

**MINUTES
HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2006**

THOSE PRESENT: Linda Olson, David Radermacher, Charlene Brady, Melvin Ewert, Mark Baldwin

CALL TO ORDER

The Health and Aging Committee was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairperson Charlene Brady.

NOTICE OF POSTING

Notice of Posting was given by Mrs. Brady.

APPROVAL OF JULY 19, 2006 MINUTES

Motion David Radermacher; second Melvin Ewert to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2006 meeting. Motion Carried.

2007 BUDGET REVIEW – VETERANS SERVICE

Mark Baldwin presented the 2007 budget for Veterans Service.

The Veterans Service requested budget factors in health insurance cost as a primary increase. The Administrative Secretary has resigned. She did not use her health insurance. A new applicant may need to use this benefit and that needed to be added to the budget plan. The amount requested for health insurance is \$19,678.

A second decision item is flags and markers at \$4,500.00. A third decision item is office supplies at \$350.00. A fourth decision item is monument repair at \$200.00 dealing with unmarked veterans graves.

The requested 2007 level is \$156,639. The current budget for 2006 is sufficient. There is enough included in this year's budget to hire a new employee for the Administrative Secretary position.

Motion David Radermacher; second Melvin Ewert to approve the requested budget for Veterans Service to be forwarded to Administration. Motion Carried.

2007 BUDGET REVIEW – OFFICE ON AGING

Linda Olson presented the 2007 budget for Office on Aging.

The requested budget is \$16,294 over the base allocation for 2007. These requests allow for increased costs for meal delivery and food costs have increased the cost per meals by 3% for 2007. If this decision item is not funded, 4,300 less meals will be served in 2007. Also, if this is not funded a waiting list will be established immediately and no new requests for meals will be accepted.

A second decision item request allows for an Aging and Disability Center (ADRC). The budget includes Program Expenses, Revenues State/Federal Aid, Donations for meals and other donations.

In summary, the 2007 Office on Aging Budget includes:

- The Requested County Levy is \$421,444. This budget is requested at \$16,294 over the base allocations for 2007.
- Increased costs for meal delivery and food costs have increased the cost per meals by 3% for 2007.
- Phases out federal funding for Adult Day Care Services and Senior Aide Services so that it can be reallocated to Information and Assistance by the end of 2007.
- The requested budget does not allow for any increase in services for caregiver support programs.
- This budget prioritizes wellness and prevention services by providing Chronic Disease Management projects and by continuing the Steps to Healthy Aging program.
- The costs for the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) reflect the basic requirements for an ADRC to be established in Washington County with collaboration, cooperation and support from the Department of Social Services.
- Allows for the Office on Aging to continue to meet the needs of the public with regard to the Medicare Part D benefits.
- Continues county funding for the Hartford Senior Center at \$6,000/year.
- Requests 2 new full time positions: A Registered Nurse and a Disability Benefit Specialist for the Aging and Disability Resource Center.
- Requests funds for remodeling Room 1000A to accommodate an Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Motion David Radermacher; second Melvin Ewert to approve the requested budget for Office on Aging to be forwarded to Administration. Motion Carried.

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

A proposed goal for 2007 is to develop and operate an Aging and Disability Resource Center to respond to changing Long Term Care benefits. In 2006, the State of Wisconsin set a course for changing the way long term care services are provided. Washington County has been involved in multi-county planning consortia for the long term care benefits of the future.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is the entry point for persons into the managed long term care benefits. The Washington County Department of Social Services, Office on Aging and Comprehensive Community Services have been working together to develop a working plan for an ADRC.

The Committee discussed the basic requirements of an ADRC, space planning, and staffing needs. The funding issue is unknown at this time. It is understood by all departments involved that without state support and funding this project will not be able to move forward.

Secretary Helene Nelson of the Department of Health and Family Services has indicated that the reformed long term benefits will be available in all counties by 2011. The Washington County plan is workable, locally defined, and depends on DSS, CCSA and Aging working together. It is believed that this plan will work for the residents of

Washington County, set up a system that will be able to address then needs of a growing population, and streamline access to information and services for the public.

Linda discussed an organizational flow chart which illustrates how an ADRC could become a part of Office on Aging. The flow chart shows staff needs. Supervisory time from Jenny Kertscher, Social Service Supervisor would be needed. Two Social Workers from DSS along with Kathy Beimborn, OOA Aging Services Worker would work on a rotating schedule to answer phones and take people coming into the ADRC.

Economic support will be purchased from DSS. One of their staff will be at the resource center once a week.

A Disability Benefit Specialist will be added to staff. The ADRC would provide Nutritional and Health and Wellness services. To provide these services a Registered Nurse will be added to the staff. A nurse could assist in elder abuse cases to get a medical view of a case. Time would be purchased with an account clerk to do the reporting needed.

Linda provided to the Committee the cost of remodeling and a floor plan of additional space needed for the ADRC, outlay for office furniture, computers, phones, start up costs, costs of additional positions and rent.

The total expenses for the ADRC would be \$82,395. The state of Wisconsin should fund the resource center. If the state does not approve this, we would not go forward with the ADRC. The County staff levy would not be used unless the Committee would approve that. This is a budget decision item.

Motion David Radermacher; second Melvin Ewert to approve an Aging and Disability Resource Center. Motion Carried.

Linda discussed Senior Identification cards. Motion Melvin Ewert; second David Radermacher to approve OOA provision of Senior Citizen Senior Identification Cards with a \$5.00 charge per card. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Health and Aging Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 immediately following the Board of Health meeting for lunch at the Germantown Senior Dining Meal Site.

Charlene Brady gave a report from the SEWAAA Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion David Radermacher; second Melvin Ewert to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

