

Commission on Aging and Disability Board Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2015

The Commission on Aging and Disability met in conference room A/B in the Community Services Building at 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581

Members present: Steven Boomfield, Beth Busch, Belinda Granger, Larry Jewell, Gary Peters, Marie Rakow, Bonnie Richardson, Cindy Riley, David Scribbins and Virginia Wiedenfeld
HHS Staff present: Diane Cox, Patrick Metz and Angela Porter
Others present: None

1. Call Meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by David Scribbins.

2. Posting and Agenda: Angela Porter verified the agenda was posted properly. Marie Rakow made a motion to approve the agenda; Steven Boomfield seconded. Motion carried.

3. Election of Commission on Aging and Disability Board Officers:

- Virginia Wiedenfeld made a motion to re-nominate all three current COAD board members to their current positions. Larry Jewell seconded. There being no other nominations for any of the positions Virginia Wiedenfeld made a motion to close nominations for all three positions and elect David Scribbins as Commission on Aging and Disability board Chair, Beth Busch as Commission on Aging and Disability board Vice Chair and Steven Boomfield as Commission on Aging and Disability board Secretary; Larry Jewell seconded. Motion carried.

4. Approval of May 13, 2015 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

Marie Rakow made a motion to approve the May 13, 2015 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Steven Boomfield seconded. Motion carried.

5. Citizen Comments

- Introduction of new board members.
- The June Family and Friends newsletter was distributed and there was discussion on the front page article, "Tele Health for Mental Health". Patrick Metz commented on getting the grant in conjunction with Crawford County and Crossing Rivers Health in Prairie du Chien and what this means to the residents. It says a lot about Richland and Crawford counties that they were able to obtain this grant with over 200 applicants and only 60 awarded with this being the only one awarded in Wisconsin. This Tele Health grant will provide better access to the community for mental health care. Virginia Wiedenfeld said Tele-health is an amazing and invaluable tool already being used in Richland Hospital. Patrick stated the service is not just for low-income, it will be available to anyone in Richland and Crawford counties. The grant is \$600k over 3 years. During the first year they will be recruiting a psychiatrist for the program. The Project Coordinator is located at Crossing Rivers Health. The grant will support the purchase of five sets of equipment. The second and third years will be about project development and equipment maintenance. It will take another three months to get the system in place and trainings done before the service will be up and running.
- Discussion on how the services would be utilized and criteria to decide who uses the service.

6. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations

- The Richland Center Senior Citizens submitted the following report for the board:
 - At the April 9 meeting the Richland Center High School Forensics club gave a presentation at the meeting. They decorated spring hats and caps and enjoyed a potluck.
 - A bake sale was held at Richland Bank in April and sold out by 1:00!
 - At the May 14 meeting presenters were Tanya Webster from the Richland County Nutrition Program to discuss the upcoming Senior Farmer's Market vouchers and Angela Porter from the Richland County Transportation Program talking about the 2015 "Where do you want to GO? and What do you want to DO?" marketing campaign. Mother's day was celebrated with packets of flower seeds given to all the mothers and poetry was read.
 - A brat stand fundraiser was held in May at Bindl Tire and Auto.
 - For the June 11th meeting they plan to give gifts to all of the father's. Kim Corbin will be displaying her personal collection of ties and scarves. Bessie Varvitsiotes will give a talk about the American Flag.
 - T-shirts and sweatshirts were ordered from Garden Hill Graphics for anyone that wanted them. If anyone is interested in purchasing a t-shirt or sweatshirt they can contact Deb Leverenz, Secretary. The cost is \$7/\$9 for t-shirts and \$11/\$13 for sweatshirts based on size.

- Tami Boelmen from Pine Valley reported County Board has approved the ability for Pine Valley to apply for the funding needed for the building expansion. This will be voted on at County Board in July. June 22nd will be another subcommittee meeting. They will discuss the bonding issues and what it will take for the funding. There was discussion on timing and what will need to be done to move this project forward.

