

Council on Aging Nutrition Advisory Council Minutes Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Call to Order: Chair Janet Kopp called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Ronnie Thomas, seconded by Shirley Sweet, made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Present: Terry Burrington, Phyllis Byrne, Marti Everts, Nancy Flood, Robert Jensen, Polly Jones, Janet Kopp, Hjordis Olson, Mike Santucci, Shirley Sweet, Doris Thom, Ronnie Thomas, Supervisor Terry Thomas, Ellen Trewartha, Joan Wilson

Staff: Joyce Lubben, Rane Goodroad

Introduction of Visitors: Marcy Berner Reedy, Becky Suehring, and Kim Whitford were in attendance.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Marcy Berner-Reedy shared the Beloit Meals on Wheels annual report.

Approval of June 15, 2011 Minutes: Doris Thom made a motion to approve the June 15, 2011 minutes as distributed, seconded by Ronnie Thomas. Motion carried.

Report from Becky Suehring, Nutrition & Health Associates: Ms. Suehring stated that she is working with Best Events on the fall/winter menu and it looks wonderful. She will be starting a Healthy Eating workshop at Garden Court in September. She is also conducting home visits. This month's topic is "When Tastes Change."

Staff Report:

Update on Activities and Projects: Ms. Goodroad reported that both the MMIS and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program are completed. Ms. Goodroad is trying to schedule more home visits.

Volunteer Driver Recruitment: Rane Goodroad stated that she needs more substitute home delivered meal drivers as well as more volunteers at the congregate dining sites.

Old Business:

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Final Report: Ms. Goodroad stated that all 499 vouchers have been distributed.

New Business:

Volunteer Appreciation Update: Ms. Goodroad stated that Ronnie Thomas, Terry Burrington, Phyllis Byrne, and Janet Kopp met to discuss the Volunteer Appreciation event. The date is uncertain, but will be early October.

Rock County Senior Fair: Ms. Goodroad stated that we will host a meal at the Rock County Senior Fair this year. Joyce Lubben stated that this will likely be the last year, as the original intent of using this method to increase participation at the dining centers is not being realized. Next year's budget will not sustain this event.

Annual Program Evaluation: Ms. Goodroad shared an evaluation form that has been used in the past and is requesting suggestions for improvement.

Approval to Close Dining Centers: Joyce Lubben informed members that she is requesting approval to close the Scoville Hall and Faith Lutheran dining centers due to budget concerns. The EVAS Committee has already approved these closings. The reason for this action is insufficient funding to sustain all eight sites. Scoville Hall has a high percentage of under age 60 participants and donations are extremely low. Faith Lutheran has the lowest participation rate and is the most costly to operate.

Doris Thom made a motion, seconded by Ronnie Thomas, to close the Scoville Hall and Faith Lutheran sites, upon approval of the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources. Motion carried.

Approval of Policy for Waiting List for Home Delivered Meals: Joyce Lubben stated there are budgetary concerns for the Home Delivered Meal Program as well. The budget will not sustain the current level of service. Supervisor Terry Thomas stated that the EVAS Committee tabled this motion, pending more information from the Council on Aging staff. They are looking at ways to increase the revenue for the program. A motion was made by Shirley Sweet, seconded by Ronnie Thomas to approve the Waiting List Policy as presented. Motion carried.

Reports:

Dining Center Visits: Shirley Sweet, Marti Everts, Ronnie Thomas and Phyllis Byrne reported on their visits to congregate dining sites.

Kim Whitford, Best Events: Ms. Whitford stated that she is working on the fall/winter menu.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Hjordis Olson to adjourn, seconded by Phyllis Byrne. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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