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Vernon County Unit on Aging

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The Vernon County Unit on Aging & Advisory Committee met on 9-12-2016 at the Erlandson Building.

Jim Servais called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Additional members present included: Gail Muller, Glenda Sullivan, Dave Eggen and Frank McCoy. Advisory members present were: Sherman Erlandson, and Darlene Starch. Also present were: Pat Peterson, Director; and Lois Gardner, Substitute Aging Staff member and Kelly Schwarz, Human Services Staff member.

Affirmation of public notice was given.

Review and Approval of previous Meeting Minutes: Motion made by David Eggen and seconded by Frank McCoy to approve the minutes from the 8-15-2016 Aging and Advisory Committee meeting. Motion passed. Motion made by Frank McCoy and seconded by David Eggen to approve the minutes from the 8-15-2016 Unit on Aging Committee and Human Services Joint Committee meeting. Motion passed.

Financial Report: Pat presented the vouchers for August for discussion. Motion by: Darlene Starch, seconded by Gail Muller to approve paying the August vouchers. Motion passed. Pat gave the financial update showing that spending year to date is in line with our budget and Family Care/IRIS programs are funding approximately 20% of our home delivered meals and a majority of volunteer driver rides.

Public Comments: None

Programmatic:

Nutrition –Pat Gave the Committee the reports on meals served and answered questions. Pat Peterson shared the need for Dining Center Managers at Viroqua, La Farge and Coon Valley. She reported that new home delivered meals customers in Stoddard are providing some support for caregivers.

Mini Bus/ Volunteer Driver –Pat Peterson gave the update on the Mini Bus and Volunteer Driver programs. Pat shared reports that gave the committee a comprehensive picture of the ridership of the bus that showed increased ridership with monthly special trip. Volunteer drivers have driven over 40,000 miles through August.

Elder Benefit Specialist –Pat gave the EBS monthly report for August and reminded to the committee that we are preparing for Medicare Part D open enrollment that begins in October. Everyone was reminded that an annual review of prescription drug programs is a good idea.

Health and Caregiving- We continue our support group and services for caregivers. Pat has applied to participate in a National Alliance for Caregiving Immunization Campaign this fall to promote adult vaccinations for shingles, pneumonia, tetanus and flu prevention.

2017 Budget- Pat shared the proposed 2017 Budget and discussed the challenges involved. Pat asked the committee to approve her budget. Motion to approve the draft 2017 Budget made by Glenda Sullivan and seconded by Gail Muller. Motion passed.

Opening 2017 Caterer Bids - Jim Servais read the bids submitted as follows:
Coon Valley – Stockyard to provide dining center and meals for both congregate and home delivery - \$6.50/meal; De Soto/Stoddard/Prairie View – Bright Spot to provide De Soto dining center and meals for both congregate and home delivery - \$5.00/meal; Hillsboro – St Josephs Healthcare to provide dining center and meals for both congregate and home delivery with salad bar option for \$5.85/meal and dining center management for \$35/day; La Farge – Sisters to provide bulk meals for congregate and home delivery including delivery to dining center - \$6.25; Ontario - to provide dining center and meals for both congregate and home delivery plus containers for home delivered meals - \$6/meal; Readstown and any other available sites – Tazzees Wonder Bar to provide bulk meals for congregate and home delivery including delivery to the dining center - \$5.35; Viroqua – Vernon Manor to provide bulk meals for congregate and packaged meals for home delivery. Oliver system HDM packaging provided - \$5.85/meal.

Westby School District requested that the bid option be extended to gain approval of School Board. Pat described contacts made in Westby exploring new dining center options for 2017. David Eggen shared the interest of the school district in providing this community service including overcoming some of the potential barriers such as menu, serving meals during school holidays/summer and school security needs. Pat and Laura visited the Westby Schools and feel that the Middle School option would be a good fit for the program. Motion by Sherman Erlandson, 2nd by Frank Mc Coy to allow Westby School to submit a bid for consideration prior to October committee meeting when the Unit on Aging Committee will approve the 2017 caterers.

Aging and ADRC Integration- Pat requested feedback from those in attendance regarding progress in having enough information to make an informed decision about integration. Pat shared the resolution from Human Services and Aging Joint meeting that will be presented to the County Board on September 20 and the agenda for a joint session of Aging and Human Services on September 21 including speaking with county representatives from areas that currently have integrated an ADRC & Aging program. She suggested that committee members prepare their questions to learn from these experienced representatives.

Fair and Seniors of Distinction Tea- Jim Servais, Lois Gardner and Sherman Erlandson shared their satisfaction with the Seniors of Distinction Tea. Pat provided the A Team Happenings with fair schedule included and encouraged all to come to the fair.

Regional Nutrition Staff Training – Pat asked committee members to consider covering dining center manager duties in their local community on Tuesday, October 25, so that staff attend a day-long training in Viroqua along with staff from 8 counties and the Ho Chunk Tribe. Jim Servais, Glenda Sullivan, Frank Mc Coy and others were checking their availability.

Discussion Advocacy- Pat provided information on the WisconsinEye Campaign 2016 to help voters learn about candidates. <http://www.wiseye.org/> and about transportation advocacy opportunities in the state including a forum in Viroqua.

Announcements- None

Our next meeting will be held on August 15, 2016 in the first floor conference room to discuss with the Human Services Committee integration of Aging and ADRC.

Our next regular meeting will be held on October 17, 2016, 1 pm at the Erlandson Building second floor conference room.

Dave Eggen made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Gail Muller. Motion passed.

Pat Peterson, Director

Jim Servais, Chairman
