



Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.

GWAAR BOARD MEETING

Stevens Point, Wisconsin | October 11, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Members present were Lane Delaney; Beth Essert; Dave Ostness; Robert Borremans; Erv Teichmiller; Va Thao

Members Excused: Miki Bix; Wes Martin

Others Present: Bob Kellerman, Executive Director; Patrick Metz, Fiscal Manager; Ingrid Kundinger, Senior Medicare Patrol Project Manager; Janet Zander, Advocacy & Public Policy Coordinator; Rosanna Mazzara, Office Coordinator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Lane Delaney, Chairperson.

Review and Approval of Agenda:

There will be some slight adjustments to the agenda:

- Addition of 403(b) Amendment under Finance Committee

Motion by Robert Borremans, seconded by Dave Ostness to approve agenda with noted adjustments. Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of the August 9, 2019, Draft Minutes:

Motion by Robert Borremans, seconded by Va Thao, to approve the August 9, 2019 draft minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Comment: NONE

Report from the Chair:

- Herschel Ryales resigned from the GWAAR Board due to health reasons
- Beth Essert, GWAAR Board Member, will be appointed as Advisory Council Liaison.

Motion by Dave Ostness, seconded by Robert Borremans to approve appointment. Motion unanimously carried.

GWAAR Updates

Executive Director's Report:

- **Elder Abuse Hotline:** The WI Department of Justice has been awarded a \$1 million, three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to develop an elder abuse hotline in Wisconsin. Through the relationships established with the DOJ by Jane Mullins of the GWAAR staff, we have been included in the grant to operate and staff the hotline.
- **Fiscal Training for County and Tribal Staff:** In partnership with ADPAW, GWAAR will be hosting three, four-hour trainings on our new Financial Claim form for aging unit staff. They will be in: Madison on 10/18; Barron on 10/23; Green Bay 10/30.

- **Wisconsin Counties Association Annual Conference:** GWAAR was given a complimentary booth at the conference and both Janet Zander and Bob Kellerman attended. They met many supervisors from our planning and service area and learned that GWAAR has excellent brand recognition among the supervisors who are involved with aging services in their respective counties. GWAAR will return next year.
- **Housing and Zoning Code webinar:** “Update the Zoning Code to fill the ‘Missing Middle’ of Housing.” Through the efforts of Carrie Diamond, GWAAR staff, we have secured access to this webinar which is around affordable housing. It will take place on Oct. 29, 2019 at the Portage County ADRC.
- **N4a Regional Meeting:** A few GWAAR staff will be attending the n4a annual region V meeting in Chicago later this month.
- **ACE Meeting in Weston next Tuesday:** Key speaker will present on the mental health and aging.

Motion by Erv Teichmiller, seconded by Dave Ostness to receive and place on file Executive Director's report.

Senior Medicare Patrol Update:

Ingrid Kundinger distributed packets of SMP materials, gave an overview of the SMP Program, and discussed state and national Medicare fraud trends.

- **The SMP Mission:** is to empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent detect, and report health care fraud, errors and abuse through outreach, counseling, and education.

- **The SMP Team consists of:**

Kate Schilling, Elder Law & Advocacy Center Director

Ingrid Kundinger, Project Manager

Molly Kelly, Volunteer Coordinator

SMP Volunteers:

Lane Delaney – Crawford County

Doug Wolak – Waukesha County

Barbara Schmidt – Marathon County

Wil Coon – Brown County

Volunteers reach out to into their local community through educational presentations on Medicare fraud and current trends at Health/Senior Fairs, and Wellness Expos.

To see how you can help spread and educate the SMP message, please contact:

- **Wisconsin SMP**

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources

Call Toll-free: 1-888-818-2611

To report suspected fraud/abuse

For training, speakers, and/or materials

To volunteer with the SMP program

www.GWAAR.org/SeniorMedicarePatrol

Advocacy Update:

Janet Zander distributed and discussed important legislation alerts. In order to keep vital legislation moving forward, it's important those in the aging network contact your state Senator and state Representative. Legislative topics discussed were:

- The Wisconsin CARE Act (Caregiver Advise, Record, Enable)
- AB 76/SB 103 – Hours of instructional program for nurse aides.
- Credit for Caring Act – Creating a nonrefundable income tax credit for certain expenses incurred by a family caregiver to assist a qualified family member.

Also distributed and discussed was an n4a informational flyer that documented in detail the FY 2020 Labor -HHS Budget and Appropriations as of Sept. 18, 2019.

Finance Committee:

- **Financial Report**

Patrick Metz discussed and gave a brief presentation of GWAAR's financial status and cash flow.

Motion by Erv Teichmiller, seconded by Robert Borremans to place financial report on file. Motion unanimously carried.,

- **Response to the State Unit on Aging 8/1/19**

Motion by Erv, seconded by Va Thao to approve Patrick Metz's response to State Unit's mini audit findings. Motion unanimously carried.

- **403 (b) Loan Amendment**

Motion by Robert Borremans, second by Dave Ostness to approve addition of 403 (b) Loan Amendment policy statement which will allow employees to borrow against their account. Motion unanimously carried.

Next Meeting Date: December 6, 2019; Portage County ADRC

Adjournment

Rosanna Mazzara, Recorder