



Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.

GWAAR BOARD MEETING

Stevens Point, Wisconsin | December 6, 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; Wes Martin; Miki Bix; Erv Teichmiller

Members Excused: Va Thao

Others Present: Bob Kellerman, Executive Director; Patrick Metz, Fiscal Manager; Carrie Diamond, OAA Consultant; Neal Minogue, Older American's Act Program Supervisor; Rosanna Mazzara, Office Coordinator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Lane Delaney, Chairperson.

Review and Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Erv Teichmiller, seconded by Robert Borremans, to approve agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of the October 11, 2019, Draft Minutes:

Motion by Robert Borremans, seconded by Erv Teichmiller, to approve the October 11, 2019 draft minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Comment: NONE

Report from the Chair:

Lane Delaney is resigning as GWAAR Chairperson and this will be her last board meeting as she and her husband are moving to Alabama.

GWAAR Updates

Executive Director's Report:

- Bob reported that he attended the last WAAN (Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network) Meeting of 2019. The Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) is a collaborative group of individuals and associations working with and for Wisconsin's older adults to shape public policy that improves the quality of life of older people throughout the state. WAAN educates both supporters and opponents, mobilizes allies on priority issues, and advocates positions utilizing the shared experience, knowledge, and constituencies of member organizations. The advocacy group, which consists of some 20 people and is led by Janet Zander, GWAAR Advocacy & Public Policy Coordinator, discussed the progress made in 2019.

Bob was very pleased with the progress, successes and accomplishments of the group this year. WAAN, in partnership with AARP, is continuing to get recognized as influencer in legislation and public policy affecting older Americans.

Successes included:

- Expanding the number of Dementia Benefit Specialists by adding 8-9 more in the state.
- Important Alzheimer's legislation

- Legislation was defeated (Vetoed by the Governor) trying to reduce the number of CNA training hours, which would lead to less quality care.
- The Older Americans Act is in the mist of being reauthorized. The Senate flat funded it and negotiations are currently underway and seem to be focuses on the issue of cost sharing/means testing vs. donations
- There will be an n4a Board Meeting next week. Bob will receive updates and along with the developing priorities for 2020.
- Bob distributed a copy of the current Wisconsin Counties Magazine whose theme this month was around aging. “Helping Older Adults Help Themselves” The magazine is currently viewable online as well and it’s worth checking out the many aging topics/articles that are featured.
- WAAN is considering hosting an “Aging Summit” for 2020 and the theme will be advocacy. The hope is to help Aging Units develop advocacy committees/coalitions as Advocacy is a requirement of the Older Americans Act.
- A reminder that Aging Advocacy Day is Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

Service Enterprise Initiative:

Carrie Diamond provided an update on the Service Enterprise Initiative that was approved last June. SERVE WI alerted

GWAAR that the Volunteer Generations Grant from the Corporation for National and Community Services (CNCS) will be released Jan. 22. They are still willing to be the applicant to support implementation of the Service Enterprise Initiative. GWAAR would be a subrecipient. The final match amount GWAAR will need is not known at this point. The Board may have to convene via phone to approve the match amount.

BADR REPORT:

Neal reported:

- During the past few years, and especially 2019, the State Office on Aging has been working with AAAs and Aging units throughout the state to tie units of services reported in Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) to local, state and federal funding allocations. The Administration on Community Living at the federal level and the State Office on Aging has put more emphasis on this because the data we have reported to ACL has not been as accurate as it could be at the end of each year.

This effort is important for fiscal accountability and accuracy and is directly tied to our ability to continue to advocate for ongoing funding of all programs. We must be able to do more than just count the number of participants in programs. We must also be able to determine how much a unit of service reported in SAMS (such as a meal) costs because every program uses local, state and federal funds and the competition for these dollars is increasing.

- **Personnel Changes:**
 - Tom Balsley- New ORCD Director

- Phoebe Hefko- Moved from Program director of the Elderly Benefits Program to the Policy Program Supervisor for ORCD

- **The State Aging Advisory Council update:**

- Will be reviewing expected goals of the State Aging Plan in Feb 2020
- Ted Bunk and Esther Olsen (State Aging Advisory Council Chair) have been active members.

Finance Committee:

- Erv Teichmiller and Patrick Metz, GWAAR Fiscal Manager, discussed the 2019 and 2020 administrative and individual program budgets and fiscal reports.
- GWAAR will start using a new accounting software in 2020 which is designed specifically for non-profits and will provide improved and more detailed reporting options.
- A sample "2019 Audit Request for Proposal" letter to mail out to new vendors was distributed for approval by the board.

Motion by Miki Bix, seconded by Wes Martin, to approve the mailing of the Request for Proposals to various vendors. Motion unanimously carried.

- **Proposed Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (c) for the purpose of considering matters related to employment, promotion, compensation or performance data.**

Motion by Wes Martin, seconded by Miki Bix to go into proposed Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (c) for the purpose of considering matters related to employment, promotion, compensation or performance data. Motion unanimously carried. Non-Board Members present: Bob Kellerman, Executive Director; Patrick Metz, Fiscal Manager.

- ***Motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (c) for the purpose of considering matters related to employment promotion, compensation or performance data.***

Motion to adjourn Closed Session by Beth Esser, seconded by Miki Bix.

Adjourn Closed Session. No motions made.

- Approval of 2020 Agency Budget

Motion by Dave Ostness to approve budget as presented with said expense cap.

Roll Call Vote:

Rob Borremans; Yes

Erv Teichmiller; No

Beth Esser; Yes

Miki Bix; No

Wes Martin; Yes

Lane Delaney; Yes

4 to 2 in favor of passing budget.

Board Development Committee:

- Appointment of David Hoberg to the GWAAR Board for a three-year term.

Motion to appoint David Hoberg to the board for a three-year term by Wes Martin, seconded by Bob Borremans, to approve. Motion unanimously carried.

Advisory Council Report:

- Beth Esser reported that Jane Deau resigned from the Advisory Council.
- Advisory Council was updated on GWAAR's 3-year plan objectives by OAA Consultant, Jane Mahoney.

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: February 14, 2020; Portage County ADRC

Rosanna Mazzara, Recorder