

**Marquette County Aging Services
Advisory Committee Meeting**

April 9, 2019 - 10:30 a.m.

Meeting held at the Marquette County Aging Services

1. **Roll Call - Present:** Lynn Emerick (Vice Chair), Darlene Allen (Secretary), Karl Lehmann, and Stephen Adamini

Excused: Don Kristola (Chair), Joan Haara, Carol Holmgren, and Edith Prosen

Also present: Kristy Malmsten, Tonya Pontel, Lori Stephens-Brown, Maureen Sullivan, Brian Veale, Mary Harris, and Sue Vercoe,

2. Approval of Minutes March 12, 2019 Meeting. A motion was made by Steve Adamini to approve the minutes, supported by Karl Lehmann, the motion was approved.
3. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda: Darlene Allen asked if upcoming provider reports could be added as an agenda item under New Business. A motion was made by Darlene Allen to approve the agenda, supported by Karl Lehmann, the motion was approved.
4. Informational Items: The Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging meeting schedule was distributed. Their May 17 meeting will be held at the Negaunee Senior Center.
5. Old Business
 - a. Aging Services Directory Update:

Lynn reported that she and Joan have spent a lot of time on the project but that information needs to be confirmed for a number of providers. An RSVP volunteer was requested to assist with calling providers to gather the needed information. Mary requested a list of the providers that need to be contacted and a copy of the draft directory so that a volunteer can be matched for the project.

Sue distributed copies of a Guide to Services for Aging Adults (Marquette County 2019) that is updated and distributed by MSU Extension. Committee members and providers said they had not been aware of the MSU Directory. Discussion followed regarding the two directories. Mary offered to forward any suggestions for edits or updates to MSU Extension. No decisions were made by the committee.
 - b. Aging Services Support/Coordination: Darlene asked that this item remain on the agenda. If there are any gaps in support to the providers they can be discussed as they are identified. There were no issues reported.

- c. 2019 Committee Visits: Since there are no committee meetings scheduled at provider locations, Darlene handed out a sign-up sheet with upcoming meeting dates and events noted. If the providers know of any upcoming events that would be beneficial for committee members to attend, please let Darlene know. She will be updating the schedule periodically. This item will remain on the agenda as a time for committee members to report on any meetings or events they attended or plan to attend.

Lynn Emerick reported that she had visited the Forsyth Senior Center on planting day. A 5th grade class worked with a group of seniors starting plants for the greenhouse. Afterwards, the kids had a chance to interact with the seniors. She said it was a very enjoyable experience and the 5th graders were very well behaved.

6. New Business:

- a. Provider Reports

Providers have previously reported on their Homemaker Services and Chore Services. Darlene asked if the senior centers could report on their Case Coordination and Support over the next couple meetings and suggested other providers could report on their client intake procedures. It was decided that CAAM, MADS, and a social worker from the Forsyth Senior Center will report at the May meeting. Negaunee and Marquette Senior Centers and RSVP will report at the June meeting.

Smart 911

Karl mentioned the importance of educating people about Smart 911 and the enhanced services now being offered. Sue suggested a good venue would be the Aging Services Provider Network. Gary Johnson, Central Dispatch Manager, is always willing to do a presentation to interested groups.

7. Service Provider Reports

Lori Stephens Brown (Community Action Alger Marquette) said it has been a pleasure working with Maureen Sullivan and her interest in getting people fed. There is a huge need for food and nutrition and they hope to start a congregate meal site at the Marquette Senior Center.

Lori has also been talking with Trillium House to see if they are need of meals.

Tonya Pontel (Lake Superior Adult Day Services) said participants have been working on their Art projects and it is amazing to see the things that come through their art. They currently have 11 participants and are looking to increase that number. They are also trying to build their Caregiver Support group.

They received a grant to provide in-home respite for caregivers. They will be scheduling 4 hour blocks with the respite being provided by home health aides.

Maureen Sullivan (Marquette Senior Center)- Maureen reported that she is very appreciative of the support she has received from Brian and Kristy. She has visited their centers and they are doing a phenomenal job.

Maureen has also enjoyed working with Lori and sees a huge need for food and nutrition for seniors. She is hopeful that a congregate meal site can be started and be successful at the Marquette Senior Center.

Brian Veale (Forsyth Senior Center) Brian reported that he is very appreciative of the additional funding and assistance that he's received and with working through their issues of paying their workers an appropriate wage.

Kristy Malmstren (Negaunee Senior Center) Kristy said she is very appreciative of RSVP and that we are very lucky to have their transportation program. More and more people that don't have access to transportation are calling their center.

She is also appreciative of Kathy and Mary. They have a good working relationship and things are really coming together.

There is a need for non-subsidized housing for middle income seniors in the Negaunee/Ishpeming area. Karl Lehmann mentioned that construction will soon be starting in Ishpeming on 36 new units.

Mary Harris (RSVP) Mary reported that TRIAD is gearing up for the Neighborhood Night Out parties and training their folks to deliver the message on Smart 911. They have also been busy getting more File of Life packets out to the community.

The Community Baby Shower is coming together, unfortunately there is another storm forecast for that date. An RSVP Transportation brochure to be distributed to the senior centers is being worked on.

8. Committee Comments:

Karl Lehmann reported that he is hopeful that the City of Ishpeming will be donating a 1.9 acre parcel for a new senior center in Ishpeming. He also said that this would be his last meeting. Ishpeming is losing both the City Manager and the City Clerk and his duties as Mayor are consuming too much of his time.

Steve Adamini thanked Sue Vercoe and Cecelia Brown for her excellent reporting for the Mining Journal. He also mentioned that since the county board meetings are no longer broadcast live, they are being recorded and posted on the county website the day after the meeting.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 11:55 after a motion by Darlene Allen that was supported by Karl Lehmann.