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Vernon County Unit on Aging

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The Vernon County Unit on Aging Committee met on 11-17-2014 at the Erlandson Building.

Jim Servais called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Additional members present included: Adrian Amelse, Mary Bringe, Lorn Geode and Gail Muller. Also present were Pat Peterson, Director, Laura Groom, Program Assistant and Shaynan Holen, AmeriCorps member.

Affirmation of public notice was given.

Review and Approval of previous meeting: Motion made by Adrian Amelse and seconded by Gail Muller to accept the Minutes from the 10-13-2014 meeting. Motion passed.

Financial Report: Pat presented the vouchers for October for discussion. Motion by: Adrian Amelse, seconded by Mary Bringe to approve paying the September vouchers. Motion passed. Pat shared the 2014 financial update and percentage spent in each account for this year. Pat also gave the committee an orientation to the funding behind the congregate portion of the Nutrition Program.

Programmatic:

Nutrition - Laura shared the October report and answered questions. There was some discussion on trends and lack of donations.

Mini Bus/ Volunteer Driver – Pat shared the transportation reports for October. We have received notice of DOT 5310 grant award for 2015 that will fund a bus for Vernon Manor, volunteer driver funds for Unit on Aging and Veteran Services and Mobility Manager staff time.

Caregiving- Pat shared that we hosted a caregiver's event on November 3, 2014 at the Church of Christ from 1-3pm. There were fifty people that attended the event.

Elder Benefit Specialist -Pat gave the EBS monthly report. Pat shared that we have been awarded the Helen Bader Grant for \$15,000. These funds will make Shelley Matson's position full time for one year. Pat is also applying for a MIPPA Grant in hopes of more funding for the EBS program.

Public Comments: There were no Public Comments.

Volunteer Engagement- Shaynan Holen joined us to report on her program. She shared that she has been updating the Volunteer Driver Handbook and will be recruiting and training volunteers for both volunteer driver and nutrition programs.

Three Year Aging Plan Amendment Approval- Pat shared the three-year plan and asked the Committee to approve continuing with the current three year plan through 2015. Adrian Amelse made the motion and Gail Muller seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Association Memberships-Pat requested that committee approved that the Unit on Aging continues to be members of the following groups: WAND, ADPAW, WABS, WAMM and WASC. Gail Muller made the motion to approve and Adrian Amelse seconded and the motion passed.

Advocacy- Adrian Amelse shared that he had put up flyers for the Lighten Up event and he plans on attending all the mealsites as he can. Pat shared that we will need to advocate for the positions that we have to be filled as the County Board has implemented a hiring freeze.

Announcements- Erlandson Building safety and security was on the agenda for our Human Services Department. Mary Bringe reported on the discussion. Adrian Amelse shared that he is participating in the adhoc Financial Planning Committee. Pat shared that Market Place Open Enrollment is from November 15 - February 15, 2015.

Our next meeting will be held on December 15, 2014 at 1:30 pm at the Sheriff's Office Conference Room. This will be the All Staff and All Committee Holiday Training/ Gathering.

Adrian Amelse made the Motion to close our meeting and the motion was seconded By Lorn Goede. Motion Passed.

Pat Peterson, Director

Jim Servais, Chairman
