

**MINUTES
NUTRITION ADVISORY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2008
PUBLIC AGENCY CENTER, ROOM 3005**

THOSE PRESENT: Rudy Tonz, Phyllis Laabs-Darkow, Carol Bennett, Marge Dailey-Salberg, Catherine McCaffrey, Emily Ryan, Kristen Hosking, Mary Beth Emmer - Student Dietitian ADRC, Jen Fechter – ADRC Elderly Benefit Specialist, Janel Wessel – ADRC Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by Rudy Tonz.

NOTICE OF POSTING

Notice of posting was given by Rudy Tonz.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Rudy Tonz was nominated by Marge Dailey-Salberg to be the 2008 Nutrition Advisory Council Chairman. Rudy accepted the nomination. Rudy was elected as Chairman by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 25, 2007 MINUTES

Motion Catherine McCaffrey; second Carol Bennett to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2007 meeting. Motion Carried.

FAMILY CARE UPDAE

Jen Fechter was introduced as the new Elderly Benefit Specialist for Washington County. The Council members introduced themselves and what part of Washington County they represent.

Janel Wessel, ADRC Supervisor, explained that Washington County no longer has the Community Options waiver program (COP), as Family Care started here in April of this year. The entire goal is to help residents access services in a timely manner and help dissolve any waiting lists.

Janel also informed the Council that the ADRC of Washington County continues to grow, and by the year 2010, every county in the state of Wisconsin will have an ADRC and Family Care. She reminded the Council members that the ADRC serves anyone aged 60 and above and those adults 18 and older with a physical, developmental or mental health disability, and the goal is to keep residents in their homes as long as possible.

ADVOCACY

Kristen Hosking presented two new advocacy issues related to seniors. The first issue relates to low-income seniors. The National Council on Aging is urging everyone to contact their senators and encourage them to support improving Medicare assistance for seniors in greatest need.

Kristen provided the Council with a copy of a letter sent to all Senators from 42 national organizations representing seniors and people with disabilities. A website address containing a drafted “letter to the Senator” was also provided.

The second issue relates to advocates seeking a 9% increase in funding for all Older American Act programs for 2009. The Southeastern Wisconsin Area Agency on Aging has trained volunteer advocates that are willing to come to the meal sites / senior centers and explain why Older Americans Act funding is so important. The volunteer advocates would also come with all needed supplies to help seniors write letters to their federal legislators.

SENIOR FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM

Kristen explained that the Senior Farmers Market program is back and vouchers will be distributed in June and July. To qualify for the program, participants need to be age 60 or over and be at or below 185% of the federal poverty guidelines (household size of one, monthly income at or below \$1,604). If people qualify, they will receive \$25 worth of coupons to use at the Farmers Markets to purchase Wisconsin grown fruits and vegetables. Washington County will be able to serve 192 households with this program.

DESIGNATION OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Nutrition Advisory Council will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2008, Thursday, August 28, 2008 and Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 1023 of the Public Agency Center, 333 E. Washington Street, West Bend, WI 53095.

ADJOURNMENT

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