

**BAYFIELD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
Courthouse Conference Room A
May 14, 2018
4:00 p.m.**

Committee Members Present: Karen Anderson, Tom Gordon, Suzanne Rooney

Committee Members Excused: Doug Defoe, Alan Filipczak, Kathryn Grafsgaard

Committee Member Absent: Betty Schell

Staff Present: Carrie Linder, Jane Cook

Call to Order and Introductions

Introductions made prior to the meeting. Linder called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Election of Chairman

Tabled till next meeting due to lack of quorum.

Election of Vice Chairman

Tabled till next meeting due to lack of quorum.

Discussion and Possible Action-Review of the March 19, 2018 Minutes

Tabled till next meeting due to lack of quorum.

Discussion and Possible Action-New ADAC Committee Member Lynette Benzschawel

Tabled till next meeting due to lack of quorum.

Nutrition Program Updates

- A. Review number of meals served in 1st Quarter of 2018. Linder reviewed meal information.
- B. Nutrition Advisory Council-Review NAC Handbook. Linder distributed a copy of the Nutrition Advisory Council Handbook for members to review. Linder noted that she has not received notice from GWAAR or WIDHS regarding incorporating the NAC committee into the ADAC committee. Linder reviewed mission statements as noted on page 4 and page 7 and noted the three target areas including those with the greatest economic or social need, particularly low-income and minority persons, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older persons residing in rural areas. Reviewed nutrition history as found on page 6. Reviewed page 10 council roles and responsibilities. Reviewed page 17 and 19. Linder asked members to review advocacy and general training and provide input to her on what they would like more information on, what they would like training on, and what's important for future needs. Linder noted that she feels housing, transportation and workforce development are key needs.

Gordon recommended to complete a review of the by-laws at the next meeting and become compliant with the Nutrition Advisory Council Handbook rules and regulations. Recommendation carried.

ADRC Updates

- A. Disability Benefit Specialist Program Update – Linder presented a brief history of the DBS program. Currently there are 2 DBS positions – one in Bayfield County and one in Sawyer County. The DBS in Bayfield County covers Ashland, Bayfield and Iron County. The DBS in

Sawyer County covers Sawyer and Price county. Jamie Mackin, DBS for Bayfield County, recently brought forth concerns with his current caseload, as it is over 70. Linder noted she brought the matter to Barb Peterson, ADRC-N Regional Director to discuss options for managing the large caseload. One option presented was to change the area of coverage between the two DBS positions. Linder referred to a map area and mileage information provided. Waiting for final decision as to how to proceed.

- B. ADRC of the North 2018 Program Goals – Linder reviewed staff input.
- C. ADRC Month Proclamation – Linder noted that Governor Walker has issued a proclamation recognizing May as the Aging and Disability Resource Center Month.

Advocacy Updates

- A. Status of AB-629 and AB-632 – Linder sent an e-mail to Representative Meyers and Senator Bewley thanking them for their support of AB-629 (Uniform Adult Guardianship Jurisdiction) and AB-632 (Alzheimer’s & Dementia Awareness Grant). Both bills passed.
- B. SeniorCare Public Hearing Announcement – The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is requesting a 10-year waiver extension request for the SeniorCare Prescription Drug Assistance Program. Hearings to be held on May 10th in Milwaukee and May 14th in Madison to seek input on the renewal application. Linder noted that there is a 30-day public comment period and public comments will be accepted May 7 through June 7, 2018. Linder recommended sending a comment to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Other (Informational Items)

- A. Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program-Update – Linder reviewed Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) vouchers distribution for low income seniors beginning in June 2018. Six voucher distribution sites have been scheduled. The goal of this program is to help seniors improve their diets with fresh produce while giving local farmers more business and adding support to the local economy. To be eligible for the program in Bayfield County you must be a Bayfield County resident, 60 or older (55 or older for Native American) and at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Income is self-declared, you do not need to show verification of income. One set of vouchers, worth \$25, is available per household.
- B. May 18 – National Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day – May 18, 2018 has been designated as National Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day. Older adults living in isolation are a concern.
- C. Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Meeting – Linder reviewed upcoming meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Bay Area Rural Transit Facility at 2216 6th Street E, Ashland. Attendees will assess the tri-counties transit/transportation needs and gaps and assist in developing goals and activities related to identified needs and gaps.

Other – Linder polled members present about changing the meeting time to 3:00 p.m. All in agreement. **Beginning July 16, 2018 time change to 3:00 p.m.**

Future Meeting Dates 2018

Next meeting: July 16, 2018, September 17, 2018 and December 3, 2018.

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jane M. Cook, Clerk III
5/15/2018