

## SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 19, 2016

8:30 A.M.

McFarland Municipal Center  
Conference Room A

### MINUTES

**1. Call to order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Adrian at 8:30 am.

Present: Jerry Adrian (Trustee/Chair), Lori Andersen (Director), Doris Lisenbee, Carol Lobes, Sara Sprang (Case Manager), Judy Taritas, Committee Members Absent: Stephanie Brassington and Colleen McCormick.

**2. Review and possible approval of draft. Minutes of the March 17, 2016 meeting of the Senior Outreach Services Committee.**

The minutes were approved on a motion by Lobes and seconded by Lisenbee.

**3. Welcome to committee members for new annual term**

- Jerry Adrian welcomed all committee members on a new term

**4. Director's report for March and April 2016 Senior Outreach Department activities**

- Partnering with the Adult Service Librarian for programming.
- Food Pantry is starting to deliver food once a month to homebound older adults
- Director of Senior Outreach will serve on the Communication and Technology committee relating to the Outlook Newsletter and possible ways to incorporate the monthly Senior newsletter with the Outlook
- First Annual Barbecue will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup> with rain date of July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Nutrition program report and discussion**

- Meals on Wheels participation have increased and congregate participation has increased to an average of 4 participants.
- Director of Senior Outreach Services has visited several meal sites, traditional and restaurant based, around Dane County. Director invited Committee member to join her at the DeForest Family Restaurant on June 29<sup>th</sup> to try out this restaurant model. Carol Lobes will attend.

**6. Case management report and preliminary budget 2017**

- Director of Senior Services presented the Dane County budget to the committee and how Dane County puts values on different categories (rural, food share participants, poverty level older adults). Cost vs. benefit was discussed with the territories that McFarland currently provides services too.
- Director of Senior Services explained the possibility of Senior Center working with insurance companies for Case Management services. Carol Lobes spoke of the importance of the committee and the need to advocate for older adults. Carol suggested writing a letter to Dane County Executive, Joe Parisi indicating the

Committee take a stance against privatization of Case Management services.  
Carol with draft a letter to Joe Parisi.

**7. Discuss as it relates to Senior Outreach Services: School Proposal and Village Comprehensive Plan**

- Collette Spranger from MDRoffers Consulting explained her role and asked for input from the committee on the “missing pieces” of the community. Carol Lobes commented there is a need for public transportation. Collette Spranger encouraged committee members to contact her with opinions on future community development.
- Director of Senior Outreach Services explained the structure of the department and explained how each Senior Center is different. McFarland Senior Outreach covers a wide territory of 108.9 miles.
- Carol Lobes mentioned the “carve out” piece to McFarland Senior Outreach is the Social Service aspect of the program.
- Committee spoke about individuals aging in place and the anticipated needs of older adults. As families move to McFarland, often their parents follow to be close by. Judy Taritas explained she moved to McFarland because of her family.

**8. Committee homework-one year, three year and five year plan for department.**

- Director of Senior Outreach Services asked committee to share their independent vision of the department in the next one, three and five years at the next meeting.

**9. Possible agenda items for next meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled Thursday, July 21st at 8:30am.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.

Submitted by,  
*Sara Sprang*