

Lafayette County Commission On Aging Advisory Committee
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 12, 2015

Lafayette County Human Services provides an array of cost effective, quality services, and community-based support for individuals and families to improve their quality of life.

Advisory Committee members present: Mary Jo Finkenbinder, George Hirsbrunner, Carol Korn, Larry Ludlum, Chris Parkinson, Leean White

LCCHS staff present: Kate Chambers, Kristine Brunkow

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order by Carol Korn at 1:08 p.m. The meeting was properly posted at the Courthouse, Lafayette County Human Services and e-mailed to The Republican Journal.
- B. Motion by Leean White, second by Larry Ludlum to approve the agenda as posted; carried.
- C. Motion by Leean White, second by Chris Parkinson to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015 Public Hearing and Regular meeting as printed; carried.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. No public comments were submitted.

III. MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. **Driver Escort**-The month of August had 5 drivers for a total of \$337.24. The month of September had 7 drivers for a total of \$281.06.
- B. **Transportation**-The month of August had 6 shopping trips and the month of September had 8 shopping trips. There was a charter trips to Timber Lake Playhouse, Reimer Publication, Lafayette County Manor.

Repairs to the large bus (not covered under warranty) for air conditioning and electrical system.
- C. **Home Chore Program**-The month of August had 7 clients and the month of September had 8 clients.
- D. **Upper Horizon Newsletter**-The cost of the newsletter for August was \$276.58 and for the month of September was \$275.58.
- E. **Alzheimer & Dementia Alliance**-Disbursements for August was -0-. Disbursements for September were \$1,077.58.
- F. **Lafayette County Nurses**-Disbursements for August was \$148.97 and for September was \$365.00 for personal care and foot care. Ms. Chambers reported some changes to this program in 2016.

Medical Alerts-The costs for medical alerts for August was \$640.90 and for September was \$539.45.

G. **ADRC**

Elder Benefit Specialist- The EBS worked with 112 individuals in August and September in the areas of Legal/Benefit Assistance. The monetary impact benefits were \$173,580.00.

Disability Benefit Specialist- The DBS worked with 39 individuals in August and September in the areas of Medicaid and SSI/SSDI eligibility. The monetary impact benefits were \$225,330.00.

Information & Assistance- There were 161 contacts in August and September in the areas of Abuse and Neglect, Assistive technology, education, housing, in-home services, legal services and public benefits.

IV. **SUN PROGRAM REPORT**-Carol Korn reported they are discussing the 2016 Budget. Letters will be sent to solicit donations. Ms. Chambers reported Lafayette County will give the SUN Program \$25,000 (revolving line of credit) along with \$36,360 for 2016 to support the program. Ms. Chambers reported the SUN Program utilized one of the ADRC buses for training for their staff in Deforest.

V. **LAFAYETTE COUNTY 2016 s.85.21 APPLICATION**-Motion by Leean White; second by Chris Parkinson to send the 85.21 Transportation Plan to the State; motion carried.

Ms. Chambers reported Commission on Aging has carryover funds in the amount of \$286,407. She stated she is looking into storage for the new buses. More discussion on this topic to follow.

VI. **2016-2018 COUNTY PLAN FOR OLDER PEOPLE**-Ms. Chambers stated she added one more advocacy goal and improved some of the other goals to fit into the SMART format. Motion by Larry Ludlum; second by Mary Jo Finkenbinder to approve the plan and to forward to GWAAR; motion carried.

VII. **LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**-Ms. Chambers would like to change transportation fees for special trips to \$5.00 per person (plus any ticket costs to games, plays, etc.). Motion by Chris Parkinson; second by Leean White to charge \$5.00 per person for special trips beginning on January 1, 2016; motion carried.

VIII. **HOME CHORE PROGRAM**-Ms. Chambers requested to incorporate the poverty guidelines set by the Older American Act/State Aging Programs for the home chore program. Ms. Chambers is requesting a basic rate of \$10.00 per hour and would like to continue contracting with Nancy Fink for this service. Motion by Leean White; second by Larry Ludlum to change the cost to \$10.00 per hour and to continue to contract with Nancy Fink; motion carried.

IX. **STAFF UPDATES**-Morgan Kennison has been appointed the new Information & Assistance Specialist (replaced Katie Batton). Ms. Kennison has been with Lafayette County Human Services for about a year working as a Coordinated Services Team Coordinator (CST).

Ms. Chambers is requesting the Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS), Cheri Wotnoske's, position be increased from 32 hours per week to 40 hours per week to be able to achieve the prevention activities that are established in the Aging Plan. The current Aging Plan's prevention goals are not being met due to current staffing patterns. Motion by Mary Jo Finkenbinder; second by Chris Parkinson; motion carried. This request is on the Human Services Board agenda for their meeting on November 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. for approval.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Stepping On Program- Ms. Chambers reported the class in Argyle finished on October 26; 10 individuals completed the program.
- B. New Bus-was delivered on September 24. The new bus seats 7 people; has a lift and can be driven by anyone with a driver's license (does not need a CDL). Ms. Chambers is working with E&H to dispose of the lift van. The DOT has released the old van for sale.
- C. County K Building Update-Ms. Chambers is having an ADA assessment completed for the upstairs of the County K building by Independent Living Resources out of LaCrosse. Diana Adamski from the Division of Long Term Care also inspected the building and requested that IRL assess the building. The assessment is to take place on Friday, November 13, 2015.
- D. Lafayette County Auxiliary Fall Cookout-Took place on September 30 at the Manor. Staff from the ADRC unit assisted with the cookout.
- E. Veteran's Ad-Ms. Chambers presented with an ad in the local paper supporting Veteran's Day.
- F. Disability Mentoring Day-The I&A Specialists worked with the high school students with disabilities. All students are scheduled to attend speaker sessions and tours of businesses in the area.
- G. AARP Taxes-Sessions will be held in February and March, 2016.

XI. ADJOURN

- A. The next meeting was set for **Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.**
- B. Motion by Larry Ludlum; second by Leean White to adjourn the meeting; carried.
- C. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Carol Korn at 2:15 p.m.

Reviewed by  1-14-16
Kate Chambers, Aging Director Date

Approved by  1-14-16
Carol Korn, Chair Date