

BLUE RIVERS AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

Regular Meeting

October 27, 2022

A regular meeting of the Advisory Council of Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging was called to order at 12:15 pm at Table Rock Center.

Council members present: Janice Price; Jennifer Schell, Cheryl Walsh and Tracy Wieckhorst

Absent: Rhonda Dettmer, Lana Likens, Jessica Gerdes and Karen Richardson

Guests: None

Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging staff members present: Carla Frase, Executive Director and Tracie Fossler, Administrative Assistant.

Price, Chair, presided over the meeting and Fossler recorded the minutes of the meeting.

MOTION to approve the agenda as printed by Wieckhorst; second by Walsh; voice vote; motion carried.

MOTION to approve the minutes of July 27, 2022 as printed by Schell; second by Walsh; voice vote; motion carried.

DIRECTORS REPORT

- July 26 – Frase presented our Agencies services to the Jefferson County Commissioners. Vicki Haskell was also present.
- July 27 – Advisory Council meeting
- August 1 – Check in call with Cynthia Brammeier
- August 1 – Nutrition Taxonomy Town Hall/ WebEx for Area Plan
- August 1 – BigGiveGage Meeting @ Beatrice Community Hospital
- August 1 – In-home Services Taxonomy Town Hall
- August 2 – Care Management Assessment Discussion, SUA, Cheryl
- August 3 – Thayer County Commissioners Meeting
- August 9 – AAA Director Meeting
- August 10 – Elder Justice Training, all day, via zoom
- August 11 – ADRC Toll Free Number Discussion
- August 11 – Legal Services Taxonomy Town Hall, Area Plan
- August 12 – APS/AAA Systems Monthly, conflict
- August 16 – Johnson County Commissioner Meeting
- August 16 – AD & TBI Waiver – TCM/Service Coordination Meeting
- August 17 – Care Management/Service Coordination Meeting in-house
- August 17 – Nutrition Coordinators Meeting
- August 18 – Leadership Meeting
- August 23 – ADRC Proposal Beginning Discussion for Oct. 3 Deadline, with Care Managers and Choice Unit Supervisor. Completed project was sent September 8, 2022.
- August 24 – Attended the Cortland Center BBQ in the park.

- August 25 – Leadership Team went to Chautauqua Park to scout for Team Building/Training on September 19th.
- August 25 – Aged and Disabled Rate Study via WebEx
- August 31 – ADTBIS – NFOCUS
- September 1 – ADRC Proposal finalization, Care Managers/Supervisor
- September 1 – NIRMA HR Monthly Roundtable, termination
- September 1 – Disability Series, The ADA process in Nebraska
- September 7 – HBE Preliminary Audit In house
- September 12 – Finalize Staff Teambuilding Agenda
- September 12 – Care Management Recertification Process
- September 13 – AAA Directors Meeting
- September 13 – AD/TBI Waiver TCM/Service Coordination
- September 14 – Care Management/Caregivers/Service Coordinators meeting in house
- September 14 – Sept. Nutrition Coordinators meeting
- September 16 – Partners for a Healthy Community Strategic Planning Session, Doane Campus – grass roots meeting.
- September 19 – All day Staff Team Building Event @ Chautauqua Park
- September 21 – Presented Agency information to Leadership Beatrice on Non-Profit Day for group.
- September 24 – Beatrice Senior Fair at Beatrice Senior Center
- September 26 – Area Plans, Goals meeting

Upcoming meetings:

- September 27 – Operations Manual Training
 - September 27 – FY2022 SPR Training
 - September 28 Peru State Discussion via Zoom on student trips
 - October 6 – All Day, State Aging Advisory Committee Meeting
 - October 11 – Meeting with the Beatrice Senior Citizens Board
 - October 11 – Oct. MAC Workgroup Meeting
 - October 11 – BigGiveGage Check Distribution, \$2,050 plus match @ Classics
 - October 12 – Monthly Care Manage/CareGiver Support Meeting
 - October 14 – Monthly APS/AAA Systems Meeting
 - October 17 – Direct Service Waiver via WebEx
 - October 18 – AD/TBI Waiver – TCM/Service Coordination Directors
 - October 19 – AAA Directors Meeting in Kearney
 - October 20 & 21 – NIRMA Conference in Kearney
 - October 26 – Employ Beatrice, Dept. of Labor
 - October 27 – Advisory Council Meeting @ Table Rock
- Upcoming meetings:
- October 31 – Area Plan – Goals meeting

Frase stated that we are pursuing signage for our Administration building and logo decals for our sites doors and windows, stating Blue Rivers Area Agency as the sponsor of the program. Frase has traveled to all of our counties except Richardson County, presenting our services. She would like to explore becoming partners with Richardson County. We made \$2,085 for the Big Give Gage in September, and Our project was “Enhancing Transportation”. Frase stated that we had applied for a grant from the BCH

Foundation to help finance a van that is wheelchair accessible for transportation, but didn't receive any funding.

Frase attends the Director AAA meetings and is now the president. A reception for the Nebraska senators is being planned on February 22, 2023. Senator's Slama, Dorn and Brandt attended the Governing Board Meeting in October. The Care Management program was cut by \$15,000 this year. The Choices Manager and staff are going out presenting to the Senior Centers for outreach. Frase reported that in December they will be going to Kearney for training to work on a 4-year area plan.

COUNTY UPDATES

OTOE COUNTY: TRACY WIEKHORST

Wiekhorst reported that Otoe County is having challenges finding providers for people in need of assistance. They refer them to Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging whenever possible.

JOHNSON COUNTY: JENNIFER SCHELL

Schell reported that the bus driver says all is going well in Johnson County and need to advertise that their transit covers all of Johnson County. SENCA meals are going well. They had issues with suppliers for a while. Johnson County Hospital is going to be doing meals for the holidays again this year.

THAYER COUNTY: CHERYL WALSH

Walsh reported that in Deshler when the last sight manager left abruptly, one of the volunteers took over the duties running the Senior Center with another Blue Rivers employee. Walsh had not been to Davenport yet. In Hebron they are working on getting volunteers to help deliver meals. There is a new Site Manager for Deshler. The long-time meal delivery driver in Thayer County has resigned and a new driver has been hired.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Advisory Council meeting will be Thursday January 26, 2023 at 10 am via Zoom.

MEETING ADJOURNED by Price at 1:35 p.m.

Tracie Fossler