

**BAYFIELD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
NUTRITION ADVISORY COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

Courthouse via Phone Conference

July 12, 2021

Immediately following ADAC Meeting

DRAFT: Subject to change at the September meeting.

Committee Members Present:

Karen Anderson, Richard Kemmer (Chairman), David Zepczyk

Committee Member Excused:

Committee Member Absent:

Lynette Benzschawel (Vice Chairman), Red Cliff Elder Program Representative

Staff Present:

Carrie Linder, Alannah Belanger, Elizabeth Skulan

Call to Order and Introductions

Kemmer called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. No introductions were made.

Discussion and Possible Action-Review of December 7, 2020, April 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the December 7, 2020 and April 12, 2021 minutes was table to the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.

Nutrition Program updates

- A. Reopening of meal sites: C. Linder traveled to 9 Bayfield County communities to gather input on congregate meal sites and concerns for growing older in those respective communities. Sessions were held in Barnes, Cable, Drummond, Washburn, Bayfield, Cornucopia, Herbster, Port Wing and Iron River. One key take way was older adults wanted time to socialize and not be rushed through a meal in a restaurant setting. A soft opening occurred at the Barnes Congregate meal site on August 2; there was low attendance the first week. Linder plans to provide more outreach to help raise the number of participants. The next goal is to open congregate meals in Port Wing; the town hall was suggested, and members of the town board are supportive. Chartwells will provide the meals for the Port Wing location, but it will not be sustainable in the far future. Iron River and Washburn are sites where congregate meal sites will also reopen. Linder states that they are looking for new vendors to provide meals for the sites. Chairman Kemmer proposed three restaurants for the cornucopia area, Linder agreed they were great options but with it being tourist season and a shortage of workers, she is trying to make things work with already established vendors.

Other (Informational Items)

- A. Budget Request: C. Linder state that there has been a 60% increase in Home Delivered Meals over the past year. State standards for delivery time indicate between 2-4 hours and Bayfield County is currently at 6 hours. Participants can get their lunch meals anywhere from 9 am to 3 pm. Linder has requested funds to purchase additional vehicles to split up the routes to shorten the delivery time. There is too much land area to cover and keeping the integrity of the food is a top priority. Linder commented on volunteers. When working with volunteers there is a lot of responsibility to cover if a volunteer is unable to do their route, the Bayfield County office staff must fill in. Linder has also asked for funding to staff another position with the Aging and Disability unit to focus solely on the Aging Services and allowing the department to be more proactive vs reactive with serving the older population. The hope is for the board to pass the budget requests to help decrease the routes and fulfill the need for additional staff time for aging services.

Future Meeting September 20, 2021

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alannah Belanger, Clerk I

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