

COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY MINUTES

July 24, 2013

Present: Dick Trochinski, Darlene Krentz, Betty Bradley, Betty Gross

Absent: Carol Kujawa

Requirements of Open Meeting Law have been met.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m. by Trochinski at the Berlin Senior Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion/second (Krentz/Gross to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Motion/second (Gross/Krentz) to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2013 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

GREATER WISCONSIN AGENCY ON AGING RESOURCES, INC (GWAAR): Bradley reported that the next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 30, 2013. The major discussion will be possible cuts in program funding. Bradley reported that there will be more information after the State budget is approved.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD REPORT: Trochinski reported on the July 17, 2013 Health & Human Services Board meeting. Trochinski updated Committee members regarding options for the Thrift Store.

Trochinski reported that there are numerous staff changes within the Department of Health & Human Services.

Trochinski reported that the directive for the 2014 budget is for 0% increase excluding personnel costs.

OLD BUSINESS: May and June Program Information: Bradley explained to Committee members the May and June Program information. Discussion followed regarding concerns with the Health & Human Services program cuts due to funding reductions.

Senior Picnic: Bradley reported that the Senior Picnic will be held on Friday, August 9, 2013 at St. John's Catholic School Hall in Princeton.

Discussion followed regarding collecting for door prizes. There was also discussion regarding the distribution of the prizes.

Meal Costs: Bradley updated Committee members regarding potential cuts in meal program funding in the amount of approximately \$27,000.00. Bradley reported that recently there was a multi-county meeting regarding meal programs, etc. Issues were discussed.

Bradley reported that if cuts do take place, will need to make changes within the programs, i.e. wait lists; cutting back number of days of delivering home delivered meals (transportation savings); cut back on number of days the mealsite is open; alternative funding; increase donation cost for meals. Bradley reported that letters were sent out to the State expressing concerns regarding budget cuts. Discussion followed regarding options.

NEW BUSINESS: Bradley reported that a new transportation provider will start on August 1, 2013 for medical mileage transportation.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: Gross reported regarding her recent trip to Alaska and provided information to Committee members regarding the 2014 trip to Ireland and Scotland through the Berlin Senior Center.

Bradley reported that Gloria Lichtfuss, Nutrition/Volunteer Coordinator, will be retiring. There will be a retirement open house for her on August 28, 2013 from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the U.W. Extension Training room. Committee members will be updated.

Future Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Aging Advisory Committee will be September 18, 2013 at the Princeton Senior Center at 10:30 a.m.

Future Agenda Items for Action and Discussion: MA transportation, Meal program, 85.21 Transportation grant budget

Motion/second (Gross/Trochinski) to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.