

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 1, 2010

Stoughton Room, Stoughton Area Senior Center

Present: Edna Cloutier, Kay Davis, Carol Heidenway, Kelli Krcma, Mary Onsager, David Sharpe, Charlotte Snow, Betty Thompson, Larry Weiss

Staff Present: Cindy McGlynn, Hollee Camacho

Absent & Excused: David Bacon, Don Mix, Jeanne Schwass-Long

Call to order: K. Krcma called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Minutes of February 1, 2011:

Moved by E. Cloutier and, seconded by C. Snow, to approve minutes; passed unanimously.

Compliments & Concerns:

- Denise Duranczyk, Dane County Board Supervisor of District 35, introduced self and distributed pie charts displaying expenditure break-down of Dane County's 2011 operating Budget. Denise serves on the Co. Health & Human Needs Committee, and C. McGlynn asked that she share her knowledge of how such county services will be impacted by the State's Budget Reform Bill.
 - 74% of General Purpose Revenue comes from State and Federal funding
 - 52.2% of the Co. Budget supports Health & Human Services
 - With an expected reduction in State shared revenues, the County's non-mandated programs (i.e. homeless shelters, senior case management, Joining Forces for Families, developmentally disabled employment training, and adult day cares) receiving Dane County Health & Human Needs support are likely to receive cuts.
 - The Senior Center and other Stoughton agencies provide such non-mandated programs.
 - Additionally, the governor's budget repair bill (SB 11) allows authority for the Governor's appointed Department of Health Services (DHS) secretary to reduce eligibility, cost-sharing and benefits for Medical Assistance programs (i.e. BadgerCare, Family Care, Senior Care, and Children's Waivers), without legislative action.
 - Fewer people covered by Medical Assistance, means more people in need of non-mandated services, which in-hand is faced with less funding as well.
- Group discussion went in several areas on SB 11, but Denise Duranczyk strove to keep the topic on the impact of the bill to Health & Human Needs.
- C. McGlynn - we must keep in mind that not everyone has the same opinion and we must respect all. Denise's visit was requested to educate the group on how these decisions will affect the programs that serve older adults.
- K. Davis - The City of Eau Claire and its school district have sent letters to the State representing what they don't like about the bill.
- C. Heidenway suggested that a similar letter be sent to our City Council from the COA.
- K.Davis moved that a letter be sent displaying the impact to the community if the budget repair bill is put into effect and to urge City Council to consider advocating to not have reduced shared revenue come to the City. Seconded by C. Snow, and passed unanimously.
- Senior Center staff will write the proposed letter (above) as soon as we know the repercussions.

Director Comments: Cindy McGlynn

- **City Union Contract** closed and is good through 2011 by City Council vote.

- L. Weiss -This was a split vote and almost did not pass. City could win at arbitration, but decided it was something the City should try to avoid; it's best for City and employees.
- C. Heidenway –can a letter be sent explaining what is going on to the Towns?
- C. McGlynn will make written and verbal contact with townships with the annual report.
- **Brat Sale Fundraiser** set for Friday, April 29. Order forms will be distributed to local businesses for delivery or pick-up.
- **Syttende Mai:** Staff and Finance Committee have decided to cut back on what we do. It is difficult to find enough volunteers since the community is saturated with different events. We will have our usual Saturday pancake breakfast and will close afterwards.
 - D. Sharpe questioned why even do the breakfast?
 - C. McGlynn said will continue because we are most likely to find volunteers for this event. Fewer people come in for the rest of the weekend. More time can be spent advertising and asking for donations to cover supplies. Lisa, Cindy and Hollee are paid to be here.
- **Grant Ideas:** let us know of programs/events you would like to see us accomplish this year for when/if we find a volunteer grant writer. Current ideas are caregiver & diabetic education.
- **Loan Closet:** beginning to ask for a minimum \$5 donation. We have a tough time finding volunteers to clean the equipment and would like to be able to pay someone to clean and keep track of inventory. This is the only loan closet in the community.

Assistant Director Comments: Hollee Camacho

- **City's Budget for Outcomes:** Attended a 6-hour initial workshop with about 30 people representing city employees, city council and citizens. Focus was on the good things happening in Stoughton, but there was little discussion on how the process will affect the budget process.
 - D. Sharpe attended and did not feel it had enough citizen representation. He questions how the data will be used and how it will go into making decisions.
 - C. Snow would have liked to attend; wished there was more notice.
 - C. McGlynn and other dept. heads asking for a city-wide survey to capture more feedback.
- **Annual Report:** First draft is complete. Requests COA member help in proof-reading. Does it communicate our story well?
- **Strategic Plan Action Plans:** working on updating action plans as committees meet. Distributed the Collaboration section and asks COA to review for repetitiveness and clarity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Cindy McGlynn

Public Relations: meeting tomorrow at 10:00 AM.

Finance: Kelli Krema

- Strategic Plan Action Plan target dates set.
- Working on promoting the Community Foundation.
- Pursuing grants; writing a grant writer volunteer job description.
- Next meeting: **Monday, April 4, 8:30 AM**

Program and Evaluation: Mary Onsager

- Strategic Plan Action Plan target dates set; prioritizing next steps.
- Looking at program fee comparisons of other senior centers.
- Next meeting: **Thursday, March 24, 2010 at 9:00 AM.**

Volunteer: Cindy McGlynn

- Strategic Plan Action Plan target dates set; prioritizing next steps.
- Linda Muller has agreed to serve as a community representative of Committee.
- K. Davis moved to accept Linda's appointment to the Volunteer Committee. D. Sharpe seconded; passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: Moved M. Onsager, seconded by B. Thompson to adjourn the meeting.
Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM by K. Krema

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m