

ADRC of Florence County Governing Board (formerly Commission on Aging)

Thursday, May 28, 2015- 5:45 p.m.

2nd Floor, Courthouse, Florence, WI 54121

Attendance: The ADRC/Commission On Aging Governing Board met pursuant to adjournment on Thursday, May 28, 2015, at 5:45 p.m. at the Florence County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson H. Stratton. Members present: H. Stratton, L. Neuens, S. Johnson, B. Neuens, T. Sonkowsky, B. Bock and K. Wertanen. Absent: B. Behrman and C. Halada. Also attending was ADRC/Aging Unit Director Barb Bauer. It was moved by S. Johnson and seconded by K. Wertanen to approve the minutes of the March 2015 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Agenda: It was then moved by S. Johnson and seconded by T. Sonkowsky to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Nutrition Program: Discussion was held on the prep-cook position open in Hillcrest since the former prep cook was hired as head cook for Florence program. Two casual employees are currently filling in this position. Discussion on possible options for the program was discussed. It was moved by S. Johnson and seconded by B. Bock to continue to use casual help while staffing patterns and options are explored. Motion carried. Discussion was then held on the need for a Nutrition Program Coordinator and the possibility of redirecting funds previously used for the program assistant to this. It was moved by B. Bock and seconded by K. Wertanen to continue to explore options for this. Motion carried. Bauer reminded board members that we have been working without the program assistant since November and it is a real hardship keeping up with required reporting with the majority of the burden falling to her. An update was given on the revitalization project. The salad bar has been ordered and renovations were completed as discussed.

2016-18 Three Year Plan of Work: Bauer reported that the next planning cycle for Aging programs is the period 2016-2018- A draft County plan is due at the GWAAR office by September 1, 2015 with the final due after budget passage at the County level. Priority areas for planning have been established by the State and regional office. These areas as well as the planning process including public input were discussed.

Transportation Program: Bauer reported that the purchase of a new vehicle to replace the 2005 car was approved and that she will be seeking bids for this purpose. She will be asking for one or two board members to witness bid opening. Results of the transportation survey conducted at the end of December/beginning of January were distributed for review and discussion. It was moved by L. Neuens and seconded by B. Neuens to review the information and put back on agenda for next meeting. Motion carried.

2015-17 Proposed State Budget: Bauer reported that advocacy efforts statewide appear to have been successful in changing wording references to the ADRC at this time. However wording referencing Statute changes does exist. Current proposed language for transitioning all Counties to Family Care remains in the budget which will have an impact on current Long Term Care Programs. Continued advocacy is needed.

Hospice Advocacy Meeting: The first meeting was held and was very well attended with a follow-up meeting scheduled for June 9, 2015. Bauer reported that following the initial meeting, she will be appointing I&A Specialist Lori Friberg as the agency representative in this effort.

Administrators Report: It was moved by S. Johnson and seconded by T. Sonkowsky to approve out of town meetings as requested by the Director. Motion carried. Board member recruitment was also discussed. A letter of interest was received from V. Antonini a retired nurse from the Florence/Cosgrove Lake area. It was moved by L. Neuens and seconded by B. Bock to recommend her appointment to the ADRC board to the County Board Chairperson. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items: Items to be discussed at next meeting carried over from this meeting include three year plan, nutrition program coordinator position, and transportation survey.

Next Meeting/Adjournment: Being that there was no further business to be discussed at this time, it was moved by L. Neuens, seconded by S. Johnson and voted unanimous to adjourn to July 15, 2015 at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Bauer, Director