

MINUTES

The Vernon County Department of Human Services Aging Advisory Committee Meeting met on Monday June 12, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 am, by Director Pamela Eitland. Proper public notice was given. Minutes were not reviewed and approved as there was no quorum for the meeting.

Audience to Visitors

No one from the audience wished to speak.

Aging Services/Senior Program Report

Information was provided on the number of meals provided. Numbers continue to increase. Megan, the nutrition coordinator, is working to fill two open positions. One is in Coon Valley as the meal hauler and the other is the site manger position in Ontario. Both are currently being filled by long term substitutes. We are considering adding a fifth day to the home delivered meals to bring us into compliance with our funding contract. Director Eitland is looking for money in the existing Department budget to cover a fifth day.

The volunteer driver program is growing. Mini bus ridership remains consistent. We have added a second route each month to go from Hillsboro to Richland Center as this always has consistent ridership. We are reaching out to members in the community to gage where to expand routes to. Cheryl Pinkham has been assisting in the coordination of transportation but has been unable to help over the past few weeks Unit Director Tricia Clements has been filling the coordinator role.

Shelley Matson remains busy in her role as the Elder Benefit Specialist. Her position now a full time position.

Kathleen Sullivan is coordinating a grant for the Mind over Matter project. The positive response from older women has shown that there is a need for education on bladder control and bowel control. The goal of the project is to make it an evidence based program.

Staff continue to prepare for July 1 when the unit will be the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Vernon County.

Director's Report, Updates, Announcements

Director Eitland reported to the committee that the state volunteer driver reimbursement rate is to be \$.14 per mile. Per IRS regulations, we are not accurately accounting for the amount we are paying our drivers. The Human Service Committee is asking that we think outside of the box and try to find a solution where our drivers can continue to get a fair reimbursement rate.

Integration of Aging and ADRC Advisory Boards

Pamela Eitland gave an update on the changes to the Aging Advisory Committee once the unit is a stand-alone Aging and Disability Resource Center. It was reported that the membership of the committee will change as it will combine both the requirements of the ADRC advisory board and the Aging advisory board. The first meeting of the new board will be in September. At that meeting there will be training for the members. Pam reported that six board members have expressed an interest in being on the committee

and this will not be allowed per guidelines set by the state. The County Board Chairperson will appoint the members.

Discussion, Feedback, Ideas, and Guidance

Kathleen Sullivan expressed concerns about the parking at the Banta Building. Director Eitland stated that we offer home visits if it is difficult to come to the Banta Building. Director Eitland stated there is a wheelchair available and staff will assist individuals in coming into the building. Individuals can also be dropped off at the door.

Motion made by Sherman Erlandson to adjourn. Second by Darlene Starch. Motion Carried.

Submitted by,

Tricia Clements, Unit Director
Aging and Disability Resource Center

MEMBERS PRESENT

Darlene Starch
Sherman Erlandson

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Eggen
Glenda Sullivan

OTHERS PRESENT

Pamela Eitland
Tricia Clements
Kathleen Sullivan