

**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
AGING AND DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Aging and Disability Resource Center
650 Forest Ave., Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085
Conference Room 105

September 11, 2018 **Called to Order: 10:00 a.m.** **Adjournment: 11:15 a.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gerald DuMonthier, Mary Nowacki, Carol Zoran, Brian Hoffmann, Vicky Schneider, James Gilligan, Gary Hesselink, Terese Gessler, Derek Muench, and James Baumgart

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Williams

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Kay Vincent-Samet, Joe Bugarino, Marie Seger, Dale Deterding and Heidi Jensema

Gerald DuMonthier called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

The Health and Human Services Department received an email from the County Clerk's office noting that the agenda for the September 11, 2018 meeting was posted on August 31, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 8, 2018

James Gilligan motioned and Brian Hoffmann seconded for the approval of the minutes from the May 8, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

None

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Ms. Seger introduced Mary Kay Vincent-Samet. The approval of Ms. Samet's committee membership was approved at a County Board meeting. Ms. Seger also introduced Joe Bugarino who expressed interest in joining the committee. Ms. Seger will send a bio template for him to complete and to be voted on by the County Board.

EXPIRED TERMS FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Seger also noted that Terese Gessler and Mary Nowacki's terms have expired in July 2018. Ms. Gessler and Ms. Nowacki are interested in renewing their terms. Mr. Deterding will call the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) and find out if they have served six consecutive years. If they have they will have to step down. Mr. Deterding will update the committee at the next meeting.

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER - UPDATES

Options Counseling Study

The main objective of the options counseling study is to make sure the ADRC staff is providing unbiased information.

Memory Screens

Ms. Seger provided each member with a copy of the 2018 Memory Screening schedule. The screen takes approximately ten minutes and is completely confidential. Screening is administered by the Aging and Disability Resource Center staff.

Falls Prevention Screenings

Ms. Seger gave each member a copy of the 2018 Falls Screening schedule and a copy of the pamphlet Stay Independent – Learn more about fall prevention. The falls screening takes approximately fifteen minutes. September is Falls Prevention month. One in four people sixty-five and older fall each year. Sheboygan County has a very high number of deaths related to falls. Sheboygan County is trying to reduce the number of falls, hospitalizations and deaths by providing these screens.

Introduction of New Staff Member

Ms. Seger introduced Heidi Jensema. Ms. Jensema is working 20 hours per week in Adult Protective Services and the other 20 hours as a Benefit Specialist. Please welcome Heidi in her new position at the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Supportive Decision Making

Ms. Seger provided the committee members a hand-out that explains what supported decision making is. This bill was passed in early spring in Wisconsin. With the Supported Decision-Making, the supporter may give advice, but the person makes the final decision. With Supported Decision Making, older adults and people with disabilities remain fully in charge of their decisions. A Supported Decision-Making Agreement needs to be completed. The agreement must be signed by two witnesses who are at least 18 years of age or by a notary public. The Aging and Disability staff will be attending a training session on September 25th to obtain more information.

AGING UNIT UPDATES

Expanded Transportation Program

In mid-December Mr. Deterding was awarded the grant for two accessible vans for the southern and northern parts of Sheboygan County to use to transport individuals for medical and non-medical situations. Delivery of the vans should be in early to late fall. New riders will be required to have a home visit and a mobility assessment to determine their ability to transfer in and out of vehicles. Training will be provided for the volunteer drivers and the vans only require a regular driver's license.

2019-2021 Aging Plan Development

Mr. Deterding provided the members with a hand-out. Mr. Deterding went over the main objectives and goals of the 2019-2021 Aging Plan with the committee members. James Gilligan motioned and Carol Zoran seconded the approval of the 2019-2021 Aging Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Other

Carol Zoran suggested more presentations should be held at the meal sites encouraging the participants to use medical equipment. Her suggestion was to have presentations that show the advantages of using medical equipment. Such as alternate uses of wheeled walkers, you always have a seat no matter where you go.

Terese Gessler mentioned the There Is Hope Walk had over five hundred participants. Very good turnout.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEM
None.

ADJOURNMENT

James Gilligan moved and Brain Hoffmann seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.
Motion carried.

Patti Schmitt – Recording Secretary