

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Senior Outreach Service Committee Minutes

Thursday, June 17, 2021 - 8:30 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Chair Flaherty called the regular meeting of the Senior Outreach Services Committee to order at 8:30 AM in Conference Room A.

a. Introduction and background of each committee member

Committee members introduced themselves and gave their backgrounds and interests.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

No public appearances.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Motion to approve the minutes of the May 2021 meeting.

Motion by Amundson, second by Mikelbank, to Motion to approve the minutes of the April 2021 meeting. Motion carries 6- 0 - 0 by acclamation..

4. BUSINESS.

a. Director updates on current Service delivery based on reopening plans

Director of SOS reviewed case management service units. Case Managers started home visits and clients are also coming into the office or meeting in a conference room. Nutrition program numbers have been steady, continue to have 5 Meals on Wheels routes. Meals On Wheels drivers remain consistent. Transportation services and RSVP volunteer medical rides are slowly returning to service. RSVP volunteers are being trained and a soft opening for medical rides will be occurring. Coffee in the Park was well attended and will continue during the next few months. Staff completed recertification in Living Well With Chronic Condition class. Ethics training was completed by Case Managers and Nutrition Coordinator. Endowment committee met, there was minimal usage of Endowment funds. Congregate meal site will likely return in fall.

b. Director updates on services for recent quarter

Referrals continue to increase related to individuals having a functional decline thru the pandemic. Mental Health Resource team is a new resource for the focal points. Case Managers need to make the initial referral to the Mental Health Resource team and it is a voluntary service. Another new resource is the Behavioral Health Resource Center. This resource center will assist individuals to access mental health services in Dane County. Leilani Amundson encouraged members to take AAA survey for the aging plan. Transportation survey recently completed with Meals on Wheels participants.

c. Discuss next steps in department/facility planning process

Senior Outreach Services has an opportunity to provide input on a community center. Committee has an opportunity to think big. Committee questioned if they should be advocating for dedicated space or shared space. Does the Village want to take over Park and Rec? The Village would need to hire a Recreation Director. Committee member suggested to use the planning document to define space needs and it is

important to plan for space for current and future staff. Monona Senior Center Director, Diane Mikelbank spoke about space needs and differences of Monona. Monona has dedicated space and contracts to New Bridge for case management. Committee suggested two or three committee members tour other senior centers to look at features and spaces. Committee member, Jerry Adrian agreed to chair the small committee to tour other senior centers. A suggestion was made to bring in a architect to re purpose space for the community center. Chair Flaherty suggested to create a vision and present the vision to the Village Board and Administration.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2021.

a. Discuss frequency of meetings

Original Meeting structure is every other month. Last year committee was meeting monthly. Suggested to meet every other month.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Adrian, second by Mikelbank, to adjourn at 10:05am.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin boards in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Sprang
Case Manager