AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF SW WISCONSIN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
COUNTY BOARD ROOM
Monthly Board Meeting
1:00 P.M.
Monday, August 24, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Margaret Peat at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Brown, Lorraine Drews, Lorraine Fristch, Gerald Dorscheid, Eva Kraak, MaryClaire Murphy, Margaret Peat, Geri Peterson, Diane McGuire, Rosalie Zweifel.

STAFF PRESENT: Judy Lindholm, Laura Crowley, Jean Zawacki, Nancy Howard, Deb Ehr and Cecile McManus

NOT PRESENT: Lorraine Jones, Ron Benish, Mildred Swedland.

CERTIFICATION OF MEETING: ADRC Director, Judy Lindholm reported that the meeting had been posted and certified as required by State Statutes. Motion was made by Geri Peterson for certification of meeting. The motion carried without negative vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Eva Kraak made the motion to approve the August 24, 2009 agenda. Lorraine Fristch seconded the motion. The motion carried without negative vote.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Geri Peterson made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from the July 13th meeting. Carol seconded the motion. The motion carried without negative vote.

REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE: Board Member Rosalie Zweifel reported that Sept. 15th is the next AARP Meeting @ Stonefield @ 11:00 with lunch following. SHARE for September will be on the 26th from 7 – 8 a.m. at Kinder Castle in Dodgeville. June, July and August of this year matched Jan, Feb, so they received one free share. They are going to use that and coffee money from AARP and the $1.00 handling charge from SHARE to buy a new white plastic table for Stonefield.

FINANCIAL REPORT: July paid August – the vouchers are from 3017 to 3046 with total expenses of $33,672.98. Income from the same time period include vouchers 3047 – 3054 and total income of $85,495.39. The vouchers were passed around for Board review. Action on the Financial Report will be at the end of the meeting.
COUNTY AGENCY REPORT: Judy received a note from Social Service telling us that for their Supportive Home Care, there is a waiting list, and that there will not be any new people going on this year, until someone comes off of the program. They are serving up to capacity. Judy explained the services available and how the waiting lists work. That is why Family Care will be such a benefit and that will begin in April 2010.

SUN REPORT: Cecile indicated that the insurance issue was resolved. AARA Stimulus money was received and it will be for the two counties – total amount received was $20,550.00. This money will fill some gaps for this year. This money is to be used only on food. The budget looks pretty good – SUN is at 40% - and usually at 50% at this time of year. The coupon that went out on July N & V’s has had some response – a few people have brought a friend – someone new to the site. It is in the N & V’s again. Meal counts are up in Iowa County, a lot having to do with Highland – breakfast – will be way over in catered. The cost of the meal is $5.00 – average donation is $3.20 (down from last year). The Village of Highland makes a contribution of $100.00 per month. The Pointer Site in Mineral Point is just starting up. Cecile had a conversation with the owner about a few start up problems. They serve breakfast all day. Barneveld is going, at the Buzz Inn – kind of a low count, but plugging along.

BENEFIT SPECIALISTS REPORTS: Nancy Howard, Elderly Benefit Specialist, distributed their monthly report and also the results of their survey. 370 clients were surveyed (from 2008), 118 completed surveys were returned/received, approximately a 32% return. And, approximately $490.00 was received in donations, as a result of the survey. As a result of some of the responses from the survey, we’d like to encourage people to start coming/calling in October, as soon as the computer sites for Medicare are set up, for Medicare Part D. Pretty much a typical month in the office. Received $5,000.00 for over the next two years from a MIPPA Grant. The Medicare Part B premium is currently $96.40, which comes out of your social security before you see it. There are monies available to help pay those premiums. In 2010 the criteria for qualifying for the program that pays your premium is changing. It will allow more people to qualify for the program. It does not cost anything to apply. Deb Ehr, Disability Benefit Specialist, distributed her monthly report and worked through it with members. She discussed the types of clients that she is currently working with. She attended an 8 county consortium, which was found to be really helpful. Basically sharing information with others that do the same type of work. They asked Ted Mynyk to speak at the meeting and everyone found that information very helpful – we are fortunate to have the Veterans Office so close to our Department. Deb is very busy, full schedule every day. Jean Zawacki, Information & Assistance Specialist, Jean distributed an activity report. She worked through the report with the Board members (report is on file in the ADRC Office). Discussion followed regarding the various reports that the data base is compiling. There were 203 callers – the highest number being from Dodgeville. They are still in the process of developing this data base (Beacon). Jean also discussed the resource information that will be available to them which will lessen the amount of time that it normally would take to identify a source of information to assist a client. Judy added that an agreement with Unified Community Services was reached, and we are now
are able to go out and do functional screens with the elderly and disabled. One little bump in the road is that Unified is not willing to enter it into a software program that actually enters the person on the waiting list. Once we get this little bump ironed out – there’s a potential for 13 people on the waiting list right away.
Shannon and Jean both passed their exams to be certified as Information and Resource Specialists.

OFFICE/TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANT REPORT: Laura distributed the monthly transportation report – numbers are up over last year – donations and units of services used. The activities of the month of July were discussed. Also the upcoming events in September and October. Laura asked Judy to discuss the Care-A-Van accident. Rosalie discussed the accident from the standpoint of having been a passenger on the bus the night of the accident. Accident (Crash) Report is on file in the ADRC Office and the County Clerks Office. There will be a recognition ceremony for Rose at the September Board Meeting on September 15, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT & TRAININGS: Busy month. Judy urged all to go back to their Senior Clubs and talk to all about donations for our N & V’s. Judy has been involved in a lot of ADRC activities – attended the WRAPP Roadeo for one day. Rose also went to the Roadeo. The passenger assistance training really paid off as Rose kept a level head and took very good care of the situation and of our passengers.

Strap & New Freedom – Judy was elected to the position of Vice Chair. This committee meets once a month to oversee Strap and New Freedom which is money that has been received to aid in the coordination of 5 county’s transportation.

COUNTY PLAN REPORT: Judy distributed an overview of the goals for 2010 – 2012 Aging Plan. Goal #1 – Emergency Preparedness Plans, Goal #2 – Transportation Coordination, Goal #3 – Family Caregiver Activities and Goal #4 – This goals we developed ourselves which was to work through cities, towns, councils and committees to inform the Iowa County residents about services we have available. We had a Public Hearing at the Senior Center here in Dodgeville on the 19th of August. We had 28 people attend and our plan was well received. Our budget was approved, and is currently going through the County structure – which will be final on November 10th. Judy will tweek the goals a bit and would like to have a motion to approve this portion of the County Plan. Rosalie Zweifel made a motion to approve this portion of the County Plan and Eva Kraak seconded the motion. The motion carried without negative vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: After Board review, Margaret Peat asked if anyone had any questions about the financial report – there being no questions, she asked for a motion to approve the financial report. Eva made the motion to approve the financial report. Carol seconded the motion. The motion carried without negative vote.

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 28, 2009 @ 3:30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – Laura Crowley, Assistant ADRC