

**Marquette County Aging Services
Advisory Committee Meeting**

December 11, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

Meeting held at the Marquette County Aging Services

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

Also present: Kathy DeMarinis, Elyse Bertucci, Kristy Malmsten, Lori Stephens-Brown, and Brian Veale, Sue Vercoe.

2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda: Stephen Adamini approved the Agenda and Darlene Allen 2nd the motion, motion approved.
3. Approval of Minutes. Lynn Emerick spoke on correction to the minutes, corrections on spelling roll to role and recuperated to recoup. Edith Prosen motion to approve the correction to the minutes and Joan Haara second the motion, motion approved.
4. Old Business
 - a. Aging Service Directory Update: Joan Haara & Lynn Emerick have a rough draft they have given to senior centers for review. Elyse Bertucci from the Ishpeming Senior Center has given her input on the draft stating it will be a great tool when completed. Kristy Malmsten and Brian Veale are still reviewing their copy of the draft and will submit their input to Lynn & Joan. Discussion on completion and when finished if it could be put on various websites. Joan Haara will be in contact with Barb from United Way and Lori-Stephens Brown will contact Terry Thomma in reference to 211 information pertaining to the new directory.
 - b. Annual Report to the County Board: The annual report was submitted to the county. This report will be reviewed on the 18th of December by the County Board Members. Darlene Allen spoke on communication back and forth and recommendations for staggering terms. Sue Vercoe mentioned seven board members are serving on this committee that half should serve with a two year term and the other half with a one year term to fulfill the staggering term request. Lynn Emerick asked about possible changes and if they should be emailed for the county board members to review. Steve Adamini spoke on the knowledge of information available on the changes and perhaps someone should be present from the board at the meeting to ask for time to speak on the

request of these changes. Lynn Emerick & Darlene Allen stated they would be present at the county board meeting to request time to speak.

- c. Applications for County Appointments to Aging Services Committee: Five applications have been submitted. Joan Haara spoke up asking Sue to email her application as she would like to remain on the board. The county board will meet on December 18th for approval of board members.

5. New Business:

- a. 2019 Meeting Schedule: Meeting will continue the 2nd Tuesday of the month. On January 8th 2019 the next meeting, the new committee will discuss a schedule for 2019.
- b. RSVP Manager Hire Report: Mary Harris is the new RSVP Manager and comes with highly qualified skills and fresh ideas. She has experience in grant writing, is a social worker, along with experience working with various age groups. She has worked in health education, along with TRIAD, one of Aging Services organizations. Mary recently fell and broke her leg, unfortunately her start date has been changed, yet Mary is looking forward to starting as soon as possible. Lori Stephens-Brown commented that Mary Harris use to do scheduling for meals for CAAM and has heard nothing but good things about her and is looking forward to her stepping into her new role.
- c. Advisory Committee-County Board Communication: Darlene Allen stated she would like to see more communication and a connection between the two boards. Stephen Adamini commented that the county has been very pleased with what has been happening.
- d. Aging Services support/coordination for committee & providers: Lynn Emerick asked about support from Aging Services. Elyse Bertucci also asked how hours are delegated for the RSVP Program and Marquette County Aging Services. Sue Vercoe responded that the RSVP Manager hours are 40 hours for RSVP only. Aging Services hours are designated to Sue Vercoe and Kathy DeMarinis and are very limited hours. Brain Veal, Forsyth Senior Center inquired about Home Injury Control Equipment and the support from MCAS & whether this is something that will be available again. Sue Vercoe stated she realizes the importance of HIC and would check with UPCAP on the criteria and decide how this process will work for the future.
- e. County Millage Allocation to Service Providers: 2019 Budget Reports handed out & reviewed.
- f. Millage Funded Services Report-Reports handed out & reviewed.

6. Public Comment: none

7. Service Provider Comment:

Negaunee Senior Center: Kristy Basolo-Malmsten mentioned that this is a very busy time at her center as they are putting on a holiday meal for many of their seniors. Kristy also asked if the meeting minutes could be sent to the senior centers along with the agenda prior to the meeting.

Ishpeming Senior Center: Eylse Bertucci has some concerns about Home Injury Control Program also. She offered her information on what their center has done in the past years.

Forsyth Senior Center: Brian spoke of many changes that are going on at their center. Their building is being upgraded with new lighting, carpeting, along with the kitchen remodel. They are keeping busy this Christmas Season with their Secret Santa Program. Brian is also concerned about Home Injury Control Equipment Program and hoping to find an avenue to make sure this program is still in place.

8. Committee Comments: Lynn Emerick commented that the next meeting is scheduled for January 8th, 2019. At that meeting they can discuss the meeting schedule for 2019.
9. Meeting Adjourned at 11:58 by Lynn Emerick, Joan Haara approved motion and Stephen Adamini second the motion.