

# Commission on Aging Advisory Committee Meeting

May 21, 2025

The regular meeting of the Health and Human Services Aging Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Reabe at 10:30am on Wednesday, May 21, 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: Jason Jerome, HHS Director and Interim County Administrator via Teams, Ryan Bamberg, Aging/Long Term Care Unit Manager, Nancy Gimenez, Green Lake County Public Health Nurse, Sarah Petit, HHS Admin, Tony Daley, Berlin Journal Newspaper via Teams left at 10:52am.

## **Introductions:**

Introductions were completed.

## **Minutes of 3/19/2025:**

***Motion/second (Brendemihl/Jungenberg)*** to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025, meeting as corrected. Motion carried with no negative vote.

## **Correspondence:**

None.

## **Health and Human Services Board Report:**

Jason Jerome reported Kyle Alt provided a presentation on food code guidelines. Jason attended an Advocap awards banquet with Green Lake County employees receiving awards. 2026 budget sheets have been sent out to managers and department heads. Working on the process of combining this committee with the ADRC committee.

## **Diabetes Prevention Program Presentation:**

Nancy presented on the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP). The program started in 2022 and receives grant funding. There have been 9 cohorts since the program started. The program is a year long and has seen positive results. Packet items were reviewed. Discussion followed.

## **Three-year Aging Plan Update**

Ryan Bamberg provided updates on the goals:

1. Senior transportation 85.21 program- Driver and rider procedures have been created. Drivers and riders need to sign a policy agreement. Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, riders will need to contact the ADRC to

complete a pre-approval assessment to receive rides through the 85.21. This will allow the ADRC to connect with more individuals and utilize resources. Priority for transportation is given for medical appointments and nutrition needs. In the first quarter of 2025 there were 371 rides (not including FRI or City of Berlin). A suggested contribution letter was mailed to riders and the first quarter received contributions were \$1,000.00 which is approximately 16% of the suggested contribution amount. Discussion followed.

2. Minimize social isolation (Senior Friends Volunteer Program)- promote health promotion programs-

Advocap Senior Friends has a few volunteers. ADRC is looking to connect volunteers to the community. Discussion followed.

3. Nutrition program-

Home delivered meals continue to increase. The maximum amount of home delivered meals allowed has been reached in the Markesan area. There are 8-15 people eating at the Markesan meal site daily and 7-10 daily at the Berlin site. A pop-up event is planned in Berlin on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The meal counts in the packet were reviewed. Promotional ideas were discussed including a possible newspaper article. Discussion followed.

4. Create a Peer-to-Peer Volunteer Database- no update.

5. Increase opportunities for Tribal Nations to access services- no update

**Committee Discussion**

Future meeting date: July 16, 2025, at 10:30am.

Future Agenda Items: Discussion and possible action of promotional ideas for meal sites and home delivered meals.

**Adjourn**

Chair Reabe adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am.