

**Marquette County Aging Services
Advisory Committee Meeting**

June 12, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

Meeting held at the Marquette County Aging Services

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call - Present:** Steve Adamini, Darlene Allen (Secretary), Joan Haara, Don Kristola (Chair), Lynn Emerick, Edith Prosen, & Sue Vercoe

Absent: Angelo Bosio & Lynn Stahmann

Also present: Kristy Basolo-Malmsten, Susan Kittl, Julie Shaw, and Brian Veale

2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda: None
Edith Prosen approved and Lynn Emerick second the motion.

3. Old Business

New Survey

Discussion was held to determine if a new survey was needed and a consensus was determined that it was not needed at this time.

Transportation was discussed, along with the use of Marq-Tran and availability to the clients.

MDOT Transportation, Julie Shaw received a contact name and will check into and provide update at next meeting.

4. New Business

a. Senior Service Directory:

Lynn Emerick made an apology to the board & Jane Palmer in reference to the Marquette Senior Center tour that was offered to anyone interested. Lynn wanted to mention that being involved in what is happening in each of the centers benefits the Marquette Aging Services Board and feels seeing the needs and the progress of the senior centers is beneficial to all.

Meeting Schedule was handed out and discussion was made by Joan Haara that the July 10th meeting should be scheduled to take place.

Discussion of a Marquette County Aging Services Directory & Guidelines (a small spiral book) is in the works and when completed Darlene Allen suggested that it should also be added to the website in a pdf file. Steve Adamini suggested we request proposals from local printing companies before printing this directory so as not to have anyone suggest favoritism.

b. August Senior Millage

Millage is up for renewal August 7th, centers can put in their newsletter date of election & state what the millage is for. Steve Adamini commented that it always passes overwhelmingly.

c. Special Project Funds

There was a one-time distribution of funds from the closing of the RSVP office in the Copper Country. This money was allocated to purchase a tape recorder along with a CD recorder for Veterans History Project. Steve Adamini and Don Kristola made comment to contact the History Center and the Peter White Public Library to see if they are interested in receiving a copy of this CD for their records.

d. 2018 Aging Services Committee Priorities

Discussion of millage dollars, reports broken down and proposal requests. Compiled a list of proposed goals for the committee.

Goals:

- 1.) Action plan for transportation.
- 2.) New member orientation
- 3.) General report to the County Board.
- 4.) Review millage allocation and Senior Services.
- 5.) Senior Center targeted topics for oral reports.

e. Senior Center Priorities.

f. Review of old survey – N/A

g. Focus Groups/Visiting Other Centers-

Encouraged to visit other senior centers and the interaction with the seniors, staff, & boards or councils. Lynn Emerick & Darlene Allen found this to be beneficial.

h. Millage Allocations for 2019

Sue Vercoe handed out a report in reference to Marquette County Aging Services Millage Allocations to Service Providers & provided the information that each center will receive a 1% increase in tax revenue for 2019. Sue will provide the wording for County Proposal A for Marquette County Services to Senior Citizens for the upcoming August 7th ballot.

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.

5. Legislation Update by Lori Stephens-Brown
There was no update/ Lori was not in attendance.
6. Public Comment: none
7. Service Provider Comment: Kristy asked if the senior centers can review, proof or possibly add input to the directory before it is printed and it was agreed upon. Kristy spoke about a few

programs and activities from her center. A case coordinator from Negaunee was given a prestigious award among her peers for MMAP Counseling.

Brian Veale said his area is growing and he has taken on extra homemakers and chore workers resulting in his budget being over \$1,200.00. In 2014 41 Homemakers & 27 Chore workers & in 2017 he has 72 Homemakers & 39 Chore workers. Brian also discussed the activities in the Forsyth Senior Center including the garden that they have and some of the food goes to senior center meals and some to the public seniors in need.

Susan Kitti spoke from Lake Superior Adult Day Care. They have 12 participants right now with 3 openings. She discussed the nurse transition program that is fairly new and there are funds to cover that program for the next 15 months.

8. Committee Comments: none
9. Adjournment at 11:54