous the agenda was approved as posted.

**Nutrition Program:** Bauer reported casual help is still an issue for substitute help at the centers. She will continue to try to find interested persons to fill this role. Bauer has received a request from both Site Managers for a wage adjustment. Board members stated that they would like to go into closed session at budget time to consider this provided it is not a union matter – which is unclear at this time.

**ADRC Board Recruitment:** Bauer reported that there has been interest in serving on the Board from a current member and a current Human Services Department employee. Accepting either one of these as members will require a waiver from the Office of Resource Center Development. It was moved by S. Johnson and seconded by K. Wertanen to send letter requesting waiver. Motion carried.

**Disability Benefit Specialist:** This position is a new County position and must be approved by the full County Board which is scheduled to meet on June 18, 2013. It was moved by Johnson and seconded by McLain to send to full County Board with recommendation that the position be approved. Motion carried. Pending approval of County Board the position will be advertised for final approval at August 1, 2013 personnel committee meeting. The interview committee of the ADRC Board will consist of Susan Theer, Tina Sonkowsky, Fumiko McLain and Karen Wertanen.

**ADRC Open House:** The Grand Opening/Open House will be celebrated on July 19, 2013 from 11-2. All board members are encouraged to attend.

**Provider Registry:** Bauer discussed an unmet need with identifying personal care/chore providers who are not employed by an agency. The inclusion/exclusion parameters for SAMS IR data base does not provide for individual providers who are not a business. However a need does exist to try to help people connect with providers. There is also a need to assist persons eligible for the COP Waiver and MA personal care with finding workers. Bauer discussed a program offered by Brown County to help with this need in their area. After discussion it was moved by Johnson and seconded by McLain to continue to explore resources and options and bring back to the board for consideration. Motion carried.

**Transportation:** The transportation program was discussed. The approach to increasing ridership in the outlying areas was discussed. The Coordinated Transportation Plan will be developed in cooperation with Bay Lake Regional Planning Commission.

**Administrator's Report:** Bauer identified travel and training requirements for the department in the various program areas during the upcoming months. She stated that numerous trainings are clustered in the months of April/May and again in the fall. Bauer informed members that the Administration on Aging is now transitioning to Administration on Community Living. She reported on 211 for our area – stating that all calls from Florence County are routed to one of the other 211 call centers as the regional call center serving Florence County is no longer operating. She also reported that anyone in Florence County using a cell phone with 906 prefix would be connected to UP 211 call center. Bauer and Friberg have done a phone conference with UP 211 and UPCAP to discuss this. Bauer reported that VA case management for home services has been expanded to 13 NE WI Counties including Florence County. UPCAP will be the case managers for the VA.

**Next Meeting/Adjournment:** The next meeting date was set for August 21 2013 at 5:30 p.m. . It was then moved by Johnson and seconded by Sonkowsky to adjourn. Motion carried.