

Governor's Committee on Aging
Friday, September 24th, 2010
Spirit Lake Casino and Resort
7889 Highway 57, St. Michael, ND
Red Willow Room
10 am – 3 pm

Members Present: Larry Wagner – Chair, Ray Siver – Vice Chair, Marty Heller – Secretary, Betty Keegan, Bonnie Bieber, Bruce Davidson, Delores Rath, Elaine Keeps Eagle, Pete Belgarde , Dallas Knudson, Patsy Marmon.

Guests: Imogene Belgarde-SL Senior Service Dir., Donna Olson-Lake Region HSC Regional Aging Services Program Admin., Edie Armev-Train ND In Home Care Program, Carla Carmora-O'Tanka Program, Winona Fox-Spirit Lake Elder Advisory, Joe Laverne Sr.-Fice Chair Elderly Board, Dana Lohner-SLN Community Navigator, Amelia K., Evelyn R., Jeanette R..

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Everyone introduced themselves at the meeting to the many guests.
2. **Governor's Proposed Budget Guidelines – Larry Wagner**
 - Bruce made a motion to approve the June GCOA meeting minutes. Ray second. Motion approved.
 - After the last GCoA meeting Larry talked to the governor about his 3% reduction plan. The 3% reduction is intended to be a suggested guideline, not an absolute directive. It appears that to this point the Governor is not intending to reduce funding for Older Americans Act Service in North Dakota. The project directors will be talking to the governor about their budgets in a few weeks.
 - Reviewed a handout for GCoA 2009-2011 Budget Expenditures through 9/16/2010. Spent \$7,205 up to this date, with a remaining balance of \$12,795.
3. **Work Plan for 2011:**
 - **Aging and Disability Project – Larry Wagner.** Last meeting the committee talked about being more involved and having more visibility in a pilot project for the Aging and Disability resource center. Larry talked to Sheri Schmidt from Burleigh county about it. Currently, there is not an opportunity for the committee to participate, so the committee decided to hold off on this item.
 - **Increasing the Visibility of GCoA – Delores Rath.** Discussed informing people that the committee meets and need to inform the public by advertising

meetings in Newspapers, etc. The Minutes could be published by Heather Stifle, etc. Delores and Dallas will follow-up on these ideas.

- **Senior Needs – Betty Keegan.** The committee needs to tie into the State's Plan. Three areas should be addressed: Adult Resource Centers across the state, volunteer Ombudsman program and the Guardianship program. The Guardianship program needs to be developed across the state. Legislative funding has been limited.
4. **Pilot with Long Term Care Association and Department of Human Services for In-home Care – Larry Wagner.** This issue will require more follow-up. Linda could not locate any information on a possible pilot between the Department of Human Services and the Long Term Care Association that involves using LTC employees providing in home community based services.
 5. **Education Forums – Larry Wagner.** During the next 12 months members of the Governor's Committee on Aging will need to assume responsibility for Educational Forums within the Governor's regions they represent. This can be as many forums as desired or that we have funds to sponsor. Currently the Rugby Region is in the process of developing an Educational Forum. Area presenters would be used. AARP might be requested to present the main sessions. Mini workshops will be scheduled. Participants will be divided so that people attending can mix with people from other towns. More information will follow.

In the Bismarck Region, Educational Forums will be presented in conjunction with the Regional Council meeting schedules on October 7th. Ray Siver will do a presentation about the Silver Haired Assembly. Burleigh County Sheriff Pat Heinert will do a presentation about the new Missing Person law.

6. **Region III Aging Services – Donna Olson, Region III Aging Services Program Administrator.** Jan Engen will be the new Aging Services Director. Sheryl Pfliger will continue to act as the Deputy Directory for Aging Services.
7. **SHEA report – Ray Siver.** The Silver Haired Assembly was formed to advocate for seniors in North Dakota. It is a no-profit organization- 501-3C. Funding has dried-up for this organization. Recently they held their 16th biannual assembly this year, which was a 2.5 day meeting. They take their ideas and draft them into legislation and work with Sponsors to promote their Bills. One concern is the declining number of delegates, especially in certain counties. They are funding their assembly through raffle ticket sales. So far this year they have sold 1500 one dollar tickets. Last year they netted \$2900 in sales. Legislator recommended that the assembly fund their group, which they are doing through ticket sales. Reviewed the local and national Silver Haired Assembly legislation they plan to promote.

8. **QSP Training – Edie Arme**y The goals of the Home Care Provider program provides training for QSPs. Last year they trained 159 people. The Legislator provided 30K per biennium for training. After testifying to the legislator they doubled the funding. In addition, they have obtained funding from other sources, like grants, etc. but they still need more funding to train more QSPs. They would like to change the QSP process and have them go through the ND Department of Human Services Documentation of Competency requirements prior to training the QSP. If they train the QSP first, and the QSP is not approved, then the training investment is wasted. Reference handouts: In Home Care Provider Training and the Documentation of Competency Form. Amy mentioned that only 10 hrs are allocated to train the QSP with the Standard and Global Endorsements training manuals. Ten hours of training is not adequate for the QSP to be competent in providing health care. No Handout of these two manuals. The Affordable Care Act has a new demonstration grant program developed to train individuals as qualified personal and home care aides. Reference Handout - Affordable Care Act Personal and Home Care Aide State Training Program.
9. **O’Tanka Tewichahidapi Program – Dana Lohnas - Community Navigator.** The O’Tanka Tewichahidapi program outreaches to the Spirit Lake Tribe elders to see what their Health Care needs are for Home and Community Based Services. Then the Community Navigator helps the elder navigate through the Health Care System and links them with well-trained and certified Qualified Service Providers. They started this program this spring and the program intent is to keep their elders at home instead of a nursing home not only because of costs, but for their love of their elderly. O’Tanka Tewichahidapi means treasured elder. Reference handouts. Health Care Overview and O’Tanka Tewichidapi Program.
10. **Allocation of Funds – Larry Wagner** – Committee discussed allowing a certain amount of funds be allocated to each region to provide educational training. Ray motion to fund up to 500 dollars for each of the governors eight regions for education training thru 6/30/11. Delores second. Motion carried.
11. **Next Meeting** – Friday Dec 17th in Jamestown.
12. **Meeting Adjourned** at 3 PM.

Handouts to be distributed at the meeting:

- Governor’s Committee on Aging Expenditures to Date
- Department of Human Services Strategic Plan (to be reviewed at next meeting)