

Washington County Task Force meeting minutes

August 24, 2022 at 1 p.m.

Present: Don Kline, Marianne Hanshaw, Karri Fisher, Christine Yancey

Staff: Harrison March

Review of Meeting Minutes

No corrections proposed. Meeting minutes approved as presented.

Member Updates

Karri Fisher, Washington County Public Health

- WCPH is hiring a home health nurse

Christine Yancey, City of Riverside:

- Christine has been adding Heritage info to her newsletters, which reach around 500 households.

Heritage AAA Report

- The Encore Express grand opening party went very well with nearly 100 meals served. Harrison March thanked members for their help with outreach promoting the program.
- Heritage is hiring again for a Health Coach to help start the Return to Community program. Karri asked if the program might expand beyond patients at Mercy hospital in Cedar Rapids. Harrison said perhaps in the long-term it could, but there are no plans at this time.
- It's been a busy but good summer for outreach, including several events Washington. The last market of the season that Heritage plans to attend is tomorrow evening.

What's Next?

Discussion regarding future outreach efforts and events included...

- Christine would like to reach more seniors in Riverside and Wellman, which Karri agreed with.
- Karri is interested in the PrepWise disaster plan program. Christine thinks it could be a good topic to consider with winter coming up so seniors can be prepared and also know who is doing what to help their community after a disaster or big storm.
 - o Harrison suggested separating the two ideas since one could be a general community event while PrepWise is more individualized and time-consuming. First step would be to gauge interest from public health, PD, FD, etc.
 - o Karri also suggested these events could create leads on identifying more isolated seniors who could benefit from outreach or a needs assessment.

Open Agenda

Karri: a new COVID vaccine booster is awaiting approval and may be available in the near future. In the meantime, flu shots are expected to arrive to WCPH soon. Private pharmacists may already have doses in stock. Marianne suggested WCPH or a pharmacist as a good Encore Express program to talk about common medicine-related questions and vaccine information. Karri could help set up a clinic as well.

Don: make sure Encore diners are also getting their vouchers. It's a big part of the program as well, and more seniors may participate if they learn about this portion too.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 28.