AGENDA

TRIBAL AGING UNIT ADVISORY BOARD

Date: July 16, 2014
Place: Milwaukee Branch Office

I. Call to order at 9:09 a.m.

II. Prayer offered by Martin Littlewolf, Jr.

III. Roll Call:

Sharon Casillas - p	Francis Decorah - p	Teala Edwards - p
Wayne Falcon - 9:26 am	Rosetta Hunt – exc.	JoAnn Jones - p
Annette LittleWolf - p	Frances LittleWolf – p	Marian Miner - p
Janice Savage - p	Janette Smoke - p	Myrna Thompson – p
Gloria Visintin – 9:28 a.m.	Marlys Whiteagle - p	Muriel Whiteagle-Lee – p
Judy Whitehorse - p		

IV. Recognition of Others; Wendi Huling, Martin Littlewolf, Jr., Randy Savage, Sarah Funmaker – OOP, Scott Lowe, Shelly McCook, Marie Lewis

V. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2014 Motion by Frances Littlewolf to approve meeting minutes with changes, second by Janice Savage, 14-0-0, M.C.

VI. Adoption of Agenda; Motion by Janette Smoke to approve agenda, second by Janice Savage, 14-0-0, M.C.

VII. Reports

1. Director; Marie Lewis handed out a written report, motion by Francis Decorah to approve Director's report, second by Frances Littlewolf, 12-0-0, Janice and Wayne out of room.
    a. TAU Financials; no written report, motion by Frances Littlewolf to table Financials and Elder Assistance Program due to no reports, second by Judy Whitehorse, 12-0-2, Wayne and Janice out of room.
    b. Elder Home Repair Caps;
2. Elder Assistance Program; tabled by above motion.
   Motion by Frances Littlewolf to take a break, second by Annette Littlewolf, 14-0-0; break at 10:15 a.m. for 15 minutes. Meeting called back to order at 10:30 a.m.

Sarah Funmaker from Office of the President arrived at the meeting. Motion by Frances Littlewolf to put Sarah Funmaker on the agenda, second by Janice Savage, 12-0-0, Gloria Visintin and Marion Miner out of room, motion carried.

Elderly Advisory Board concerns; elder transportation and services are being cut back due to all these layers of beaurocrocy. Leadership at TAU is not there, complaint forms are suppose to be in triplicate. Written complaints are not being address and board is being told it is Personnel issues and they are not. C.E.R. at Milwaukee is not doing anything for us elders, meetings are set up and she doesn't want to meet. Elders don't know about taxes, the meal here today could have been done by elders but someone is getting paid to serve this meal. DeJope meal site was established and the TAU Director tried to destroy it, the elders can't eat what they want. A meal site was to be set up here at Milwaukee like Madison. Roof concerns about not letting elders know they are coming to their house. Elders are not aware of all the services. (Social Services Resource Directory) Lack of communication, not everyone is informed. Why are all issues tabled? Last month's meeting was not productive, nothing was done. The TAU Director should report to the Board, not President's office. Maybe Annette should be the Director because she is doing the work. Board thanks Sarah from President's office for attending the meeting today and listening to our legitimate complaints. Board wants to know if President will continue to send someone from their office because there hasn't been anyone for several months. Complaints about all the other departments who are not doing their job. Orientation needs to be done in a better manner so people know their jobs. Our Ho-Chunk people are not getting hired for jobs. Homeless issue was also addressed and nothing was done about this.

VIII. Other:

1. Area Elder Requests
   a. Area V, T.I.D. 1400, elite elder request for reimbursement for fence replacement. Motion by Janice Savage to deny this request due to not meeting program requirements stated on request, second by Marion Miner, 12-2 Sharon Casillas and JoAnn Jones -0, motion carried.

Area I, TID-2880 – Wood Splitter, motion by Francis Decorah to deny this request due to the statement on the request, second by Frances Littlewolf, 13-0-1, Sharon Casillas, motion carried.

Area II elite elder needs work done on ramp, the work will be done next week, per Scott Lowe. Lawn mowing in Madison has issues with vendor. Scott Lowe will check into this. C.E.R. is also aware of this issue.