7. Adult Protective Services Quarterly Report

- Diane Cox, Adult Protective Services gave an overview of the program.
- June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month –World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15th.
 - Diane gave the following 2014 Richland County APS statistics:
 - There were 129 referrals which is up 11% from previous year
 - 78 of those were 60 and over; 50 of those were 18-59
 - 81 cases were self neglect (we receive 10 to help people be safe but only for 60+)
 - 17 cases were financial exploitation. This continues to go up. Even though less of these are reported they are more time consuming and more difficult to investigate, prove and prosecute.
 - In the age 60 and over abuses 40.7% of the time the perpetrators are the children. The law states the abused does not have to provide consent for there to be an investigation or prosecution. This also applies if the person is under a guardianship, the guardian does not have to give consent to the investigation or prosecution. Another area that helps is the ability for the APS person to obtain banking information without having to go through a judge and get a warrant or subpoena. The money involved has to be over \$2,500 before there can be a felony charge but this still does not make it easy to obtain conviction.
 - There was discussion on the laws surrounding who is responsible (state/local) for getting the money back. If the money was gifted intentionally there are periods of time that a person wouldn't be eligible for certain benefits. This would be based on the amount of money gifted, when it was given, and what services they are looking to get. In Wisconsin there has been a recent change that if you gift over a certain amount you will not be eligible for some programs ever; there is no time limit for this.
 - The largest population for reports was for the 80-89 years old and was for self-neglect. This is normally associated with memory loss/dementia issues. They can be related to hygiene, nutrition, or safety such as leaving appliances on, not seeking medical care, etc.

8. Regional ADRC Governing Board Meeting Summary (Marie Rakow/Becky Dahl)

- Becky Dahl was unable to attend but Marie Rakow reported they spoke about Senior Care continuing for the next two year. There was discussion of Long Term Care and they are still hoping for removal of the Long Term Care text from the budget, there needs to be consistency across the state services received, budget oversight, expenses, etc. There also needs to be more input into the process and what is happening from the stakeholders and clients. Long Term Care needs to be sustainable and fiscally responsible.
- How do we create a business model within the regional ADRC's that can be implemented state wide and provide consistency and over arching goals across the region and state? There will also need to be accountability for those that don't follow through with the business model set forward otherwise there will be no consistency.

9. ADRC Unit Update

- Patrick Metz, Director, Richland County Health & Human Services stated the ADRC Manager position has been posted and will close on June 17th. It is expected that a new manager can be through the interview process and hired by mid-July.

10. Richland Center Pedestrian Safety Discussion

- David Scribbins reported he was almost hit again trying to cross the street.
- Marie Rakow said they are supposed to be redoing the white lines for cross walks in spring. City Council is meeting next Tuesday. There will be a safety meeting the first Tuesday of the month.
- It was suggested that David and Steven Boomfield take their suggestions and concerns to the Richland Center Police department to see if they can help.
- There was discussion about Safe Routes to School initiative that is working on walking paths along Hwy 80 to help people stay safe to and from the school.

11. Advocacy and Action if Needed

- Angela Porter stated there will be a marketing campaign starting next week for the Richland County Transportation Program: "Where do you want to GO? and What do you and to DO?" Angela will be on the WRCO morning show on Tuesday, June 16th with NOVA recording for the local cable station. There will be an article and coupon for the bus in the Richland Observer and the Shopping News. Anyone interested in having a presentation for a group they are part of can contact Angela Porter to schedule. Angela asked that everyone help advocate for the Richland County Public Transportation program if they hear people talking about it over the next month.

12. Board Education:

- Angela Porter reported that due to the advocacy over the past few months nothing will change for the ADRC's in the 2015-2017 budget. There is a request for the ADRC's to be studied with numbers and results accumulated for review before the next budget.
- Motion 513 has been written and will go through the Assembly, Senate and then Governor. (copies distributed). Which discusses:
 - The expansion of Long Term Care to include primary and acute care. Discuss some of the options available to them and what will need to be implemented over the next two years.
 - Studying the ADRC's over the next two years.
 - Evaluate the functional screen and options counseling for reliability and consistency among ADRCs by Jan. 1, 2017
 - Assess which responsibilities of the ADRC Governing Boards are if any duplicative by July 1, 2016
 - Study the integration of income maintenance consortia and ADRCs with recommendations regarding efficiencies that may gained and whether such a merger would be appropriate by April 1, 2016
 - One large change in the 2015-2017 budget is IRIS will no longer be a standalone program. It will be rolled into the Long Term Care programming as an option.

13. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Due to historical trends of not being able to have a quorum in July, it is suggested the COAD board do not meet again until August 12, 2015. Beth Busch made a motion to not have a July meeting; Steven Boomfield second. Motion carried.
- Next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms A & B of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581

14. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until August 12, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. made by Virginia Wiedenfeld; second by Gary Peters. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela Porter,
ADRC of Eagle Country - Richland Center Office

