

**Marquette County Aging Services
Advisory Committee Meeting**

October 9, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

Meeting held at the Marquette County Aging Services

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

Also present: Kathy DeMarinis, Julie Shaw, and Brian Veale.

2. Approval of Minutes. Joan Haara moved to approve the minutes and Lynn Emerick seconded the motion, motion passed.
3. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda: Don Kristola asked if there were any additions/corrections to agenda and Lynn Emerick responded with a comment in regards to work session meeting for November, as it was mentioned in the minutes to have it at the end of this meeting so there is time to bring the information to the board. Joan Haara moved to approve the additions to the agenda and Darlene Allen seconded the motion, motion passed.
4. Old Business
 - a. Aging Service Directory Update-Lynn: Lynn stated all the information is on Julie's computer so will need input from Julie before moving forward. Joan Haara agreed to get a copy of the information on a jump drive or CD and work with Lynn Emerick on it since Julie has time constraints on her due to her current work load. Lynn had concerned about the format of the directory before it reaches its final stage. Julie Shaw commented that Kristy Malmsten was going to format the directory before final phase. Julie suggested the importance of the font size which she suggested being a 14 size so it is a readable format for all. Lynn commented on heavier paper since we will be using both sides of the paper also. Joan & Lynn will get back to the committee next month on the status of the Senior Directory.
 - b. Annual Report to the County Board (Work Session)- Lynn Emerick led a work session and inquired about ideas that should be in annual reports, along with recommendations to the board. "Charge of the committee shall exchange, discuss, review, and gather information on aging issues to assist in developing recommendations for the board of commissioners." Lynn stated also to make a list of items of things that we have done and possibly hope to do. Joan Haara discussed the first thing that came to her mind that is the transportation issue as this has been an ongoing issue. The senior provider group's upcoming meeting will be with Marq Tran and if we could meet with them also and discuss past issues, surveys, and discuss any new information along with the current transportation needs. Sue Vercoe mentioned that Jacobetti Veterans Facility will be purchasing a new vehicle to transport their veterans. This will be provided through a grant will fund a part-time employee for maintenance since this vehicle will be owned,

stored and maintained by the Jacobetti Veteran Facility. Julie Shaw discussed past opportunity for a grant through Michigan Health Foundation for purchasing a vehicle, however due to time constraints and needing more information a decision was made to not apply for that specific grant at that time but hoping something in the near future will come available. There is a possibility on grant funding for transportation through the Superior Health Foundation in the upcoming year. Joan Haara stated there may be an upcoming forum on transportation through the Superior Health Foundation and anyone interested can attend. Darlene Allen submitted a checklist previously called Opportunities to Learn & Review Programs Funded by Millage dollars, which Lynn Emerick brought up as a checklist to consider also. A few other highlights & discussion during the work session included:

1. Increased visits to providers/ride along with meals on wheels.
 2. Presentations by providers on regular basis discussing education, challenges of hiring, training and retaining employees (salary) & other issues.
 3. Opportunities to learn & review programs
 4. Report of activities & funding
 5. Advisory group holds a community forum and ask John Mead director of UPCAP to keep us updated on these forums.
 6. Review provider's budget and services & give feed-back.
5. New Business:
- a. Don Kristola inquired about the discount program. Julie Shaw along with Lynn Emerick noted that this program hasn't been around for quite some time. The new Senior Services Directory may provide some information pertaining to discounts for seniors.
 - b. Applications for County Appointments to Aging Services Committee: Angelo Bosio & Edith Prosen are retiring from the committee and acknowledge a recognition of their years of services. New member orientation to this committee. The new committee members will be appointed on December 18, 2018. Discussion on letting people know that 2 seats on the committee are available and possibly post that information at all of the senior centers. Also Don Kristola asked Sue Vercoe about staggered terms and Sue confirmed that terms can be staggered.
6. Public Comment: none
7. Service Provider Comment:

Forsyth Senior Center: They are extremely busy with 6 different training sessions with Trooper Stacy Rasanen. Dr. Kroll along with Cindy Nyquist will give a presentation at their center called Meet the Doctor. They also have Sherry Whitman MMAP Counselor coming to answer questions in November. They have a new pickle ball league at their center and an open youth room at the club house having the youth and seniors work together and a craft sale on October 20, 2018. Kitchen is still under remodel and 4-6 weeks to finish up.

Marquette Aging Services: The Home Injury Control Program provides seniors \$200.00 per year of equipment to help protect and keep the senior safe in their home. Julie Shaw talked about the volunteers and clever ways to let seniors know the volunteer opportunities for the aging. At Julie's conference one comment was made that they provide a flyer that goes in a retirement package for new retirees. Volunteers are the key component to the RSVP program and keeping communication out to the public about the various opportunities is essential.

8. Committee Comments: Lynn Emerick asked about the formula from the county millage in reference to the number of seniors and number of square miles.
9. Meeting Adjourned at 11:42