

**Marquette County Aging Services
Advisory Committee Meeting**

May 14, 2019 - 10:30 a.m.

Meeting held at the Marquette County Aging Services

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

Also present: Elyse Bertucci, Michelle Borrett, Lori Stephens-Brown, Kristy Malmsten, Maureen Sullivan, Brian Veale, Mary Harris, and Sue Vercoe,

2. Approval of Minutes, April 9, 2019 Meeting. A motion was made by Steve Adamini to approve the minutes, supported by Darlene Allen, the motion was approved.
3. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda: A motion was made by Steve Adamini to approve the agenda, supported by Joan Haara, the motion was approved.
4. Informational Items: UPCAP Request for Letters of Intent – Homemaker Changing procedure for applying for funding for a 3 year period instead of a year, also request to raise the unit rate.
5. Old Business

- a. Aging Services Directory Update:

Joan Haara questioned our use of the Senior Service Directory that the MSU Extension puts out as it seems to advertise some organizations for profit and MCAS is a non-profit organization and would like to keep it informational for seniors without advertising. Darlene Allen inquired about the senior providers and if they had a chance to review it. Comments from Elyse Bertucci suggested the possibility of putting on various websites when completed.

Kristy Malmsten, stating the font size should be larger, double sided and the possibility of having it in a PDF for each center so they can print on their own copy as needed. Steve Adamini suggested also a line stating information will be updating periodically and if you have question to contact your local senior center.

- 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: Darlene provided a sign-up sheet with lists for upcoming meetings, special programs to attend. In April Darlene Allen & Lynn Emerick attended the Lost Creek's Providers Meeting and felt it was very useful & provided good feedback.
- Lynn Emerick went to the Marquette Senior Center Congregate Meal and was impressed with the meal & the interaction which provided a good response from all.

6. New Business:

Service Provider Reports

Lori Stephens Brown (Community Action Alger Marquette) discussed the intake process and initial intake. The Telephone Screen Form is completed (which is required by UPCAP) and usually a follow up within 10 days. After initial assessments is completed a follow up reassessment is scheduled for every six months. The congregate meals are provided if you are not home bound, however if you are homebound meals are delivered to the home. (Client must be home bound to receive the delivered meals to their home.) Lori also mentioned that next Tuesday May 21st was Jason Wahlner, speaker on Mental Health & First Aid at Lost Creek at noon and a lunch would be provided.

Elyse Berttuci (Ishpeming Senior Center) The preliminary application work to receive a grant for a new Senior Center in Ishpeming is completed.

Maureen Sullivan (Marquette Senior Center)- Maureen thanked Lori Stephens for her help on the congregate meal as she feels it was very successful. They handed out 58 surveys and 32 were completed all but one were very positive and wanting Marquette to become a meal site. Looking at a grant for transportation from Snowberry Heights to the Marquette Senior Center for the congregate meals.

Brian Veale & Michelle Borrett (Forsyth Senior Center) will be planting their new garden on June 6th and keeping busy with their chore workers as they are receiving a larger number of new & returning clients. Forsyth Senior Center will have a survey that they will be sending out in their July newsletter. Brian would like to know if there may be some questions this committee would like to see or ask in their survey.

Michelle Borrett from Forsyth Senior Center spoke in reference to intakes & assessments voicing some concerns as their load is increasing and all of the paperwork required for each individual. Michelle mentioned that she sees some dynamic changes in the elderly population. The 60-65 year old mental health issues are increasing. She spoke that the cohesion among the four senior centers is essential.

Kristy Malmstren (Negaunee Senior Center) mentioned the upcoming Superior Health Foundation Coffee & Conversation on Thursday, June 6th. Discussion on

improving transportation in Marquette County will take place along with an opportunity to network & apply for a grant for transportation. Kristy mentioned they applied for a grant through the Michigan Economic Development to fix the front façade of their building along with the interior kitchen, bathrooms and a few other areas. Negaunee Senior Center will need 10% match for this grant.

Mary Harris (RSVP) Thee updated brochures were handed out. The Neighbor Nights Out Block Party will need to register with RSVP along with their local township. Updated the Non-Medical Emergency Transportation brochures along with the Just Hang Up, TRIAD & Lifetracker also.

7. Committee Comments:

Lynn Emerick asked Brian if it was possible to send the board the survey that he will be sending out. Decision on sending the survey out concluded that Brain Veale will send it to Sue Vercoe and Sue will send them out.

Steve Adamini wanted to thank all the presenters at this meeting as we have learned much from all of you.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 11:50 after a motion by Lynn Emerick that was supported by Steve Adamini.