



EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes – March 19, 2019

Call to Order. Chair Richard called the meeting of the Education, Veterans and Aging Services Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, in Conference Room, N-1, fifth floor, Courthouse East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Richard, Brien, Owens and Pleasant.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Gramke.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Lachel Fowler, Interim Director of Council on Aging; John Solis, Veteran Service Officer.

Others Present: William Anderson, Jr., RSVP.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Owens moved approval of the agenda, second by Supervisor Pleasant. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes – January 15, 2019. Supervisor Pleasant moved approval of the minutes from January 15, 2019 as presented, second by Supervisor Brien. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information. None.

Transfers. None.

Review of Payments. The committee accepted the report.

Updates and Possible Action.

Veterans Services Report. Mr. Solis reviewed the report with the committee. Mr. Solis said one update since he prepared the report is they have now received the WDVA CVSO Grant for 2019 in the amount of \$13,000. The committee asked Mr. Solis if he is looking for other sources of donations. He is trying to organize another patriotic concert soon.

Update on Possible Council on Aging/ADRC Integration. Mr. Smith said there was a joint meeting of the ADRC and COA Advisory Board yesterday. Mr. Smith provided a handout of information from the joint meeting. They had gathered information from La Crosse County on their integration process. Mr. Smith said there was good discussion and input at yesterday's meeting. There will be another joint meeting on April 1st where they hope to have more examples and information from state staff and GWAAR (Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources). Mr. Smith invited the committee to attend the joint meeting. Mr. Smith reminded the

committee that the goal of integration would be to simplify client services into a one stop shop. If integration occurs, the Human Services Board would oversee the new department.

Mr. Smith reminded the committee of the initial plan to have Ms. Fowler remain interim Council on Aging Director until an integration recommendation was made. GWAAR, one of Council on Aging's funding sources, has asked us to not keep Ms. Fowler in a dual role for a long time as it takes away from her primary duties. Mr. Smith said we may have to move forward with the Council on Aging Director recruitment. If integration is recommended, a resolution will come before the EVAS committee and then County Board unless the timing is right for it to be worked into the next budget. This will remain as a standing agenda item.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Owens moved adjournment at 4:48 P.M., second by Supervisor Pleasant. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt,
Human Resources Secretary

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