

ADRC of Florence County Governing Board/Commission on Aging

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

2nd 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 Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Florence County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Holly Wahlstrom-Stratton. Members present: Sherry Johnson, Larry Neuens, Holly Wahlstrom/Stratton, Tina Sonkowsky, Betty Bock, Karen Wertanen, Cindy Halada and Fumiko McLain. Excused: Bill Behrman. Also attending: ADRC/Aging Director Barb Bauer.

Minutes/Agenda: It was moved by L. Neuens and seconded by K. Wertanen to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2014 meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously. On a motion made by T. Sonkowsky, seconded by B. Bock and voted unanimous the agenda was approved as posted.

Nutrition Program: Director Bauer updated the board on progress with the Nutrition program revitalization grant for Hillcrest School location. Discussion of beginning serving in the Long Lake Tipler area was continued. Bauer reported having met with a possible caterer in the Long Lake area as well other options being explored. On August 14 GWAAR Nutrition program staff were in Florence County to complete an assessment of the nutrition program. A written report will be sent but all went well.

Board Member Recruitment: Bauer read a letter of application received from Barb Neuens. It was moved by S. Johnson and seconded by T. Sonkowsky to recommend Barb Neuens for appointment to the ADRC Board to the County Board Chairperson. Motion carried.

Supportive Services: Bauer discussed challenges in the area due to a lack of Medicare in-home hospice in Florence County. Discussion was also held on OAA and other state funds that could help to provide supportive services. The 2015 budget reflects utilizing more IIIB and NFSCP funds for caregiver respite and supportive home services. However due to the limited funds received, allotments are still very minimal.

Transportation Program: T. Sonkowsky, K. Wertanen, L. Neuens and H. Stratton agreed to serve on an ad hoc transportation committee. A meeting date and time was set for Wednesday, September 24th at 3:00 p.m..

Consideration of Nutrition/Prevention Program Coordinator: Discussion was held on evidenced based prevention programming, the time needed for coordination of the Elderly Nutrition program, the possibility of creating a position to perform these functions and funding for such a position. After further discussion it was decided to table to the October meeting.

Draft Budget: The draft budget was presented and reviewed. It was moved by S. Johnson, seconded by L. Neuens and voted unanimous to pass the draft budget onto the Audit and Budget Committee of the Florence County Board for approval.

Family Care Expansion: Bauer reported that an RFP had been issued for the Northeast Region including Marinette County, Brown County, Oconto County, Door and other Counties in that area. There are very few Legacy Waiver Counties (8) left in the State. Discussion followed.

Disability Benefit Specialist Program (DBS): Bauer discussed the DBS position with the board. Work load as more people become aware of the program is increasing. Bauer reported that the ADRC budget does have funding to allow for more hours and subsequent benefits if eligible i.e. vacation, sick leave, etc.

Administrators Report: Bauer reported on recent educational programming sponsored by the ADRC. The Alzheimers classes were both full with a waiting list. Supervisor Stratton suggested contacting the UWEX Family Living Educator

regarding programming for caregivers. Upcoming travel and trainings were then discussed and approved for attendance at the discretion of the Director on a motion made by B. Bock and seconded by K. Wertanen and voted unanimous.

Identification of Future Agenda Items: The Nutrition/Prevention Coordinator position as well as the work of the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee will be put on the October agenda.

Adjournment: Being that there was no further business to be discussed at this time, it was moved by Neuens and seconded by F. McLain to adjourn to Oct. 29, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Barbara Bauer
Director