

# **BLUE RIVERS AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting

September 17, 2019

A regular meeting of the Advisory Council of Blue Rivers Agency on Aging was called to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, 103 Eastside Blvd., Beatrice, NE 68310.

Council members present were: Janice Price, Lisa Westerfield and Jessica Gerdes

Blue Rivers Agency on Aging staff members present were: Zoe Olson, Executive Director, and Tracie Fossler, Administrative Assistant.

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

**MOTION** by Price to approve the agenda as printed; motion carried.

**MOTION** by Gerdes to approve the minutes of June 4, 2019 as printed; second by Westerfield; voice vote; motion carried.

### **UPDATE ON BLUE RIVERS AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

Olson reported that:

- Olson distributed the FY19 numbers for Nutrition, Care Provision and Transportation Service Provision.
- Olson reported that we participated in the Big Give Gage last week. The project was for the Housekeeping and Chore Program. In which we earned \$810 in donations and are waiting information on matching funds.
- Olson reported that Blue Rivers has started providing transportation for Medicaid waiver clients for medical appointments through MTM. Heritage Health has split it up into three companies for medical waiver medical appointments. They are DVM, IntelliRide and MTM.
- Olson reported that we are in the process of getting three new busses and will be putting in for two more. Each bus is \$63,000 and we need to match \$10,000 of it. Three are ordered and Olson has put in for a grant from the BCH Foundation for another bus and a minivan. We are awaiting their response.
- Ron Buchinski the ADRC Options, RD and the Senior Volunteer Program has retired. The three care managers will be taking over the ADRC Options Counselor position. Kathy Erickson will be taking over for RD until we hire a part-time person. We will hire a part-time position for the Senior Volunteer Program.
- Olson reported that we will also be starting to provide transportation for the Veterans Administration.

- Olson reported the Peer Place will be the new software to replace NAMIS and is in process.
- Olson will be going to Plymouth on September 19 for a meeting to discuss the possibility of implementing a meal program there.
- Olson reported that reimbursement from the State Unit has slowed down again. We are awaiting reimbursement from July and August.
- Olson reported that we have been doing a 15-minute time study for cost allocation. It ended as of August 30, 2019.
- Olson reported that Angels Care Home will be doing presentations in October, November and December.
- Olson reported that we have started a Tai Chi program in Wymore. There are 16 participants signed up for the 12-week course.
- Olson reported that SHIP will be here during October and November to help with enrolling and re-enrolling in Medicare Part D.

**DISCUSSION** was held on the Shelf Stable Meal Program. The program is doing well and they will be providing it again in October if there is an interest. The suggested contribution for people 60 and over is \$28 and for the purchase price of \$32 for people under 60. The meal kits are purchase through GA Foods.

#### **COUNTY UPDATES**

- Gage County: Price reported that the Beatrice Senior Center number of Congregate and Home Delivered meals has gone up. They have an excellent cook. And are trying to get more groups to come.
- Nemaha County: The number of meals at the Auburn Senior Center are down both Congregate and Home Delivered. Transportation is doing good.
- Johnson County: Nothing to report

#### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Advisory Council meeting will be Tuesday December 17, 2019 at the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging offices in Beatrice. The meeting will begin at 12:00 p.m. and lunch will be during the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

*Tracie Fossler*