

Aging Partners Areawide Advisory Council Minutes

April 26, 2018

Present: Gloria Aron, Kathy Stokebrand, JoAnn Sieck, Shari Busch, Linda Heinisch, Keith Larsen, Jackie Miller, Ardee Rut, Vern Schulte, Steve Egglund, John Wyvill

Absent: Harold Simpson, Alan Gissler, Marsha Ward, Marty Stone

Staff: Randy Jones, Denise Boyd, Sandy Lutz, Jill Engel

Guests: Bob Halada, Cynthia Brammeier

Gloria Aron welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. She introduced Bob and Cynthia as guests from the State Unit on Aging.

Kathy Stokebrand was presented an Admiral Award for her 28 years on the State Advisory Committee. Shari Busch was confirmed as the newest member for the State Advisory Committee.

I. Gloria Aron asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2018. Ardee Rut made the motion and Vern Schulte seconded. All were in favor and the motion was adopted.

II. **Health & Wellness Move Update:** Led by Sandy Lutz

Recent move to the new building allows for better signage, accessibility, and more parking options. There is consideration of expanding program days or hours but nothing is finalized. A grant from the Schmieding Foundation allowed for the purchase of additional fitness equipment. Sandy provided a handout listing these purchases.

Project idea discussed of bringing in a deaf physical fitness trainer from New York to work with older adults. There are plans to collaborate with Aging Partners Health & Fitness Program for outreach events.

III. **Area Plan Approval: Led by Randy Jones**

Randy gave handouts outlining changes to the Area Plan and the funding distribution for FY19. Discussions with County Managers have occurred regarding service delivery increases and/or decreases, which directly impact the budget. A major change to the Area Plan is not including the ADRC program. The budget will be submitted but will be revised when the ADRC dollar amount is available. Other changes to the Area Plan include a return to the Central Kitchen model and modifications to the Fitness Center move. All changes are consistent with the submission of the City Budget.

Funding Distribution for FY19 Handout. Majority of funding is spent on Home & Community Based Services. There was a brief overview of various programs' funding and the service benefits it provides. There was a brief discussion of elder abuse and Ombudsman funding.

Review Service Delivery Projections Handout. Goal is to enhance the services to 85+ seniors. This calls for an increase in services of current projections and providing more services with existing funds. A decrease in home-delivered and congregate meals is observed. It is necessary to find opportunities to provide socialization that is not fully dependent on the meals. Ideas mentioned included evening events.

Randy asked for a motion to approve the Area Plan. John made a motion and Vern seconded. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

IV. **Approve County Dues: Led by Randy Jones**

Review County Cost Sharing Handout. Discussion of OAA program priorities and if change in Census data could impact distribution of federal money. A 1% decrease in federal funding has occurred over the last year, which has not been passed on to the counties. A motion is not necessary since the Area Plan has already been approved.

V. **Council Project: led by Gloria Aron**

The idea is for members to spend time on activities directly impactful to the group. This will help to develop a baseline when someone new comes into this area of service. It was suggested to speak with each county's Advisory Council to discuss their governance role. Members can e-mail Randy with additional ideas. Keith asked for a motion to spend additional time at a meeting for this project. Gloria made the motion and Kathy seconded it. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

VI. Monitoring Progress: Led by Randy Jones

Monitoring expectations were shared at the last meeting. There were 33 points that came from State Auditor and State Unit on Aging. We are through half of them and working aggressively on the second half. MGT Consulting does cost allocations and financial services for government entities. Conversations have included adding scope of services to the existing contract to help develop cost allocation. Currently debating the best method of basing cost allocation on Units of Service and time studies. This must all be approved by the State Auditor.

VII. Areawide Advisory Council Member Nominations: Led by Randy Jones

Advisory Committee List handout lists nine members' terms that will expire in June. Randy will reach out these individuals. Three openings were added that can be used to strategically develop diversity on the council. There are vacancies in Fillmore, Polk, Saline, and York counties.

VIII. Progress with food vendor-Company Kitchen: Led by Denise Boyd

A cure notice was issued in January and initial improvement was seen. There have been 78 waste studies completed at the centers since January. A high percentage of waste was observed with vegetables and menu revisions have been completed to limit options that did not travel well. Other problems include unsafe temperatures of food upon delivery. We are in weekly contact with the vendor to address these concerns.

Randy and Denise have been investigating alternative sources for food but have not found a viable option. There is serious consideration in going back to the previous food model.

IX. Statewide Advisory Committee Report: Led by Shari Busch

Shari briefly discussed lack of food options for some of the smaller rural communities. Speaker from State Attorney's office on scamming with a particular focus on phone scams.

Randy informed of Aging Partners Outreach Breakfast on Wednesday May 9 and encouraged all members to attend.

Adjournment: 2:29 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Engel

May 2, 2018

Handouts: Aging Partners Health & Fitness Equipment Purchase, Changes to Area Plan, Funding Distribution FY19, Units of Service Composite, Application Page with Mayor's Signature, Composite Budget, Population Growth Chart, County Cost Sharing, MGT Financial Services, Advisory Council List