



Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.

GWAAR ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Stevens Point, Wisconsin | February 28, 2020 | 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Rob Wilkinson, Marie Lewis, Beth Esser, Nancy Gagnon, Cynthia Welch, Jeff Anderson

Members Excused: Judith Atkinson, Kathy Gauger, Dave Lowe

Others Present: Bob Kellerman, Executive Director; Jayne Mullins, OAA Consultant – Elder Abuse Program Specialist; Jane Mahoney, OAA Consultant – Caregiver Specialist; Angie Sullivan, OAA Consultant – Health Promotions Program Coordinator, Debbie Bisswurm, Medicare Outreach Coordinator, Rosanna Mazzara, Operations Coordinator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Rob Wilkinson, Chairperson.

Review and Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Cynthia Welch, seconded by Nancy Gagnon, to approve the February 28, 2020 Agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of the November 8, 2019 Draft

Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Marie Lewis, seconded by Nancy Gagnon, to approve the November 8, 2019 draft minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Council Roles and Responsibility:

Bob Kellerman gave an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Council.

- To Advise: By reaching out into the community and giving both GWAAR and their board their thoughts on what the current needs are in the aging community.
- To Plan: It is the role of the Advisory Council to help GWAAR construct their 3-Year Plan as directed by the State of Wisconsin. The Advisory Council helps guide GWAAR on how to build quality into their programs, and to help ADRC's meet the needs of their aging community.
- To Advocate: To help GWAAR in their efforts to advocate for the aging community as directed in the Older Americans Act. This includes both individual advocacy and systems advocacy.

GWAAR Updates:

Directors Report:

- Bob Kellerman gave an overview of legislative efforts made in partnership with WAAN, in watching, educating, commenting, and advocating on legislation that affects the aging community. It's also the Advisory Council's responsibility to help be a part of advocacy efforts to help older Americans in Wisconsin.
- Advisory Council reference materials were explained in more detail.
- GWAAR is continuing its process improvement efforts with county/tribal fiscal and program reporting to ensure reports are

accurate for the State. These reports are used to make program funding decisions, making accuracy extremely important.

- Bob gave an overview of the partnership with Sustainable Kitchens. This partnership helps ADRCs convert their nutrition program from “catered” to in house kitchen cooking which ultimately allows for a vastly improved, healthy, home cooked meal product. This partnership also includes menus, recipes, culinary training and combined buying power for aging units. Walworth county is the next county to convert this year.

Area Plan Goals Update:

Jane Mahoney distributed and discussed GWAAR’s 2019-2021 3-Year Plan Goals and gave an overview of how the Advisory Council helps in the creation of these goals, and seeing them carried out. Jane explained how the 2019-2021 AAA Plan goals were turned into a working document so that goals could be easily monitored and updated when needed.

Gathering Outside Input for 2020:

Jane Mahony discussed how the Advisory Council will play a key role in gathering public input for GWAAR’s next AAA Plan that will be submitted to the State of Wisconsin. Advisory Council members will meet with aging unit directors and staff and interview them to find out how GWAAR can better support them, or how we can expand our current programs to better serve the aging population. Advisory Council members will be given a standardized list of questions to make it easier to gather and process information.

Aging Advocacy Day and Other Public Policy Updates:

Bob Kellerman announced Aging Advocacy Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12. Advisory Council Members are encouraged to volunteer and help with the event.

A Legislative Tracking Sheet was also distributed which outlined the many bills GWAAR is monitoring and what their current status is.

Health Promotion Programing:

Angie Sullivan gave a PowerPoint presentation and update on GWAAR's evidence-based health promotion program for Wisconsin aging units and ADRC's.

Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA):

Debbie Bissbwm, gave a PowerPoint presentation and overview on how GWAAR assists county and tribal aging units with Medicare Outreach and Assistance.

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: TBD

***Recorder:** Rosanna Mazzara, Operations Coordinator