

**MINUTES  
NUTRITION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2007  
PUBLIC AGENCY CENTER, ROOM 1113 A**

**THOSE PRESENT:** Kristen Hosking, Linda Olson, Mary Secor, Carol Bennett, Sue Hafert, Evelyn Thiemer, Shirley Larisch, Ruth Miskinis, Marge Dailey-Salberg, Rudolph Tonz, Cathy McCaffrey, Emily Ryan

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Chairperson Carol Bennett.

**NOTICE OF POSTING**

Notice of posting was given by Chairperson Bennett.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 26, 2006 MINUTES**

Motion Shirley Larisch; second Evelyn Thiemer to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2006 meeting of the Nutrition Advisory Council. Motion Carried.

**ADVOCACY UPDATE**

Kristen introduced the "Get on the A-Train" campaign from SEWAAA. The Councils agreed to invite Pat Pollworth to a future meeting to further discuss the advocacy campaign.

Advocacy issues would include increasing OOA funding. Kristen discussed the latest advocacy issue of increasing the Older American's Act funding for 2008.

**SENIOR FARMERS MARKET**

Senior Farmers Market vouchers, worth \$30 each, will be available to 60 participants in 2007. Eligibility requirements include for a one person household annual income of \$18,889 and a two person household annual income of \$25,237. Also, the participant must be 60 years or older.

Farmers markets in Menomonee Falls, West Bend, Kewaskum and Hartford are participating and will accept vouchers. The dates the vouchers will be distributed will be advertised at senior centers and Senior Dining meal sites. Distribution dates will likely be in June.

**AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE**

Linda explained that the Office on Aging will be converting over to an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). This will change the composition of OOA and will add to the services available to Washington County residents.

On April 17, 2007, the County Board approved the ADRC and adding two Information and Assistance positions to the current staff. Funding will be applied for to assist in adding a Registered Nurse and a Disability Benefit Specialist. Linda distributed a diagram, explained the mission statement and who is served by the ADRC.

The staff who will be answering the phones will be certified Information and Assistance Specialists. Shirley Larisch asked why the change was needed. Linda Olson explained federal and state initiatives. There is an increased need for services with a decrease in funding. The ADRC will be a better use of private resources. The state can help access more federal matching funding. It reduces the cost of care.

Remodeling of office space will begin in May. The target start date is July 1<sup>st</sup>. The ADRC will have a toll free number – 1-866-306-3030.

Linda also reviewed the OOA 2006 annual report. Washington County had a 32.9% increase in the senior population. Cheryl Gray, Benefit Specialist services, provided a monetary impact of \$1 million brought back for residents in Washington County.

### **SENIOR DINING MEAL SITES**

The Home Delivered Meal needs continue to increase.

Emily Ryan asked about SeniorCare. Linda explained that SeniorCare has been extended until the end of 2007. Some of the OOA personnel met with Pat Strachota. Right now anyone on SeniorCare is being asked to hold tight and keep using SeniorCare. They will receive written notification from the state of Wisconsin when SeniorCare is going to end.

Health and Wellness programming will be focused on in the future. A gentle yoga class has started in Germantown.

The Council discussed adding new members, as some of the current terms are expiring.

### **DESIGNATION OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Nutrition Advisory Council will be held on Thursday, June 28, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 1113 A of the Public Agency Center

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Rudy Tonz; second Emily Ryan to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.