

**Marquette County Aging Services
Advisory Committee Meeting**

**May 8, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.
Meeting held at the Marquette Senior Center**

MINUTES

1. Roll Call: Don Kristola, Lynn Emerick, and Edith Prosen were present
 Also present: Julie Shaw, Sue Vercoe, Jane Palmer, Lisa Balko and Brian Veale

 Joan Haara, Darlene Allen, Lynn Stahmann, and Angelo Bosio were absent

2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda: None

3. Old Business
 New Survey
 At the work session held in March, a discussion was held regarding whether or not a new senior survey should be done. The first survey was done in 2009 and the second one was completed in 2015. The previous survey data was analyzed by Mary Jane Tremethick. Mary Jane is now retired.
 Julie will check with her contacts to see if Mary Jane would be interested in analyzing new survey data or if perhaps it could be done as an NMU class project.
 Julie will send out a copy of the previous survey results to all committee members.

4. New Business
 - a. Presentation by the Marquette Senior Center:

 Jane Palmer offered a tour to anyone interested and handed out a packet of information. She explained that the senior center is part of the Community Services Division along with Parks & Recreation, Lakeview Arena, and Arts & Culture. As part of that division, many of their programs can be offered in those other areas. She reviewed staffing levels, their budget, and reporting information. She said reporting can be challenging and not all centers are reporting in the same manner and said unduplicated clients was an example.

 Julie Shaw said all centers are required to follow OSA guidelines, but agreed that they don't provide a lot in the way of definitions or how reports should be completed.

 Lisa Balko agreed. UPCAP staff would tell her how to report one year and the next year they would tell her it should be done differently.

 Julie is trying to get UPCAP to provide more specific direction regarding terms, definitions, and reporting.

 Edith Prosen commented that there was a lot of information and suggested that in the future it would be nice to have the information to review prior to the presentation.

Lisa Balko discussed the priority services provided. Homemaker Services and Financial Management are important services provided. They spend a lot of time on Case Coordination & Support and responding to requests for information and referrals.

b. Current List of all Members

The member list needs to be updated with current information. A copy of the list was distributed and it was requested that Julie be notified of any changes that need to be made.

c. Committee Meeting Dates for 2018

At the March work session, it was discussed that the committee should meet monthly with meetings regularly scheduled on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30. The regular meeting location will be at the Negaunee Service Center.

Julie will prepare a meeting schedule and distribute it to the committee and request that any agenda items be submitted to Julie no later than a week before the meeting date.

Don Kristola asked if a new series of provider visits should be scheduled to begin again this year or in 2019. Lynn Emerick commented that the committee had a number of goals they wished to work on this year so it might be better to postpone. Also, since so few members were present it might be a good idea to discuss at another meeting.

5. Review of Work Session

At the March work session, a number of issues were discussed including:

- Whether or not there is specific information that the committee would like to have reported by providers at their meetings.
- 2018 goals need to be set – one of the major areas of interest and concern is the transportation needs of seniors.
- 2018 millage renewal was discussed and whether the advisory committee would need to play a role in the upcoming renewal. No specific role was required in the two previous renewals other than responding to questions from the public if asked.
- Clarification of the role of the committee was discussed for new committee members
- Also discussed was the possibility to provide periodic updates to the county board

Also at the work session, Don Kristola was elected as Chairperson, Lynn Emerick as Vice Chair, and Darlene Allen as Secretary

6. Legislation Update by Lori Stephens-Brown

There was no update.

7. Public Comment: none

8. Service Provider Comment: Jane asked what the reason was for the visits to the centers. She said the reports could easily be presented at the regular meeting location.

Sue commented that the visits were started because members of the committee felt it important to get out into the communities served and meet with the various oversight board members and other provider staff. It was a good opportunity to hear about issues, etc. from their point of view.

Brian Veale said they have been getting a lot of new people both dropping into the center and a number of new and needy seniors requesting services. He said the biggest growth was from the surrounding townships. He summarized a number of things happening and being discussed at the community center.

9. Committee Comments: none
10. Adjournment at 12:10