

Commission on Aging Advisory Committee Meeting

March 15, 2023

The regular meeting of the Health and Human Services Aging Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Reabe at 10:31 AM on Wednesday March 15, 2023, in the County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, Green Lake WI. The meeting was held in person and via Teams. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Harley Reabe, Gloria Lichtfuss, Dick Trochinski

Absent: Judy Street, Darlene Krentz

Other County Employees Present: Cate Wylie, County Administrator, Jeff Mann, Corp Counsel, Ryan Bamberg, Aging/Long Term Care Unit Manager, Kayla Yonke, Financial/Business Manager, Sarah Petit, HHS Admin

Introductions – Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Minutes of 11/16/22

Minutes will be approved at the May 17, 2023, meeting.

Correspondence- None.

Health and Human Services Board Report

No report. March 2023 HHS board meeting was cancelled.

Aging/ADRC Programs and Outreach

Bamberg reported on the following:

1. Berlin Senior Center carry out meals update- Carry out meals were not allowed on Tuesdays and Thursdays in February on a trial basis. This resulted in a slight increase of congregate meals during the limited carry out timeframe. A \$4.00 donation is suggested per meal. There is a lower amount of donations for carry out meals vs congregate and home delivered meals. The center will continue to not allow carry outs on Tuesdays and Thursdays in March to collect more data and then reevaluate. Discussion followed.
2. ADRC governing board meeting was cancelled by the board chair in March. Meetings are held quarterly, and the next meeting is scheduled June 2023. Discussion followed.
3. Quarterly healthy cooking classes- the first class was cancelled due to low enrollment. Additionally, due to a vacancy in a position at UW-Extension a new class instructor was needed. Crossroads Grocery Store/Catering has agreed to instruct the classes. Next class date is to be determined. Advertising for the class was done via senior centers, libraries, newspapers, Facebook, nursing home and hospital networks. Chairman Reabe suggested providing program information to Jon Vandeyacht, VSO. Discussion followed.

4. Markesan meal site- the Markesan meal site will be moving to a new location pending GVAR assessment. The new location will be at the Calvary Church in Markesan. Anticipated move date is late Spring. There will be more space and other activities will take place at the location.

5. Green Lake food pantry is in need of monetary and food donations. Recently, Green Lake High School donated 500-550 boxes of cereal. There will be a new program starting soon where residents can get vegetable plant seeds, and grow vegetables and donate fresh vegetables back to the food pantry.

6. Supportive/respite programs- GVAR provides a limited amount of money per year for these programs. Programs are for individuals who are 55 years old or older, don't qualify for Medicaid or long-term care. An assessment is completed and reviewed on case-by-case need. This year a 50% cap will be placed on individuals or families who receive support. This will allow more individuals or families to receive assistance. Discussion followed.

Advocacy – No report

Year to Date Program Information

Committee asked for monthly data reports to be included in future meeting packets.

Committee Discussion

Future meeting date: May 17, 2023, at 10:30 AM

Future Agenda Items: N/A

Adjourn

Chair Reabe adjourned the meeting at 11:16 AM.