Senior Nutrition Task Force

October 23, 2009 Meeting
9:00 a.m. – Noon
Whitney Senior Center
St. Cloud

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Participants

- Connie Bagley, SE MN AAA
- Kari Benson, MBA Staff
- Margaret Bisek, MBA Staff
- Monica Douglas, Lutheran Social Services
- Rolf Hage, MBA Staff
- Grace Lee, MBA Member
- Beth Nelson, Chair, MBA Member
- Marilyn Ocepek, Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency
- Pat Rowan, Metro Meals on Wheels
- Dawn Simonson, Metropolitan AAA
- Ellie Vollmer, MBA Member
- Lori Vrolson, Central MN Council on Aging

I. **Welcome and Introductions – Beth Nelson, Chair**
- Beth welcomed all of the Task Force members to the meeting and expressed her appreciation for their time and effort.
- This will be the last meeting of the Task Force. The report from this phase of the Task Force work will be presented to the MN Board on Aging on December 4.

II. **Review of Task Force "Charge" and Progress to Date – Kari Benson**
- Please see "SNTF status check 10.23.09" document.
- The Task Force discussed the content of the report to the Board and what that needed to contain in order to address the interests and concerns of the Board members.
- The report will highlight the work of the Task Force – and the statewide nutrition program – in three areas: (1) targeting, (2) technology and (3) innovative models.
- The report will provide a long-range vision, goals and benchmarks for these three areas and will also provide more detailed implementation information for the next calendar year. Synopses of current regional innovations and trends will be included.

III.   Discussion of Technology
- The Task Force discussed the Bar Code Card Pilot. Please see "MN Bar Code Card Pilot report draft 10.21.09" document.
- Task Force members agreed that a lot had been learned at the three pilot sites regarding costs, challenges and constraints. More needs to be learned regarding different technology that could be used at the meal site and different ways that the information could be collected and uploaded into the NAPIS data system. Any further pilots will be put on hold until after significant improvements to the NAPIS data system are made in CY 2010.
- Another component of technology that should be highlighted in the report to the Board is the NAPIS data system and the decision regarding improving AIM or moving to a new system.

IV.   Discussion of Targeting
- The Task Force discussed the targeting criteria outlined in the March 2009 report to the MBA. Please see "Odyssey Session: Targeting Senior Nutrition Services – what does it mean?" document.
- The report to the MBA should discuss the aging of the population as a significant trend impacting the program. A brief analysis of the proportion of current and future program participants will meet the criteria should be included. National program benchmarks will be used as a comparison to MN's current status of participant data and targeting.
- Task Force members identified some of the ways in which the reality of other program eligibility criteria and the real lives and needs of older adults do not match up with the nutrition program targeting criteria. Task Force members recommended an analysis of the participant data to identify and describe the different sub-groups of older adults who are currently participating in the program. Task Force members also recommended developing a data/targeting dashboard and statewide goals for improved data and targeting.

V.   Discussion of Promising Service Delivery Models - All
- The Task Force discussed the draft list of promising service delivery models. Please see "SNTF Models options 10.12.09" document.
- Task Force members agreed that a consistent template should be used to analyze the costs and outcomes for each promising service delivery model. This needs to be done – in conjunction with an analysis of participant data by site – to inform the decisions by AAAs and providers regarding which model/s to implement.
- The Task Force agreed that the decision as to which model/s to implement should be left to the providers and AAAs. The report to the MBA will provide a list of options from which each region will choose at least one to implement in CY 2011. CY 2010 will be spent, in part, conducting the analysis described above.
- MBA staff will be shifting the task force webpage to focus on a broader set of program-related information, including information on promising models.

IV.   Next Steps
- MBA staff will send out a draft report on Nov. 4 for Task Force members to review prior to submission to the MBA Program Operations Committee (Nov. 16).
- Task Force members need to gather feedback on the report from their colleagues and share that feedback with MBA staff by the end of the day on Friday, Nov. 13.
- MBA staff will share the final version of the report that is sent to the POC and full Board.
- The full Board will meet on Friday, Dec. 4 and will review the report at that time.