

**Marquette County Aging Services  
Advisory Committee Meeting**

**August 14, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Meeting held at the Marquette County Aging Services**

**MINUTES**

1. **Roll Call - Present:** Stephen Adamini, Darlene Allen (Secretary), Angelo Bosio, Lynn Emerick (Vice), Joan Haara, Don Kristola (Chair), Lynn Stahman, & Sue Vercoe. **Excused:** Edith Prosen.

Also present: Lori Stephens-Brown, Kristy Basolo-Malmsten, Elyse Bertucci, Vicki Bullock, Kathy DeMarinis, Jane Palmer, Julie Shaw, and Brian Veale.

2. Approval of Minutes. Lynn Emerick moved to approve the minutes and Joan Haara second the motion, motion passed.
3. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda: Lynn Emerick stated that any corrections and or additions to the agenda need to be guided by Robert's Rule of Order. This means a motion, support and approval by members. A motion was made by Angelo Bosio and second by Steve Adamini to accept, motion passed.
4. Old Business
  - a. Homemaking oral reports by service providers:

Negaunee Senior Center: Kristy Basolo-Malmsten, Negaunee Senior Center Director spoke in regards to center and that her service coordinator handles the phone screening and scheduling, and her social worker completes assessments. They provide homemaking services, light cleaning, no ladders, and grocery shopping along with laundry. She has 5 homemakers and 65 clients. One of the challenges faced is the pay for her homemakers. She is also finding difficulty in the home in regards to hoarding and how to handle that situation. Kristy has been told "there is a zero chance of behavior change if that person is not in therapy." Counseling of this type is difficult to attain in this area at this time.

Forsyth Senior Center: Brian passed out brochures and invited members to his center. Discussed eligible services, interviews to determine the needs of their clients whether in person or on the telephone. He has 7 part time homemakers, with one on maternity leave. They provide 1-3 hours of service per week per each client. Background checks are provided for new hire homemakers with training from an established active homemaker. Challenges he sees for seniors in his area are finding a homemaker in the area of need since his area is spread out demographically. The distance is his challenge.

Marquette Senior Center: Vicki Bullock stated their homemaking program provides 2 hours of service every other week for seniors over 60 years old in the Marquette service area with some limitations. Marquette Senior Center provides information along with referrals from their website, phone calls, family, friends, or doctor's office, 211, and walk ins. Clients call and if the social worker is not available at the time of call, the Marquette Senior Center Staff

calls back within 3 days to do a follow up call on assessing their needs. They have 8 homemakers servicing 160 clients on a rotation system attempting to keep same day and time with reassessments every 6 months. Challenges is that 2 hours may not be enough for clients' needs.

Ishpeming Senior Center: Elyse Bertucci, Ishpeming Senior Center Director states that a vast majority of their clients are in their 80 year age group. Recently they have been receiving more clients in the 60 year old age. They offer services 2 hours every other week. They have 10 homemakers, 2 chore workers, and they work with Michigan works on hiring new workers.

It was suggested and approved by members that reports at the September meeting be from our other providers: CAAM, RSVP and Lake Superior Day Care.

b. Committee Activity Charts: Darlene

Darlene Allen handed out a draft on Aging Services Advisory Committee Opportunities to learn about, review and observe programs funded by county millage. Discussion was held and some updating on information.

Sue Vercoe mentioned that quarterly reporting by the service providers will begin again and be available to committee.

c. Aging Service Directory Update:

Lynn Emerick stated that it is still in the draft phase & will report more on this at next month's meeting.

5. New Business

a. UPCAP's FY209 Annual Implementation Plan for Services to the Elderly of the Upper Peninsula –Darlene:

UPCAP 2019 Implementation Plan is a useful tool to review. The committee would like to get on the mailing list for UPCAP- John Mead.

The committee would like to be a part of the Annual Report to the county board and involved for reading and suggestions along with advice.

b. AARP 99 ways for seniors to save \$-Don:

Don Kristola discussed an article in reference for seniors to save money.

c. Discounts for Seniors:

Don Kristola added input about a Senior Discount Program if it could be added to the directory so seniors know where discounts are available.

6. Public Comment: none

7. Service Provider Comment:

CAAM: Lori Stephens- Brown stated UPCAP had \$29,000.00 cut. Lori commented on congregate meals as she seeing an increase in meals and numbers are going up, such as Chatham area receives 38 meals a day. There is a need to hire more workers and having a difficulty at this time finding them. Looking to promote a fundraiser next spring.

Negaunee Senior Center: Kristy Basolo-Malmsten's center has the need for chore workers that they could service minor repairs such as plumbing, fixing small leaking faucets, maintenance on lawn mowers, snow blowers, and a need for basic maintenance skills.

Forsyth Senior Center: Brian Veale discussed upgraded kitchen in Forsyth Senior Center. Their senior center recently finished fun days with a good turn-out. A raffle was provided and \$180.00 was donated to the Salvation Army in the Copper Country to help out due to their recent flooding disaster.

Marquette Senior Center: Jane Palmer gave an open invitation to all members to stop by and introduce themselves and to visit their facility and observe. Marquette City Commission Meeting 9-4-18 will discuss the Marquette Senior Center budget which is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend. Jane also commented they are gearing up for open enrollment starting in October.

Ishpeming Senior Center: Open enrollment starts in October through December. Elyse Bertucci mentioned progress on plans for a new building and the existing building will be torn down. They are hoping to break ground in the Fall 2019, where they will be able to provide more than phone activity at a time along more needed space.

Marquette County Aging Services & RSVP: Julie Shaw, Director for the MCAS & RSVP programs looked further into the Michigan Endowment Fund that offered a grant opportunity that could include the possibility of purchasing a new van. After discussion she stated this opportunity was put off for this year due to time constraints. She also mentioned two new transport volunteers for RSVP this past month.

8. Committee Comments: Steve Adamini added that the success of the millage was due to the excellent service that the providers give, and the voters know it.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 12:01