



MEETING MINUTES

Aging Advisory Council

Wasatch Health Department Conference Room B

March 14, 2024

1:30 pm

Conducting:

Cheri Tuckett, Chairman Pro Tem, Utah County Senior Volunteers

Attending:

Amelia Powers Gardner, Utah County Commissioner - Brandon Gordon (Representative)

Gale Pace, Retired Senior Volunteer Program

Elen Holdaway, Caregiver Coalition

Jan Kirkham-Jonsson, Lehi Senior Center

Kena Mathews, Orem City Community Services Manager

Excused:

Jonelle Fitzgerald, Wasatch County Health Department

Michelle Carrol, MAG Executive Director

Mike Winward, Wasatch Senior Center

Tom Hogan, Community Action Services & Food Pantry

Gena Bertelsen, Vice Chair, Orem Friendship Senior Center

Tonja B. Hanson, Summit County Councilmember

Jamie Jensen, Lindon Senior Center

Sandra Curcio, Ability First Utah

Tori Eaton, Springville Senior Center

Judy Maedel, Park City Senior Center

Carla Merrill, Alpine Mayor

Stan Street, American Fork Senior Center

Tana Toly, Park City Senior Senior Center

Kendall Crittenden, Chair, Wasatch County Councilmember

Jessica Wilde, Summit County Senior Services

Guests:

Anne Asman, Program Manager, University of Utah Huntsman Geriatric Psychiatry Clinic

MAG:

Linda Cole, MAG Aging Deputy Director

Jimmy Golding, MAG Volunteer Operations Manager

Amy Lewis, MAG Administrative Assistant

Heather Dorious, MAG Meals on Wheels Program Manager

Essen Skabelund, RSVP & SHIP Program Manager

Discussion & Agenda Items

Cheri Tuckett, Chairman Pro Tem opened the meeting at 1:36 pm and welcomed members and guests.

AGENDA ITEMS

1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes from January 11, 2024 postponed for motion

2 GUEST SPEAKER INTRODUCTION

Linda Cole - MAG Deputy Director Aging Services
Brief introduction of Anne Asman to the council was made.

3 CMS GUIDE MODEL GRANT

Guest, Anne Asman, Program Manager, University of Utah Huntsman Geriatric Psychiatry Clinic
A presentation was given on the University of Utah Geriatric Psychiatry Clinic's Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) Model grant. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) launched a new voluntary nationwide model, the Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) Model, on July 31, 2023. The model test intends to benefit people with dementia and their unpaid caregivers. The model will go live on July 1, 2024, for an eight-year period.

The GUIDE Model will focus on dementia care management, with the goal of improving people's quality of life, reducing demand on unpaid caregivers, and allowing individuals with dementia to remain in their homes and communities. These aims will be met through a comprehensive package of care coordination and management, caregiver education and support, and respite programs.

Participants in the GUIDE Model will create dementia care programmes (DCPs) that provide ongoing, longitudinal care and support to people with dementia via an interdisciplinary team. GUIDE participants will be Medicare Part B enrolled providers/suppliers, excluding durable medical equipment (DME) and laboratory suppliers, who are entitled to bill for Medicare Physician Fee Schedule services and agree to follow the model's care delivery guidelines.

4 AGING DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Michelle Carroll - MAG Executive Director
Aging Department Leadership Update

Linda and Jimmy Golding's present positions as Deputy Directors were briefly summarized. Appreciation was conveyed for the Deputy Directors' conduct and efforts. At this time the Aging Director position is on hold.

Linda Cole - MAG Deputy Director

Fuller Center Collaboration

The Fuller Center for Housing in Utah County has made excellent contacts with MAG Aging and Family Services customers. During the information dissemination phase, the customers conducted an outreach campaign that resulted in some positive developments. Several MAG clients employed these services, according to reports presented during the meeting.

Jimmy Golding - MAG Co-Deputy Director

Legislative Update

Area Agencies on Aging will receive a total of \$2.4 million in Nutrition for Vulnerable Seniors/Meals on Wheels funding. MAG had hired a lobbyist to assist in obtaining these monies, which proved extremely beneficial.

Development Position

The Development Position is presently being recruited, with candidates being interviewed. This position will organize events and campaigns to raise funds and other forms of support for an organization.

March for Meals

March for Meals is a month-long fundraising and awareness campaign benefiting our senior feeding services. From March 18 to 29, Utah mayors and other elected officials will join community leaders from throughout the country to provide meals through Meals on Wheels. The day provides elected officials with firsthand knowledge of the program's beneficiaries, who are frequently among the most vulnerable and secluded members of their communities. Anyone on the Aging Advisory Council who hasn't previously signed up can do so by contacting a MAG employee.

5 EDUCATION PROGRAM GROWTH AND NEW OFFERINGS IN THE WORKS

Tanya Macdonald - Community Education Coordinator

Summary and presentation of what MAG Aging and Family Services offers the public in terms of health education and caregiver assistance programs.

6 NEW PROGRAM MANAGER - INTRODUCTION AND PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

Essen Skabelund - RSVP and SHIP Program Manager

An introduction was presented, followed by a summary of the MAG leadership role for RSVP and SHIP. Also mentioned some upcoming hopes for direction and movement.

7 MEALS ON WHEELS NEW STAFF INTRODUCTION AND UPDATES

Heather Dorius - Meals on Wheels Program Manager

The senior feeding program for MAG Meals on Wheels is now completely staffed, with no openings. Recently added to the team were a Park City Meals on Wheels driver, a Utah County Backup Driver, and a Meals on Wheels Volunteer Coordinator. Renae Kingsley was welcomed as the volunteer coordinator and a quick introduction to the program's volunteer needs.

8 ROUND TABLE

Elen Holdaway, Utah County Caregiver Coalition

MAG Aging and Family Services will be hosting Caregivers at the Movies on March 27th at 10:30 a.m. All caregivers and their loved ones are invited to a special screening of 'Eddie the Eagle' and 'The Man Who Knew Too Little.' It is a free social engagement for caregivers that includes complimentary popcorn and beverages.

Gale Pace, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

Confirmed election as 2nd Vice President of Utah Public Employees Association (UPEA). This association represents Utah's public employees. Gale may work as an ambassador for local representatives to ensure Utah's public employees are protected, rewarded, and valued. Furthermore, the RSVP driver's needs have

been identified and shared his involvement in providing rides to aging adults.

Cheri Tuckett, Utah County Senior Volunteers Foster Grandparents and Senior Companionship programs. This year marks the 30th anniversary of Americorps Volunteer Recognition Week, which is being celebrated by the Utah County Health Department. A Health and Human Services - Out and About grant was received for a new 15-passenger van for the Foster Grandparent Program. The grant is sponsored through donations made to the Out and About funding source.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Next meeting:

Thursday May 9, 2024 1:30 Park City Richins Building

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