

**Governor's Committee on Aging
NP Depot Senior Center
701 Main Avenue, Fargo
June 24, 2011
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Meeting Minutes

Present - Jan Engan – Director of Aging Services, Larry Wagner (Chairman), Ray Siver (Co-Chair), Marty Heller (Secretary), Betty Keegan, Bonnie Bieber, Dallas Knudson, Delores Rath.

Presenters/Guests - Leslie Limvere-Grant LCA/MFP, Judy Tschider-Aging Services, Laura Fisher-Aging Services FCSP Region 5.

1. Welcome and Introductions –Larry Wagner. The committee took care of some housekeeping items. Welcome and Introductions with the GCOA committee members and guests.
2. Minutes of last meeting – Delores Rath motioned to pass on reading the last GCoA meeting Minutes, Ray Siver second, motion carried.

3. Legislative Update –

- Jan Engan discussed submitting all GCoA financial bills before the end of fiscal year. We reviewed conference registration details and what is permissible to spend.
- Larry Wagner mentioned that the upcoming Northern Plains Conference will be held in Fargo on Oct 5th. He would like the GCoA committee represented there with a booth. It's an excellent conference for professionals and it is well attended. A booth costs \$175 dollars. Ray Siver, Delores Rath and Bruce Davidson could help out with manning the booth. Delores Rath made a motion to approve payment of the \$175 dollars for early bird registration of a booth, Ray second, Motion approved.
- Larry Wagner discussed coming-up with a plan to determine how many GCoA members can attend conferences each year. We need to determine how much of our budget is available after the quarterly GCoA meetings for funding these additional conferences. Jan Engan will detail our expenditures and provide us with a report next meeting on how much is available for conferences.

- Jan Engan reviewed the Aging Services Legislative issues. The last legislative session went very well and the Aging Services Division budget was approved with the exception of \$10,000 for SHEA.
- Jan reviewed the 2011 Administration on Aging Advanced Training that Jan Engan, Judy Tschider and Sheryl Pfliger attended. It is composed of five modules. Reference the handout which is some of the slides from a 150 page document. It breaks out the Federal Budget Structure and the Aging Services funds are in the Domestic Discretionary fund which is \$553 billion or 15% of the Federal budget. The GPRA (Government Performance & Results Act) performance ratings select discretionary services that are rates as: Effective, Adequate, Ineffective and Results not demonstrated. OAA was the only agency receiving an effective rating.

4. Reports on Educational Forums – All

- Ray Siver - Successful event because of the good content but the event was not well attended.
- Bonnie Bieber- Reviews were very good. Mark Jesser did a great job of organizing the event.
- Betty Keegan - Approximately one hundred people attended the events in Devils Lake from the Minot and Devils Lake area. Topics

covered: Improving & Strength, Basics of Forgetfulness, & Alzheimer's, and Age appropriate health screenings.

5. Publishing Committee Minutes – Dallas Knudson & Delores Rath handed out the forms they developed for our review. They will work with us to fine-tune the plan for publishing the GCoA committee minutes.
6. AARP Assistance with Volunteer Ombudsman Program – Betty Keegan: This is a follow-up item from our last meeting. Betty met with Marlowe Kro about getting volunteer Ombudsman.
7. Silver-Haired Legislature (What can we do to strengthen participation) – Larry Wagner mentioned the legislators might not like to fund advocacy groups with tax money. In the past SHEA was very inflectional in the legislature, but now legislators don't seek the advice of SHEA when they are going to vote on certain bills. Lately, funding has been inadequate but SHEA has paid for delegates lodging, mileage and meals during their annual conference. Currently, funding is coming from two sources, raffle ticket sales and from the Ward County Commissioners. Over 10K has been raised from these sources. Ray plans to take the Ward County letter to other counties to see if SHEA can obtain additional funding from other counties. Betty asked if the

legislators realize the value of the work that SHEA has accomplished? Larry will talk to Tami Wahl about requesting the Governor to put it in his budget.

8. Communication Plans – Dallas handed out some communication plan forms she developed and reviewed them with us. The communication plan forms were very well designed with many details. Larry plans to meet with Dallas by the next meeting and review these documents in more detail.
9. November is National Family Caregiver Month – Judy Tschider: The National Family Caregiver support program will celebrate its 10th anniversary in November. North Dakota Aging Services administers the Caregiver program with staff based in eight regional service centers. Funding is needed and GCoA support is requested for a special event speaker, media advertising, etc. The goal of the event is to create awareness for caregivers and all they do. Dallas and Delores would like to help with the event. Betty Keegan made a motion to support the ND Caregiver program in their 10th year anniversary financially; Delores Rath second, Motion carried.

10. 2011 Work Plan - Reviewed the work plan. The regional work plan is in process and a state wide work plan might be added to the agenda.
11. 2012 Work Plan - Reviewed the work plan. Things are changing quickly with Medicare, Social Security, etc. so it's tough to select a topic issue because it might not be applicable later on. Jan will investigate which topics would be best for the 2012 forums.
13. Senior Centers - Ray discussed Senior Centers and he will provide membership a thirty-five page report.

Two items for the next meeting are:

- How we will use our budget money
- Dallas and Larry will review the communication plan and present it to the committee TO

Also, think about the work plan

NEXT MEETING:

September 9th

Greater Grand Forks Senior Citizens Center

610 4th Ave South

Grand Forks, ND

701-772-7245 (for meal call by noon the day before