

Commission on Aging Advisory Committee Meeting

September 13, 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, September 13, 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, Judy Street, Richard Trochinski- (via Teams)

Absent: Gloria Lichtfuss, Darlene Krentz

Other County Employees: Ryan Bamberg, Aging/Long Term Care Unit Manager, Jason Jerome, HHS Director (via Teams), Kayla Yonke, Financial/Business Manager (via phone) Sarah Petit, HHS Admin.

Introductions – Chair Reabe introduced all present and online.

Minutes of 7/19/2023

Motion/second (Reabe/Street) to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2023, meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Correspondence- None

Health and Human Services Board Report

Jason Jerome reported on Children & Families Unit presentation on youth summer groups. Public hearing on the 2024 budget was held at the HHS board meeting on 9/11/23.

Three-year Aging Plan Update

Ryan Bamberg reported on 3-year aging goals-

1. To Provide increased opportunities for older adults to participate in social activities within the County: Senior Wellness Fair is 9/14/23, 100 participants have pre-registered. Discussion followed.
2. Ensure that Nutrition Program Participants have choice-based meal options. Optional frozen meal being offered at the Markesan meal site. There has been a slight increase in participants at the Markesan meal site. More events are being scheduled at the Markesan meal site and a new meal site manager will start soon.
3. Enhance accessible, affordable, and safe exercise opportunities throughout Adams, Green Lake, and Waushara to improve quality of life and chronic disease outcomes and help reduce number of falls: No update.
4. Ensure that Community Engagement efforts are representative of Community Members: No update.
5. Provide older adults with annual trainings and/or workshops with opportunity for them to increase and use their advocacy skills: Advocacy presentation was scheduled for 8/8/23 and was canceled due to low participation. Presenter will provide a recording of the training to be shared with the community.

6. Provide more opportunities for individuals in the Community to learn about Medicare: Elder Benefits Specialist position is vacant. Currently in the hiring process for the position. Neighboring counties have been assisting individuals.

Caregiver support groups- in process of starting a caregiver support group.

Transportation- recruited one new volunteer driver for Princeton. Insurance is still an issue.

Food Pantry- donations for the food pantry are lower than last year. Looking for new ideas to generate donations. "Share a Holiday Meal" will be starting soon, suggested donation is \$30.00. Discussion followed.

Princeton Meal Site

Ryan Bamberg reported that due to low/no participation at the Green Lake meal site it would be beneficial to move the meal site to the Princeton Senior Center. The Princeton Senior Center is active with 20-30 participants. There is a full kitchen. The health inspection was completed and passed. Liability insurance is in place. Many home-delivered meals are in the Princeton area so there would be less driving to deliver meals. Discussion followed.

Motion/second (Reabe/Street) to relocate the Green Lake meal site to the Princeton Senior Center. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Committee Discussion

Future meeting date: November 8, 2023, at 10:30am.

Future Agenda Items: N/A

Adjourn

Chair Reabe adjourned the meeting at 10:57am.