

Commission on Aging Advisory Committee Meeting

January 15, 2025

The regular meeting of the Health and Human Services Aging Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Reabe at 10:30 am on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 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, Sue Jungenberg, Andrew Brendemihl.

Absent: none.

Others present: Ryan Bamberg, Aging/Long Term Care Unit Manager, Kayla Yonke, HHS Financial/Business Manager (via Teams left at 11:19), Sarah Petit, HHS Admin, Jason Jerome, HHS Director, Jane Mundro.

Introductions:

Not applicable.

Minutes of 11/20/24:

Motion/second (Brendemihl/Jungenberg) to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024, meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Correspondence:

None.

Health and Human Services Board Report:

Jason Jerome reported that the senior transportation program was presented to the HHS Board in addition to Green Lake County starting the new year as a single county ADRC and having an employee from the ADRC retire recently. Discussion followed.

Senior Transportation Program:

Ryan Bamberg reported on changes with the 8521 senior transportation program. Green Lake County receives State grant funding to provide transportation to seniors. In December 2024 a local business notified that they would not be able to provide transportation services and therefore the decision was made to have the transportation program managed by Ryan Bamberg/Aging Unit. Currently there are 4 volunteer drivers who provide transportation to seniors for medical appointments, nutritional and daily living needs. Drivers will keep monthly logs and clients will receive a letter with a suggested contribution or donation based on the distance of trips. FRI has two wheelchair accessible vans and provides transportation when needed. Drivers are paid a stipend and receive volunteer mileage reimbursement. May explore future fundraising opportunities for transportation services. Discussion followed.

Meal Caterer Update:

Ryan Bamberg reported the Markesan Resident Home is the new meal caterer for the Markesan meal site and home delivered meals in the Markesan/Princeton area. The new partnership is wonderful. Things are going great, feedback about the meals is positive. Total number of meals in 2024 was lower than 2023. In 2023 the average donation for home delivered meals was \$3.09 and in 2024 the average donation was \$5.82. In 2023 the average donation for congregate meals was \$2.20 and in 2024 it was \$3.09.

Andrew Brendemihl added he's looking to build social events at the Markesan meal site. Many thanks given to Kathy Mulhern for her work with the meal program. Discussion followed.

Three-year Aging Plan Update

Ryan Bamberg reported he will continue to provide updates on the Aging Plan goals at each meeting.

Goals are:

1. Senior transportation program- as per update above.
2. Minimize social isolation (Senior Friends Volunteer Program)- promote health promotion programs- partnering with Advocap to recruit volunteers and then enroll individuals in the program. All Saints Church held a meeting regarding the program. Discussion followed.
3. Nutrition program- highlight on menus most liked meals and create pop-up events- provide individuals with more informed choices by sending out a survey.
4. Create a Peer-to-Peer Volunteer Database- build a database by recruiting volunteers who can help seniors with household needs (examples: moving furniture, changing lightbulbs, etc.)
5. Increase opportunities for Tribal Nations to access services- this goal is mandated by the State of Wisconsin. Will explore how to connect Tribal Nations with local services. Discussion followed.

Committee Discussion

Future meeting date: March 19, 2025, at 10:30am.

Future Agenda Items: Combine the ADRC committee and the Commission on Aging Advisory committee.

Adjourn

Chair Reabe adjourned the meeting at 11:20am.