# MINUTES HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007

**THOSE PRESENT**: Charlene Brady, David Radermacher, Melvin Ewert, Linda Olson, Jenny Kertcher

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Health and Aging Committee was called to order at 10:17 a.m. by Chairperson Charlene Brady.

#### NOTICE OF POSTING

Notice of Posting was given by Mrs. Brady.

## **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 3, 2007 MINUTES**

Motion David Radermacher; second Melvin Ewert to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2007 meeting. Motion Carried.

## APPROVAL OF NON-LAPSING ACCOUNTS FOR 2006

Funding for Medicare Part D in 2006 came through the Modernization Act. That fiscal year is October – September. Washington County's fiscal year is January – December. A request was made to non-lapse \$8,421 from 2006 into 2007 to pay the costs of Medicare Part D services.

Motion Melvin Ewert; second David Radermacher to approve non-lapsing accounts for 2006. Motion Carried.

#### ADRC REPORT

The Aging and Disability Resource Center concept will be presented in a joint meeting of the Health and Aging Committee, CCSA Board, Social Services Board, and the Samaritan Committee on Monday, February 19, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. at the Samaritan Multipurpose room. Also, all County Board members are invited to attend. The presentation will cover what is involved with an ADRC and Long Term Care reform and why it is needed in Washington County.

The age group of adults ages 18 - 59 who have disabilities needs to be addressed. The ADRC would provide a Disability Benefit Specialist for this age group.

The ADRC would cover services in the areas of Wellness, Disease Prevention and Long Term Care options. This involves helping people help themselves.

Also, Washington County has a growing older population. The ADRC would pull the resources of OOA, DSS and CCSA together to better serve the public.

A functional chart, which illustrated the many services offered by an ADRC, was distributed for discussion.

#### Services would include:

- Benefits Counseling/Advocacy for the general public,
- APS/Short Term Care Coordination/Emergency Response for at risk adults over age 18.
- Information & Assistance for all persons.
- Functional Screen/Access to Long Term Care Services. Anyone can request a screening. Financial and functional eligibility required for some services.
- Long Term Care Options Counseling for general public and caregivers.
- Veterans Services Outreach for veterans.
- Financial Options Counseling/ESS Access for adults who are financially eligible for food stamps, energy assistance, Title 19 and other publically funded benefits
- Transitional Services for developmentally disabled adults transitioning from school programs to county programs
- Prevention and Early Intervention Services for adults with health issues, chronic diseases and older adults
- Marketing, Outreach, and Public Education for the general public.
- Community Needs Assessment to identify gaps in services for the community.
- Reporting/Data Information Systems which includes administrative reporting using SAMS and BEACON statewide systems and maintaining the ADRC website.

The Community Options Program was discussed. There is often a waiting list for COP funding and clients can be counseled on what they can do while they are waiting and what other funding is available. If and when Family Care would go into effect it would replace COP. Family Care would go state wide and would help keep people out of a nursing home. People could go to assisted living, stay in their own home or go to a child's home.

The Committee inquired about the additional cost of an ADRC. Jenny explained that state funding would be applied for. For 2007, whatever funding is available through the departments separately will be used. Then next year, county funding will be applied for to cover additional costs i.e. additional staff hired.

The Committee discussed office space needed. Room 1000-A of the Public Agency Center would be used initially. The cost for remodeling Room 1000-A would be \$8,300. Other ideas are being discussed when that is outgrown. The plan is to keep the ADRC on campus.

The Committee recommended inquiring with other counties having an ADRC about cost issues. The Committee is in favor of the ADRC, but concerned about funding elements. The funding through the state is based on population. There is a limited total amount of funding through the state for an ADRC, so the County may want to apply while it is still available.

A timeline was discussed. A resolution could go to the individual committees in March and to the full board in April. As soon as the resolution is in place, the implementation plan would begin. Then the state would be contacted for a Request for Proposal to

operate fully. Linda Olson has been in contact with the state of Wisconsin offices in Madison.

The ADRC will borrow a Disability Benefit Specialist from CCSA to get through until one can be hired.

# **DESIGNATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Health and Aging Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 immediately following the Board of Health meeting at approximately 10:00 a.m. in Room 1000 A of the Public Agency Center, 333 E. Washington Street, West Bend, WI 53095.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion David Radermacher; second Melvin Ewert to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.