IX. Old Business

a. Job Descriptions-Social Service and Health Department; motion by Marlys Whiteagle to add more T.A.U. workers for all areas, second by Judy Whitehorse 13-0-1, Wayne Falcon out of room. Do a comparison of elders to workers.

b. Establish EAB Meetings according to The T.E.R.O. Commission Ordinance-Wendi Huling; Wendi sent the email forward and no response yet. Motion by Francis Decorah to forward the request to Elizabeth Haller and Office of the President, second by Marlys Whiteagle, 13-0-1,Wayne Falcon out of room, motion carried. Motion by Marlys Whiteagle to get support from Legislature and Executive Department to make this revision, 13-0-2, Wayne Falcon and Gloria Visintin, motion carried.

c. 2017 n4a Convention-Marlys Whiteagle gave a brief report on n4a and look into membership as stated in last meeting. Just an f.y.i.

d. Elder Bingo Comps; Motion by Frances Littlewolf to table until next meeting in August, 2014, second by JoAnn Jones, 14-0-0, motion carried.
Motion by Francis Decorah to break for lunch, second by Judy Whitehorse, 14-0-0, motion carried.
Break for lunch at 11:58 a.m.
Meeting called back to order at 12:44 p.m.

e. WIP Program-Ashley Natysin- Commissioner of Insurance for the State of WI. Ashley Natysin will be at the August, 2014 meeting.

f. NICOA-Per Diem and Transportation, motion by Frances Littlewolf to approve $87,242.24 for per diem and transportation to NICOA paid out of Elder Assistance Program, second by Janice Savage, 14-0-0, motion carried.

g. G.L.N.A.E.A. Motion by Frances Littlewolf to approve $14,550.14 for GLNAEA budget paid out of Elder Assistance Fund, second by JoAnn Jones, 14-0-0, motion carried.

h. TAU Director and Elizabeth Haller request to meet with Area II elders in Dells and Madison. Liz wanted the concerns in writing so she would know what to bring or prepare. JoAnn said she would talk to elders and get it in writing. Liz could not be at meeting today. There are concerns about the care giver program which is under the Health Department.

i. Elder Caps, there is no Legislative liaison today and the elder request which went from plumbing, to electrical, to other issues at our last meeting was brought up at Mystic Lake meeting. There should be limits set for each elder. Legislature is requesting this so should there be a work group? Maybe Treasury could do that, since we don't have access to all the information. There are also other issues affecting our elders which can be brought up. Planning Department is going to assist with elder caps. Marie will be sending information to Carol Garvin. There may be a report done by next meeting. What about the motion for Part B premium for Medicare to be paid by Legislature which was made in April, 2014. There should be an answer in writing from Legislature.

j. Dells Van, the money is at Distribution to get bids for the van. This request has been out there for several years and the van is still not here.

k. Chiropractic insurance was not passed by Legislature yet. More information is being requested.

X. New Business

a. Life insurance for employed elders only-70+ benefit is cut in half when you turn 70, only presented as f.y.i. due to some of our elders who are employed with Ho-Chunk Nation.

b. H.H.C.D.A. There is a meeting in Blue Wing on August 15, 2014 at 10 a.m. Indian Housing Plan will be discussed. Each area had the option of what they wanted with funds and BRF wanted their driveways paved and garages built.

c. Deed, title/Home owners insurance, the reason these documents are needed is to ensure the work is done on a home owned by the elder.

d. Health Insurance for Elders, Sharon Casillas has bills which are not getting paid due to not having Medicare Part B. She is employed full time so is not eligible for Part B. She has been talking with Auxiant and Personnel staff regarding these bills. She will send all the information to Wendi, since Personnel and Insurance are her clients too. Banking institutions do the same to elders, when you reach a certain age, insurance is not offered to pay loan when elder passes.

Motion by Gloria Visintin to refund Janette Smoke $100.00 from NICOA conference due to medical appointment, second by Frances Littlewolf, 14-0-0, motion carried.

Next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on August 13, 2014 at Tomah TAU.

XI. Adjourn; Motion to adjourn by Francis Decorah to adjourn, second by Wayne Falcon, 14-0-0, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Marie Lewis