

**COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY MINUTES**

March 16, 2011

Present: Jack Meyers, Naomi Hilger, Darlene Krentz

Others Present: Betty Bradley, Karen Davis; Karen Neuman

Excused: Carol Kujawa, Betty Gross,

Requirements of Open Meeting Law have been met.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Meyers at the Markesan Vista Valley Apartments Mealsite.

Introductions were made.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion/second (Krentz/Hilger) to approve the amended agenda to include under New Business: Shannon Rhode - Presentation on Health Promotion programs/ADRC Medication Management Improvement System (MMIS). All ayes. Motion carried.

**ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Motion/second (Krentz/Hilger) to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2011 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPEARANCES:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Bradley distributed a copy of the correspondence regarding the Spring CWAG meeting to be held at the Berlin Senior Center on April 7, 2011 from 8:30 - 2:00 p.m. Discussion followed. Committee members will be updated as more information is available.

**GREATER WISCONSIN AGENCY ON AGING RESOURCES, INC (GWAAR):** Bradley reported that she will be attending an Aging program training on March 17-18, 2011. Bradley reported that she would then like to add a different Aging program to each meeting and explain the funding/program to committee members.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT:** No discussion.

**OLD BUSINESS: January and February Program Information:** Bradley distributed and explained the January and February program information to Committee members. (See attached.) Discussion followed. Bradley explained the Benefit Specialist quarterly report.

**Meal Program Policies/Decisions: Nutrition Advisory Council:** Bradley reported regarding the first Nutrition Advisory Council meeting that was held recently. Bradley reported that the officers were elected and the by-laws were reviewed. The meetings will be held quarterly at each mealsite. Discussion followed.

**NEW BUSINESS: Shannon Rhode - Presentation on Health Promotion Programs and ADRC "Medication Management Improvement System (MMIS)":** Shannon Rhode, Prevention Specialist, was present to explain the "2010 Summary for Health Promotion/Fall Prevention". (See attached.) Rhode explained the report and told Committee members how the classes are promoted. Suggestions were given on additional ways to spread word of the classes offered.

Rhode also explained to Committee members that she is working on building a volunteer pool to help with the classes. If someone would decide to volunteer, it would take up approximately 20-25 hours per year for the classes. It is suggested that the volunteer attend a 4-8 week class to be a volunteer. Discussion followed regarding other options such as "peer leader". Rhode explained that the volunteer would co-lead the group. Two fall programs are being scheduled at this time: "Living Well with Chronic Conditions" and "Matter of Balance". Discussion followed.

Rhode reported on the ADRC "Medication Management Improvement System - MMIS". Rhode explained the new computer software program utilized to screen clients' medications for harmful problems. Discussion followed. Committee members thanked Rhode for attending the meeting and explaining the programs.

**2011-2013 State Budget:** Bradley updated Committee members that there are not a lot of cuts being made to the Aging programs. There will be a cut in congregate/AFCSP program funding. Bradley reported that the ADRC funding will remain the same. Bradley reported that there will be significant changes in SeniorCare. To be eligible for SeniorCare, the individual must apply/be eligible for Medicare Part D. Discussion followed.

**Family Care:** Bradley reported that Family Care has been frozen in the 2011-2013 State Budget. Counties can not enroll anyone new in the program unless someone passes away/goes off Medical Assistance. There will be a waiting list. Green Lake County has about 30 people on the waiting list right now. Discussion followed.

**ADRC Expansion - Adams County:** Bradley reported that the tri-county ADRC is expanding to include Adams County. The State wants all counties to have an ADRC, but Family Care is not expanding. Discussion followed.

**National Family Caregiver Support Program - Self Assessment:** Bradley distributed the "National Family Caregiver Support Program - Self Assessment" for Committee review. Bradley explained the assessment. Discussion followed. Motion/second (Hilger/Krentz) to approve the "National Family Caregiver Support Program - Self Assessment". All ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION** None.

**Future Meeting Date:** The next meeting of the Aging Advisory Committee will be May 18, 2011 at the Berlin Senior Center at **10:30 a.m.**

**Future Agenda Items for Action and Discussion:** Budget 2011-2013; Senior Picnic

Motion/second (Krentz/Hilger) to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.