

Committee on Aging Minutes
Date: August 24, 2016
Location: Room 305 Courthouse, Neillsville

*unapproved minutes subject
to approval at next meeting*

Call to Order: The Committee on Aging meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. August 24, 2016, by Chairperson Doris Bakker. Members present Doris Bakker, Gordon Haselow, Frieda Rollins, Bill Neville, and Sharon Rogers. Also present Wayne Hendrickson, Marlene Haselow, and Mary Sladich.

Agenda: No additions.

Minutes: There was a motion by Gordon Haselow, second by Frieda Rollins to approve the July 27, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.

Harold Dillenbeck joined the meeting at 1:15 a.m.

Owen Senior center and air conditioner: The air conditioner went out and the furnace is over 30 years old and in poor condition. Withee Oil Company gave two price estimates to the Senior Center. The high efficiency (95%) models will cost \$5,890 for both units installed (\$2,795 for the furnace and \$3,095 for the air conditioner). Terry, Withee Oil stated that with the high efficiency units, the furnace room will need to be insulated to keep the furnace from freezing. Don Hansen a local contractor was contacted to work on the furnace room, replace several panels in the dining room ceiling and replace three outside doors. The cost for these repairs is \$2,364. The county holds title to the senior center. The Committee on Aging supports the Owen Senior Center plan to replace the furnace and air conditioner (central air). This will run the Senior Center's fund balance down to \$1,700 which may make it difficult for them to cover their utility costs.

Jake Brunette, Corporation Counsel, join the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Discussion was held on the listing of "Expectations Buffalo and Pepin Counties" that Clark County received back after meeting with the county administrators in their effort to reach out to Buffalo and Pepin counties to see if the issues could be resolved and the current ADRC be saved. Jake will review the Intergovernmental Agreement that was entered into January 1, 2009, County Board resolution 14-6-07-West Central Consortium County Board Resolution relating to Managed Care Organization and Aging and Disability Resource Center, as well as the response received from Buffalo and Pepin County regarding Aging and ADRC expectations.

Buffalo and Pepin County identified several item/issue to maintain the current three county partnership. Many of the items were acceptable. However, concerns were identified with the following statement in Buffalo and Pepin Aging and ADRC Integration needs (background/definition column):

"Integration of the Adult Services into the regional model: Given

the importance of continued high levels of collaboration between Adult Service staff and ADRC staff (Adult Services include Adult Protection Services, WATTS Reviews, Public Guardianships and Protective Placement) it is a priority that we have an integrated model”.

According to the expectations received,

“Three months after start up (negotiable dates), Clark County will have a plan that is agreed upon the three counties for integration of Adult Protection Services, Transportation Services, and the regional ADRC. Nine months after start up, Clark County will demonstrate full implementation of the agreed upon APS, Transportation, and ADRC Plan”.

Concern was raised about “conflict of interest” regarding Adult Protective Services in the ADRC. In Clark County, there is an excellent working relationship with the ADRC/Aging unit with the Department of Social Services for both Adult Protective Services and Transportation.

Clark County cannot meet these expectations due to our organizational structure. Clark County should not have to change their organizational structure (independent departments) to meet the expectations of Buffalo and Pepin Counties (Human Service model)

The committee sought legal advice on Clark’s role since Buffalo and Pepin Counties have withdrawn from the Intergovernmental Agreement effective December 31st.

After reviewing the “Expectations” for Clark County from Pepin and Buffalo Counties, the committee realized that the expectations continue to remain the same. Therefore Clark County needs to move ahead. There was a motion by Sharon Rogers, second by Gordon Haselow to present a resolution to County Board on September 21st to apply for as an Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant with the intent to meet state expectations of regionalization as plans develop with another county (or counties). Roll call vote: Gordon Haselow-yes, Frieda Rollins-yes, Bill Neville-yes, Sharon Rogers-yes, and Doris Bakker-yes. Motion carried.

Mary discussed preliminary conversations with two separate counties. In one county, some ADRC/County Board members recommended starting discussions with Clark County. The Aging and ADRC staff in the two counties has an ongoing working relationship and have talked about options in the past. With continued interest, Clark County will meet this county to begin discussions. Another county has talked about potentially changing their current partners within a year. We will be available if that opportunity or any other arises.

Doris gave an update on changes happening with the managed care groups and merger of several managed care entities.

Jake Brunette left the meeting 11:35 a.m.

A rough draft design was presented by Harold Dillenbeck, County Maintenance Department Head regarding physically connecting the ADRC and Aging Units. A rough estimate of \$17,000 was given to open the cement block walls between the current Aging Office and Zoning Office and building 4 private offices with permanent walls (walls to go above false ceiling to ensure confidentiality). There is an excellent separate room that will serve as the reception area and waiting room for the integrated department. A second estimate is being sought to expand the Aging office space to create a conference room to be used by all. A third estimate will be needed to furnish the ADRC office space. \$1,500 will be built into the project to cover electrical and computer hook up costs. As soon as the conference room design is complete the Center for Independent Living will come in to do the ADA compliance assessment. Harold will bring back additional data to our September 1st meeting.

All cost estimated are due September 15th to Buffalo County as the fiscal agent for the ADRC of Buffalo, Clark, and Pepin Counties. Harold left the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Barb Freagon and Tara Halopka, I&A Specialists- Clark Office joined the group at 12:20 p.m. They shared their working relationship with the counties in discussion.

Plan development and staffing of the ADRC was discussed. Options will be presented at the September 1st Committee on Budget meeting.

Plan development and timelines were discussed by all. Barb and Tara will help with the development of the ADRC plan. The letter of intent is due September 1st with the full plan due to the state 90 days before implementation. With Buffalo and Pepin Counties withdrawing from the current partnership we need to move ahead and submit our plan by October 1st in order to maintain our current ADRC services.

The regular monthly committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 1st at 9:30 a.m. The proposed 2017 budgets for Aging, Nutrition, Prevention, National Family Caregiver, Alzheimer's, ADRC, and county levy will be presented and discussed.

There was a motion by Bill Neville, second by Gordon Haselow to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Motion carried.

**Minutes recorded: _____ Sharon Rogers, Secretary
Minutes approved: _____ Doris Bakker, Chairperson**