



Our mission is to deliver innovative support to lead aging agencies as we work together to promote, protect, and enhance the well-being of older people in Wisconsin.

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 19, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Conference Call and
Aging and Disability Resource Center of Portage County

Attendees

Members Present: Kathy Gauger, Beth Esser, Bob Best, Dave Lowe, Doris Bakker, Denise Sweet

Members Not Present: Dave Denomie, Diane Cox, Mark Weisensel

Others Present: John Schnabl, Executive Director; Nick Musson, OAA Consultant- Transportation Specialist; Pam VanKampen, OAA Consultant- Nutrition - Senior Center Representative; Rosanna Mazzara, Operations Coordinator

Call to Order: 10:09 a.m.

Kathy Gauger, Vice-chair standing in for Dave Denomie

Review and Approval of July 19, 2024 Agenda

Motion by Dave Lowe, seconded by Robert Best, to approve July 19, 2024 agenda. Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Approval of February 16, 2024 Draft Meeting Minutes

Motion by Doris Bakker, seconded by Dave Lowe, to approve February 16, 2024 draft meeting minutes. Motion unanimously carried



Public Comment:

None

Comments from Chair

None

Director's Report

John Schnabl, Executive Director

- GWAAR has an opportunity to apply for a grant and work with the state on a state hotline phone number that would help the public connect with their local county ADRC. This 800 number would take calls, find out where the individual is from, and provide them with a warm transfer to the appropriate ADRC in the community that they live in.
- Our tribal partner organization that we contract with, Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council, has hired another staff person to help with tribal technical assistance along with Kassy Heard. His name is Nick Bunker. We look forward to working with him to continue to support our tribes in Wisconsin.
- Nick continues to do a great job with his technical assistance and training for the county and tribal aging units as they are in the process of creating their 3-year aging plans that will start in 2025. We did a large in-person training in Stevens Point a couple of months ago, in order to help them create and devise their new aging plan. Nick also continues to provide virtual training options and resource materials for them as well. He is also playing an integral part in creating GWAAR's 3-year plan as well, which will be turned into the state, along with AAA's of Dane and Milwaukee Counties.
- Lots of work has been put into the new Meal Prioritization Tool by Pam VanKampen, our OAA Consultant. This tool was devised to be used statewide anytime there is a waiting list for home delivered meals. The main reason for waiting lists is due to funding shortages. Pam is here at this meeting virtually, and will give you a presentation on the tool.
- Also, our Elder Abuse Hotline received a US Aging (our national association) Innovation in Leadership Award at the recent Tampa Conference. Joanna Reinstein, the hotline coordinator, and I flew in to accept the award. The Elder Abuse Hotline



is a statewide hotline where people can call if they either are experiencing or have a family member who may potentially be experiencing elder abuse. The hotline will provide a warm transfer to the proper resource in their community.

- The state is going to be applying for an extension for ARPA funds so that they can be spent beyond the September 30th deadline date that's currently in place.

Advocacy Update

Nick Musson, OAA Consultant- Transportation Specialist standing in for Janet Zander

- Please see Janet Zanders written advocacy report.

Meal Prioritization Project

Pam VanKampen, OAA Consultant-Nutrition- Senior Center Representative

- Pam VanKampen gave a presentation on how stagnant federal funding and an aging population on the rise, has made it necessary to create a meal prioritization tool (a form to be completed by meal deliverer) for counties or tribes that have a home delivered meals waiting lists. This tool was rolled out on July 1st after a three-month pilot in which 14 counties participated. She discussed how meal deliverers are trained to complete this more “person centered” form to ensure those that truly have a higher need get their meals. Pam would like to describe it as the “right meals and services for you” tool. It’s a data driven decision making tool using a points system to assessment questions. Point based weighted scoring is used, which correlate to score level tiers such as high, moderate and low nutrition service need. Results from the county staff survey were very good - 92 % ease of use.
- Please see Pam’s PowerPoint for more details of the Meal Prioritization Tool.

GWAAR 2025-2027 Aging Plan Community Engagement

Nick Musson, OAA Consultant- Transportation Specialist

- Nick discussed and summarized the findings after analyzing the data of the community engagement portion of GWAAR’s 2025-2027 Aging Plan. It was a very high-level view, but he will forward the Advisory Council members the actual raw data for them to review. He thanked the Advisory Council for all the hard work



they put in by completing some 25 interviews, which was quite a bit more than the last planning cycle which was 17. Some 27 participated in the aging unit survey as well. Overall, Nick was very pleased with the results of gathered data which will help us create goals that will help the aging unit professions serve their communities better.

- GWAAR's draft aging plan will be reviewed by the advisory council members at the next meeting which is September 20th.
- GWAAR's draft aging plan will be presented to the board October 11th.
- The Advisory Council will approve final plan on November 15th.
- GWAAR board final approval is December 6th, with final draft to state before the end of the year.
- For more details of the analyzed data, please see Nick's PowerPoint presentation.

Member Sharing

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- Kathy Gauger mentioned that she'd love to hear more about the US Aging meeting John, Cookie and Mark attended in Washington D.C.

Adjournment: 11:59 a.m.

Next Meeting Date: *September 20, 2024*

Future 2024 Meeting Dates:

September 20, 2024

November 15, 2024

Recorder: *Rosanna Mazzara, Operations Coordinator*