

Forest County Commission on Aging

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2019

1:15 p.m.

County Board Room, Courthouse, Crandon, WI

Members Present: Larry Berg, Tammy Queen, Bob Shepherd, Vicki Lemerande, Jeannie Weyers, Richard Ackley, and Tom Tallier

Absent: Excused: Mary Meier, Cliff Haskins, & Arlet Steel

1. **Call to order:** Regular meeting to order at 1:15 pm by Berg.
2. **Roll Call:** Roll call taken and quorum met.
3. **Introductions:** Lance Laabs is introduced as possible COA Board member from Pickerel area. Janet Weber and Terese Poe from ADRC.
4. **Approve Agenda:** Berg makes correction to agenda to remove from Nutrition Program Updates, Item A: Discuss and possibly approve using 2018 carryover program income to purchase vehicle for HDM delivery. *Motion to approve amended agenda by Weyers, second by Lemerande, all in favor, motion carried.*
5. **Approve February 15th, 2019 Meeting Minutes:** *Motion made by Weyers, second by Shepherd, all in favor, motion carried.*
6. **Elderly Benefit Specialist Report:** Kathy with excused.
7. **Terese Poe (ADRC) to discuss possible Senior Center Idea:** Terese Poe is present to discuss current status of the ADRC and potential new directions they will need to go in light of Taylor County considering the possibility of becoming their own ADRC. The discussion today was a proposal to integrate with the Aging Unit. Their presentation indicated that the State will continue carry over funds for only those ADRC and Aging Units that integrate. After discussion, it was suggested to form an Ad Hoc Committee to do a feasibility study.
8. **Budget Updates:** Queen along with all Aging Directors were told by GWAAR that we will no longer be able to carry over funds from one year to another for Nutrition Program. We have until the end of September to spend any carry over fund from 2018. Queen discusses the option to do a restaurant model at a local restaurant in Laona. In this

model, participants' would be able to dine at a restaurant. Queen working with a local restaurant to see if it possible.

9. **Discuss/possible action on Provider Reimbursement rate:** Discussion related to reimbursement for service providers (Respite Care, Transportation, Snowplowing and Lawn Care). Current rates are \$9.00-\$10.00/hour and new rate proposed would be \$12.00/hr. This is still below average rate of \$15.00 in other counties. *Motion by Shepherd to approve updated Provider Reimbursement rates, second by Lemerande, all in favor motion carried.*
10. **Discuss/Approve Contract with Town of Caswell for Armstrong Creek Meal site:** After discussion, Armstrong Creek Meal site's sagging roof is not safe for dining site to use. Caswell offered their town hall (Cavour) for the Armstrong Creek meal site to use until repairs are completed at the Armstrong Creek Community Building. *Motion by Weyers to approve contract as provided, second by Lemerande, all in favor, motion carried.*
11. **Discuss/Approve possible advertising ideas for the Nutrition and Transportation Programs:** Queen will see about using magnetic signs by KC Pros to place on buses to advertise the Transportation Program. The magnetic signs may also be transferred to any new vehicles purchased for advertising purposes as well. The objective will be to get more community awareness of the bus routes. Queen will also talk to The Forest Republican to see about changing the nutrition and transportation schedules so they are more visible. Queen seeks to obtain a 53.10 grant in the next year. The current small bus is having issues with air conditioning etc. that are starting to be recurring expensive repairs.
12. **Nutrition Program Updates:**
 - A. **Discuss and possibly approve using 2018 carryover program income –Amended item:** Discussion on tentatively using the Restaurant Model at JARS Restaurant in Laona on Fridays. The details need to be worked out yet with the owner as to cost/ meal options. *Motion by Shepherd for Queen to pursue the restaurant model with Jars and Grill to see if it an option. Seconded by Berg, all in favor, motion carried.*
 - B. **Discuss 2018 Nutrition Satisfaction Survey results:**

Survey results were reviewed and positive from meal site participants'.
 - C. **Discussion and approval on temporarily moving Laona Meal Site from Laona Senior Center to Laona Community Building during Senior Center repairs:**

Queen reports that she met with the Laona Town Board on April 9 and after discussion the Town Board would like to permanently move the Laona meal site to the Laona Community Center from the Senior Center. Queen stated the move is

contingent on the town putting in a parking lot and doing some renovations before the site could be moved. No action taken.

13. **Directors Report:** Queen reports there will be a Living with Chronic Conditions Class starting 4/30/19. Also there will be 3 Strong Bones Classes starting the week of May 6, 2019. Queen goes through the Transportation Financial Report for the DOT and the cost tool for both Route and Medical Escort. Queen handed out Alife to Life registration forms to the committee for anyone is who is interested in attending the event on May 1st. May 18th the Health Department will be having a Wellness Parade in Crandon to promote positive activities in the county. The busses from Aging Department will be in parade. This will promote healthy lifestyles.

14. **Public Comment:** Chairman Tallier comments that the possibility of integrating the Aging and ADRC Units should have a goal of taking care of the elderly in our communities. He reports the Rules and Regulations Committee are looking at the Aging Unit at this point. Dorothy Kegley suggests using family members when possible as caregivers.

15. **Other applicable matters, if any, as allowed by law:** None brought forward.

16. **Adjourn:** *Motion by Shepherd to adjourn, seconded by Lemerande, all in favor, motion carried. Adjourned at 2:35 pm.*

Submitted by Vicki Lemerande, Secretary/Tammy Queen, Director