

**Lafayette County Commission On Aging Advisory Committee
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.**

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, Carol Korn, Larry Ludlum, Chris Parkinson, Leean White (George Hirsbrunner and Connie Hull were absent)

LCCHS staff present: Kate Chambers, Kristine Brunkow

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order by Carol Korn at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was properly posted at the Courthouse, Lafayette County Human Services and e-mailed to The Republican Journal.
- B. Motion by Larry Ludlum, second by Leean White to approve the agenda as posted; carried.
- C. Motion by Leean White, second by Chris Parkinson to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2015 public hearing meeting and the regular meeting as printed; carried.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. No public comments were submitted.

III. MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. **Driver Escort**-The month of October had 6 drivers for a total of \$636.74. The month of November had 3 drivers for a total of \$343.17.
- B. **Transportation**-The month of October had 7 shopping trips and the month of November had 7 shopping trips. Charter trips included trips to Gays Mills and Thrifty Shoppers.
- C. **Home Chore Program**-The month of October had 9 clients (20 hours) and the month of November had 8 clients (31.5 hours).
- D. **Upper Horizon Newsletter**-The cost of the newsletter for October was \$250.72 and for the month of November was \$410.72.
- E. **Alzheimer & Dementia Alliance**-There were no disbursements for October & November.
- F. **Lafayette County Nurses**-Disbursements for October was \$144.31 and for November was \$440.00 for personal care and foot care. Ms. Chambers reported the Nurses will no longer be doing foot care.

Medical Alerts-The costs for medical alerts for October was \$454.50 and November was \$454.50.

G. ADRC

Elder Benefit Specialist- The EBS worked with 274 individuals in October and November in the areas of Legal/Benefit Assistance. The monetary impact benefits were \$342,562.75.

Disability Benefit Specialist- The DBS worked with 39 individuals in October and November in the areas of Medicaid and SSI/SSDI eligibility. The monetary impact benefit was \$204,191.00.

Information & Assistance- There were 275 contacts in October and November in the areas of Abuse and Neglect, Assistive technology, education, housing, in-home services, legal services and public benefits.

H. Motion by Chris Parkinson, second by Leean White to approve the Monthly Reports as presented; carried.

IV. SUN PROGRAM REPORT-Ms. Chambers reported Lafayette County paid SUN the \$25,000 revolving loan they request every year. Lafayette County has also levied \$36,360 for the SUN Program.

Carol Korn stated the appeal letters have been sent and donations are slowly coming in. She stated the cooks from Benton and Dodgeville have resigned.

V. SOUTHWESTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION GRANT-Ms. Chambers reported SWTT is writing a 5304 grant for Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland and Lift for funds to develop transportation needs, coordination and a mobility study. They are requesting \$2667.00 from Lafayette County to support this grant. Motion by Larry Ludlum; second by Mary Jo Finkenbinder to forward the approval for the above funds to the Regional Planning Committee; motion carried.

VI. ADRC WAGE COMPARISON-Ms. Chambers presented with wage comparisons from Iowa, Green and Grant Counties. She is gathering this information in preparation of requesting wage increases for her staff. These comparisons will be presented to Shane Schuhmacher and the Human Services Board.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Disability Benefit Specialist-Cheri Wotnoske's hours went from 32 hours per week to 40 hours per week effective December 21, 2015. She will be doing 8 hours of prevention. Thank you to Mr. Ludlum for supporting this increase during the Human Resources Committee.

B. Lafayette County Aging Plan & Budget for 2016-2018 was approved by GWAAR.

C. New bus-was delivered on September 24, 2015. The CSP unit has been using the bus for client transfers.

D. Old Lift Van-Ms. Chambers stated this van was taken out of the transportation inventory and will be sold through Wisconsin Surplus by E & H.

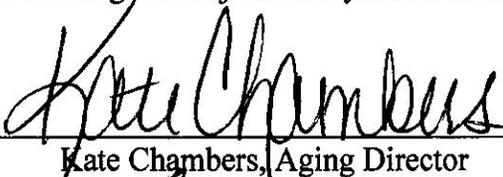
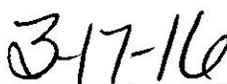
E. County K Building-Ms. Chambers had an ADA assessment completed at the County K Building by Independent Living Resources out of LaCrosse. Somethings that were addressed are handicap parking area, sidewalk, signage, front door access (automatic door opener), and replace door knobs.

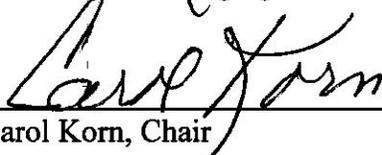
F. Alzheimer & Dementia-the Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia was held in Dodgeville on December 3rd. There was a diverse group of presenters. Representative Todd Novak, a member of the task force, brought this hearing to our area.

- G. Memorandum of Understandings (MOU's)-Ms. Chambers reported she is working on the 2016 MOU's.
- H. ADRC Regional Board-Ms. Chambers reported she has an applicant (Gregory Pickett) for the ADRC Regional Board. Motion by Larry Ludlum; second by Chris Parkinson to send the request to Jack Sauer for his approval; motion carried.
- I. Scope of Service-Ms. Chambers stated there are a lot of changes in the 2016 Scope of Services for the ADRC. A copy of the changes were distributed.
- J. Voting- The ADRC has marketed the new voting requirements in the Upper Horizon and is prepared to assist individuals in obtaining proper verification.
- K. RAISE- Family Caregiver Act moves forward. Tammy Baldwin's Act passes Senate. Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) includes: promoting greater adoption of person-and-family centered care in all health settings with the person and family caregiver at the center of care teams, assessment and service planning, training and other supports, information, education, referral and care coordination, respite options, financial security and workplace policies and supports. Information on this Act was distributed.
- L. Care Wisconsin- We received information regarding MCO expansion, announced by the Department. Care Wisconsin has been selected to expand services into Green, Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties. ContinuUs will continue to provide services in the region as well. DHS will have an internal team, to work through a structured process for MCO expansion in the region. This process will include training for I & A staff as well as the additional documents they will need for options counseling. The ADRC's will receive updates as the expansion moves forward, we do not have exact dates, but anticipate this change will occur in June or July.

VIII. ADJOURN

- A. The next meeting was set for **Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.**
- B. Motion by Chris Parkinson; second by Leean White to adjourn the meeting; carried.
- C. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Carol Korn at 2:25 p.m.

Reviewed by  
Kate Chambers, Aging Director Date

Approved by  _____
Carol Korn, Chair Date