

Governor's Committee on Aging
September 9, 2010
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Greater Grand Forks Senior Center
620 4th Ave S., Grand Forks, ND
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GCoA Meeting Minutes

Present – Jan Engen (Director of Aging Services), Larry Wagner (Chairman), Ray Siver (Co-Chair), Marty Heller (Secretary), Betty Keegan, Bonnie Bieber, Dallas Knudson, Delores Rath, Pat Marmon, Bruce Davidson, Gene Hysjulien

Presenters - Patricia Soli, Sheryl Pfliger, Jake Reuter.

Guest – Autumn Aork

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Larry Wagner. Larry welcomed the guests and our new GCoA member, Gene Hysjulien, from Bismarck.
 1. **Minutes of last meeting** – Marty Heller.
 - a. Delores made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 24th GCoA meeting in Fargo, Bruce second, motion carried.
 2. **Budget Reports** – Larry Wagner.
 - a. Reviewed the 2009 – 2011 \$20,000 GCoA budget. \$4454.78 of the budget wasn't spent and is returned to the state. Now, we start with another equal budget for the next biennium.
 - b. Previously we allocated \$500 dollars to each region for the upcoming regional Governor's Forums on Aging. Also plan to support some state forums. Betty made a motion to set aside \$4,000 for Conferences and Sponsorships as needed in the next biennium, Ray second, Motion carried.
3. **Communication Plan** – Dallas Knutson.

- a. Reviewed many documents presented by Dallas for the committee's use for future Governor's Forums on Aging.
- b. Work Plan- Dallas reviewed a Work Plan Road Map the committee. Larry asked the committee to review the document and see if we can use it for next year's GCoA committee meeting. Dallas will update the Road Map through-out the year.
- c. Brochure – Reviewed the GCoA document that outlines the committee's purpose, membership, meetings, etc. This can be used in the revised GCoA brochure. Jan will work on the brochure, determine what colors to use and order them.

4. Family Caregiver 10th Anniversary Regional Events – Larry Wagner

- a. Larry mentioned that the committee agreed in the last GCoA meeting to provide financial support to the Family Caregiver Support Program. Judy Tschider provided the cost of \$2852.25 for the speaker, Ms Narum to provide eight trainings and requested the committee to provide \$1700 to assist with these speaker costs. AARP plans to contribute \$750. Delores made a motion to donate a \$1000, Bonnie second, motion defeated. Ray made a motion to provide \$1700, Bonnie second, motion carried.

5. Sub-committees – Larry Wagner

- a. Plan to allocate time at the end of each GCoA meeting to work with committee members on sub-committee items, etc.

6. LCA – MFP – HCBS – Jake Reuter

- a. Reviewed multiple new Home & Community Based Services brochures that provide details about their resources and how to access them. Many informative tools are included in this documentation. One item, a magnetic paper clip provides the access link or phone number that connects people to HCBS support services. These tools link people to find the information that allows them to stay at home longer and obtain the support they need. Funding for these tools come from a Federal Grant called "Money Follows the Person." This funding will continue through 2016 and is extended by the "Affordable Care Act" through 2019. They are targeting many

agencies with this information so seniors, etc., know about these services. They are still developing making connection with people.

7. Report on MOWAA – Sheryl Pfliger

- a. We couldn't fit in Sheryl's report. Plan to schedule her to present during the next meeting.

8. Region IV Transit – Patricia Soli

- a. Transportation – Reviewed the Transportation Services Coordination Plan. Working on providing transportation services for people with disabilities, older adults, and a coordination plan. Elements of the plan include: First, an inventory and assessment of available transportation resources and customer needs; secondly, goals and strategies for meeting those needs including better coordination of existing services, development of a family of transportation services and a mechanism to measure progress; and finally, a means to share and coordinate resources. A well designed plan also prioritizes transportation services based on the availability of funding resources and the feasibility of implementation.

9. Silver Haired Assembly– Ray Siver.

- a. Working on obtaining funding for the Silver Haired Assembly. The Governor doesn't plan to allocate funds in the State's budget.
- b. They are working on drafting legislation for the following items:
 - i. SHEA submitted a bill to ban smoking in all work place environments.
 - ii. Working on ombudsman issues in the region between Devils Lake and Grand Forks to close some of the gaps in the ombudsman program.
 - iii. Requesting a grant to study the feasibility for adult day care.

10. Meeting Places for the upcoming GCoA meetings. Meetings are usually scheduled the second Friday of the month.

- a. Rugby Dec. 9th, 2011

- b. Jamestown Mar 9th, 2012
- c. Bismarck June 8th, 2012
- d. Grand Forks Sept 14th 2012
- e. Fargo Dec 14th, 2012

11. **Adjourn** – 3 PM.

12. New Action Items brought up during the meeting:

- a. Bonnie and Dallas will look for some logos that could be used to identify the GCoA committee.
- b. Sheryl will check into issuing the payment of \$170 dollars for the “early bird registration fee” we approved via a motion during the last meeting for NP Conference.
- c. Jake will meet with Ray, Dave, Gene & Betty about money follows the client program and investigates if QSP services can be obtained through Assisted Living services. Currently, Assisted Living Services are not regulated like nursing facilities. Larry asked them to investigate this item and report back to the committee by the next GCoA meeting. Delores’s motion to reimburse for travel & living expenses for these meetings, Ray second, motion carried.
- d. Ray will report to the committee during the next meeting about the legislation the Silver Haired Assembly is drafting as mentioned above.
- e. Larry will contact us for our Regional Governor Forum reports so he can add them to annual report to the Governor.

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