

**AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF WAUKESHA COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date/Time: 12/3/09

Location: Human Services Center Brookfield Room

Committee Members:

<u>X</u> Curtis, John	<u>X</u> Lee, Lorraine
<u>X</u> Farrell, Dennis	<u>X</u> Pagels, Nancy
<u>EA</u> Goetz, Jennifer	<u>X</u> Turkoske, Julie
<u>X</u> Graham, Bill	<u>A</u> Weidmann, Larry
<u>X</u> Hansen, Patricia	<u>A</u> Wolff, Sandy
<u>X</u> Johnson, Scott	<u>X</u> Zaborowski, William
<u>X</u> Lee, Glenn	

X = Present A = Absent EA = Excused Absence

Additional Attendees:

<u>X</u> Cathy Bellovary, ADRC	<u>X</u> Dan Vrakas, County Executive
<u>X</u> Pat Mireles, APS	<u>X</u> Jim Dwyer, County Board Chairman
<u>X</u> Jeff Stuberg, APS	<u>X</u> Ellen Nowak, Chief of Staff

Holiday Party:

County Executive Dan Vrakas welcomed Board members to the last meeting of the year and thanked them for their service to Waukesha County. County Board Chairman Jim Dwyer pointed out the valuable advocacy that the Board provides and was grateful for the many volunteer hours that the Board offers. Chief of Staff Ellen Nowak, new to the county, shared her background with the Board and shared pleasure with her new challenges.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m..

Approval of minutes of November 5, 2009 meeting:

Chairman B. Graham called for approval of the meeting minutes of November 5, 2009. J. Curtis moved to approve the minutes; D. Farrell seconded the motion. All in attendance approved. Motion carried.

Educational Segment –

Pat Mireles, Adult Protective Services (APS) supervisor, and Jeff Stuberg, APS social worker, provided an overview of the APS unit. The unit is comprised of nine employees – two clinical therapists and seven social workers. APS work is guided by State Statutes. Work involves establishing guardianship or protective placement/services for those identified as incompetent, and conservatorship for those identified as competent. Clients are age 18 and older and are

either adults at-risk or elder adults at-risk. This is defined as any adult that has a physical or mental condition that impairs their ability to care for their own needs and who has or may experience neglect, self-neglect, some type of abuse (physical, emotional, sexual, treatment without consent, unreasonable confinement), or financial exploitation. Most of the referrals come from the ADRC, but many also come from the court system, law enforcement, or the community. Investigations are completed by APS staff and include home visits, interviews, and reviews of medical treatment plans. The goal is to ensure the safety of the client in their home, and subsequently to provide services to assist them. Client confidentiality is of the utmost importance.

Director's Report:

- C. Bellovary reports that a fund raiser recently for the Elmbrook Taxi was very successful with many people attending.
- The Board was encouraged to continue to advocate for the aging population as well as people with disabilities and to forward any concerns to the ADRC.
- The reorganization of the Nutrition program in the city of Waukesha will occur in January of 2010. The remaining congregate site in the city of Waukesha will be LaCasa., while the home delivered meal program will be coordinated out of the Waukesha Expo. Remodeling at the Expo has been delayed due to the H1N1 clinics.
- The H1N1 clinics continue to be scheduled driven by the availability of vaccine. ADRC staff will continue to assist with the clinics.
- The State is scheduled to visit the ADRC on December 9. (State visit was cancelled due to weather.)
- The design process will begin in 2010 for the new HHS building with staff involved in the planning process.
- The Grandparents group continues to meet and participate in various outings and support.
- The ADRC continues to work with the MCO's to resolve transportation issues. The community and the Board are encouraged to continue to report concerns to the department.
- The Benefit Specialist have been very busy. Many issues surface during the holidays as people are visited by their family members.
- Staff have been very busy with end-of-year tasks.

People Can't Wait Report:

The group met on November 11, 2009 with the meeting well attended. Transportation issues continue to cause concern, and many service providers attended the meeting to hear those concerns. It is reported that ACAP received a grant to explore transportation concerns in Waukesha County. Members shared concerns regarding sheltered workshops at the Waukesha Training Center. The State is proposing closing the workshops.

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) Report:

GWAAR meeting minutes and agenda were shared with members, and a recent newsletter was distributed.

Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups (CWAG):

J. Curtis reports that by-laws are being updated for CWAG, and that the membership committee is encouraging people to join, due to a decrease in membership. CWAG will soon have a new

executive director. Per the Older American's Act, an advocacy group is required, and CWAG fills that role. The Senior Statesman program will have scholarship funding available to attend their upcoming conference. Please see J. Curtis for additional information.

Health and Human Services Board and Committee Report:

B. Zaborowski reports that there will be a 1.5% tax increase for homeowners.

D. Farrell reminded the Board that the upcoming HHS meeting will feature St. Colletta's, the current transportation provider in Jefferson County. They will present information on the process that they use to fulfill the transportation needs in their county.

Other Business/Updates:

N. Pagels shared concerns from seniors that many apartment buildings in the area are extending invitations to people to attend events in their buildings.

Adjournment:

D. Farrell moved to adjourn the meeting; J. Curtis seconded the motion; all in attendance approved. Motion is carried.

Meeting Dates and Times/Next Meeting:

January 7, 2010 - 9:30 a.m.

Approved _____ **Date** _____

Recorded by Pat Popowski. 12/3/09.