

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Senior Outreach Services Committee Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 - 8:30 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Committee Member Mike Flaherty called the regular meeting of the Senior Outreach Services committee to order at 8:30 am in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center.

Staff members present: Lori Anderson

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

- a. *This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Senior Outreach Services Committee. Please remember this is a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom online meeting platform. Zoom meeting attendees wishing to address the Committee may do so using the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform. You may state your name, address, and provide your comments to the Committee for their consideration. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the Committee should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. Members of the public may speak during public appearances or during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to senior.outreach@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion by Member Diane Mikelbank, second by Member Barb Vander Werff, to APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

- a. *Motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2022 meeting.*

4. BUSINESS.

- a. *Review results of Dane county program surveys for Nutrition and Case Management services*

Lori Anderson reviewed several key findings of the recent Dane County Nutrition and Case Management program surveys. In Dane County, 89% of respondents rated the quality of case management services as Very Good or Excellent and 96% of respondents noted that their situations are better because of the case management they have received. In regards to the nutrition program, 38.2% of people said that the noon meal is half of their daily intake (so we make an effort to ensure that people have other food options on days our program is not operating). 48.1% noted that this service provides "someone to talk to and adds a "sense of safety and security." Carolyn Clow asked if it was possible for our drivers (or other volunteers) to "buddy up" with some of the meal recipients. Lori Anderson said that this does currently happen informally, but to provide something more regular, we would need a way to monitor a program like that. There is the possibility of regular telephone check-ins which may work with our current staffing level.

- b. *Update on community center planning*

Carolyn Clow provided an update to the group regarding the future Community/Senior

Center. A consulting firm has been hired and will be meeting with the Village Board at the next board meeting. The firm will then begin the community engagement portion of the work. The consulting firm will work with the Village for approximately ten months. Lori Anderson said that the firm has expressed an interest in feedback specifically from seniors which will be arranged in the next month. Lori will re-send the plan this committee previously put together which includes core ideas, programming, staffing, etc. to the group. She noted that right now they are looking at the overall space needs (designated and shared) and flexibility for many types of programs. The plan put together in 2017 may not have factored in technology needs that the pandemic has shown a need for. Special attention will also be put on "universal design" (amenities beyond what is required by the ADA), for example, chairs with arms, easy signage, automatic restroom doors, etc.

c. Recent and upcoming events

Recent events include a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion three-day seminar held for all department heads, and a Mother's Day Tea which was well attended and garnered very positive feedback.

Upcoming events include a Father's Day event; 4H Fundraiser (all proceeds are donated to McFarland Senior Outreach and the funds are used for clients in need); a Lunch & Learn with Amy Scarr of Dane County to discuss her work with other people who are victims of financial abuse/scams; Coffee Hours, and the Summer Picnic. Leilani Amundson will be presenting a "Welcome to Medicare" seminar in Waunakee.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 15th at 8:30 a.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Member Jerry Adrian, second by Member Barb Vander Werff, to adjourn ADJOURNMENT. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.