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Quarterly meeting: April 26, 2012 Inn on the Park Minutes

Members and liaisons present: John Meissner, Heather Bruemmer (Aging Liaison), Ben Barrett, Jeff Fox, Noah Hershkowitz, Roberto Escamilla II, Karen Secor, Charles Vandenplas, Marty Evenson (Dept. of Administration Division of Housing Liaison)

Staff: Molly Michels and Sarah Lincoln

Guests: Donna McDowell, Maura Klein, Kristen Berg and Donna Siedschlag
Meeting called to order at 10:00

Motion to accept agenda. Vandenplas/Fox—passed

Motion to accept meeting minutes from April 26, 2012. Fox/Herskowitz—passed

Debriefing Legislative Breakfast

- Fairly good attendance – we had 12 of the 19 that said they were going to attend.
- Great discussions at each of the tables.
- Peg Krusick’s office would like to be kept in the loop on MAPP changes. We will put her in direct contact with Dan Johnson.
- Regional Transit Authority legislation will likely be coming to the floor again this year. Logisticare was discussed as well as disabled parking.
- Tim from Patroski’s office said he was committed to working on parking legislation.
- Those that attended stayed a lot longer this year. We also had several repeats from last year. They didn’t seem to be there around one specific issue more about just learning.
- Great location – try again for this room on Inn on the Park next year.
- Some of the hotel rooms were accessible and some were still very tight.

Committee Reports:

- Long Term Support and Employment – Legislators are willing and interested in the issues.

- Housing Committee - No update
- Transportation/Parking – Issues remain with Logisticare, they are in the process of a State wide audit. The Rural Transit Authority will be coming back to the legislature. There needs to be an increase in the number of handicapped spaces. Appleton had their city ordinance parking ticket fine increase from \$60 to \$300. Other areas around Appleton are looking to increase their fines as well.
- Emergency Preparedness – Karen is working with Public Health Preparedness Advisory Committee they are meeting again soon. Karen will be taking training in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) – Incident Command System (ICS). The program is around emergency preparedness.

Money Follows the Person – Maura Klein, Kristen Berg and Donna Siedschlag, DHS

- Powerpoint was handed out and reviewed. The team did Q&A.

Liaison Updates:

- Marty Evenson gave an update on Housing issues for Dept. of Admin. Stimulus funds were used to help families that would have otherwise been homeless. Also looking to do some new building for supportive housing. DOA is going to give out grants to Counties to help them build accessible housing. “Home for Everyone Conference” is coming up in Green Bay on July 18-19, 2012.

*Motion to send a member to the Home for Everyone Conference –
Fox/Vandenplas - carried*

- Heather Bruemmer, Dir. on Board on Aging and Long Term Care gave an update on now has the Medicare Part D as part of their services package. New Nursing Homes are being built which is good news.
- Andy Janicki, DNR liaison gave an update. There will be a meeting with the Parks Commission on the letter from the PD Council requesting new provisions on accessible campsites. Andy requested that a Council member participate in the meeting. There is an adaptive kayaking/paddling training coming up this summer on May 26, 2012 from 10am – 4pm.

*Motion to send a member to the next Parks Commission meeting –
Fox/Vandenplas – carried*

DHS Long Term Care Update – Donna McDowell, DHS

- Aging Advisory Committee meeting bi-monthly and they get an assignment. This last month was to find out what aging people are worried about right now. The largest percentage said they were worried about their finances, the fear of not being economically secure. We discussed what could be done to help them get over their fear. Transportation was a huge issue from the Milwaukee area.
- Talked about the communication that has been going on between CMS and the Dept. regarding the FC cap situation.

Old Business:

- Annual Report – parking enforcement section needs to be edited to make it clear that the fine is only for those that do not have their vehicle tagged correctly.

- Follow-up on the federal funds tied to Obama's Healthcare Package.

New business:

- Members whose terms are ending in July need to reapply through the Gov's office ASAP.

Next meeting July 26, 2012 –

- Need to find a location.
 - Holiday Inn Hotel in Steven Point
 - Wonderland Camp in Lake Geneva

Motion to adjourn Fox/Escantilla—passed.