

Nutrition Advisory Council Agenda

The Grant County Nutrition Advisory Council will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 in the Lobby Conference Room at the Community Services Building, 8820 Hwy/35/61/81, Lancaster, WI 53813.

Please RSVP to Courtney at 608-723-6113 or cbrookhart@co.grant.wi.gov.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Dial: 1-646-931-3860

1. June 2, 2026 Minutes
2. Program Updates
 - Platteville Meal Site
 - Dietary Guidelines
 - Food Temperature Update
3. Advocacy Update
4. Statistical Report
5. Coordinator Report
6. Upcoming Events
 - Medicare 101: September 18, Lancaster
 - Elderfest – Senior Health Fair: October 23, Lancaster
 - Regional Staff Training: Thursday, October 29, Madison
7. Any other business

Prepared by: Courtney Brookhart

Posted: 8/25/2026

Next Meeting: October or November 2026

Nutrition Advisory Council Minutes

The Grant County Nutrition Advisory Council met at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 in the Lobby Conference Room at the Community Services Building, 8820 Hwy/35/61/81, Lancaster, WI 53813.

Attendance: Larry McReynolds, Chuck Piper, William Bauer-Leffler, Aja Taylor(z), Courtney Brookhart

1. March 3, 2026 Minutes

No changes made.

2. Program Updates

- Dietary Guidelines: Brookhart share new dietary guidelines graph. Changes will be coming but the state does not have a clear time table yet.
- Food Temp Policy: Brookhart shared new policy and test tray forms.

3. Advocacy Updates

- 2025 Data: Factsheet was shared.
- WAAN Brief: New state issue brief on home-delivered meals was shared.

4. Statistical Report

No comments.

5. Coordinator Report

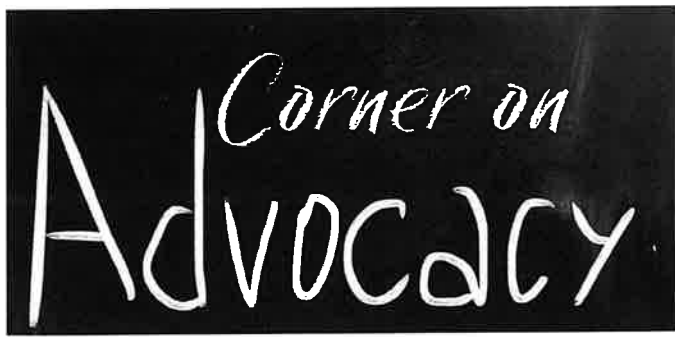
Brookhart reviewed the report.

6. Upcoming Events

- Farmer's Market Coupons: June 1 – Sept 30
- June: Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month
- Mind Over Matter: July 20, August 3, & August 17, Platteville
- Medicare 101: July 24 and September 18, Lancaster

7. Any other business

- New menu items were suggested
- Next meeting is August 4, 2026



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Write members of the Assembly:

last names begin with A through L -- PO Box 8952, Madison WI 53708

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Contact Governor Evers' office:

Phone: 608-266-1212 or online contact form at:

<https://wi.accessgov.com/public/Forms/Page/governor/voice-an-opinion/1>

Mail: Governor Tony Evers, 115 East, State Capitol, Madison WI 53702

From: Pam VanKampen <Pam.VanKampen@gwaar.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 9:01 PM
To: Lynne McDonald; Lynn Crothers; Ronda James; Jennifer Viergutz; Jenny Coleman; Sue Richmond; Linda Spitzer; Amanda Giebink; Emily Siemers; Lori J. Fure; Amelia Cisewski, RDN, CD; Katy E. Hansen; Trudeau, Elizabeth; Heather Vanoss; Kari Dombrowski; Chetney Blaszczyk; Gina Laack; Chelsey Turpin; Marina Wittmann; Tanya Webster; Courtney Brookhart; Sue Lynch; Amyjane Craig; Kimberlee Dallmann; Ericka Kowalkowski; Carolyn Novak; Ryan Bamberg; Mulhern, Kathy; Kristen Hosking; Kimberly Lafler; Patti Abbott
Subject: [EXTERNAL SOURCE] Meal Prioritization Award, THANK YOU!!!!
Importance: High

Hello!

You may have seen the short article in the Digest about the USAging Award. While I was excited to see the recognition highlighted, I was disappointed that the article was shortened and that some of the most meaningful details were left out (see the highlighted section below).

I wanted to take a moment to personally express my gratitude to each of you. This accomplishment would not have been possible without your dedication, collaboration, and support. I am incredibly thankful for your passion, commitment, and the important work you do every day. You are all amazing, and it is truly a pleasure to work alongside you!

Thank you for everything you do!

P.S. I will be on vacation from 8/5–8/22. I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer! 😊

Pam

The Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) Named Recipient of Prestigious Aging Achievement Award from USAging

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(Madison, WI)—[GWAAR] is thrilled to announce that its **[Right Meal & Services for You Program]** received a 2026 Aging Achievement Award from [USAging](#), one of the highest honors presented by USAging to its members. ***The Right Meal & Services for You, a person-centered, standardized prioritization process that moves beyond a one-size-fits-all approach to home-delivered meals by matching services to each older adult's unique needs while maximizing limited resources,*** was among 33 local aging programs to receive Achievement honors during USAging's 51st Annual Conference and Tradeshow, July 18–21 in San Diego, CA. An additional 16 agencies received Innovations Awards.

The 2026 USAging Aging Innovations & Achievement Awards, supported by [Caregiving.com](#) and [Cumulus.care](#), recognizes USAging's Area Agency on Aging and Title VI Native American Aging Program members that have found new and innovative ways to support older adults, people with disabilities and caregivers as they live in their homes and communities.

“These award-winning programs reflect the ingenuity, dedication and local leadership of Area Agencies on Aging across the country,” said Sandy Markwood, CEO of USAging. “They show what is possible when communities invest in the innovative approaches that Area Agencies on Aging develop to respond to the real needs of older adults and caregivers, and we are proud to celebrate the organizations leading this important work.”

The Right Meal & Services for You is an innovative, person-centered service prioritization process developed by the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) to help ensure older adults receive the right meals and supportive services at the right time based on their individual needs, risks, and goals. Rather than relying on a one-size-fits-all approach, the process uses standardized screening and assessment tools to guide equitable, data-informed decisions about meal frequency, nutrition interventions, and referrals to additional supports, helping older adults remain healthy, independent, and safely living in their homes while maximizing limited program resources. This national recognition reflects the extraordinary collaboration and dedication of Wisconsin's local Senior Nutrition Programs, whose staff generously shared their expertise, tested new ideas, provided honest feedback, and continuously refined the process over the past three years. GWAAR extends its deepest gratitude to every participating nutrition director, assessor, meal provider, and aging unit partner whose commitment to innovation and person-centered care made this award-winning program possible. Together, they have created a model that is improving lives today while helping shape the future of senior nutrition services across Wisconsin.

Pam VanKampen, GWAAR Nutrition Specialist stated. *As the number of older adults continues to grow while resources become increasingly strained, innovative approaches like The Right Meal & Services for You are more important than ever. This program brings the promise of 'More Than a Meal' to life by ensuring older adults receive personalized nutrition and supportive services based on their unique needs, while responsibly stewarding limited public resources. While we are honored to receive this national recognition, our work is far from finished. We will continue advocating for the funding needed to ensure that every eligible older adult can receive the nourishment, wellness checks, and caring connection that come with every home-delivered meal. This award belongs to Wisconsin's dedicated local Senior Nutrition Programs and community partners, whose collaboration, innovation, and unwavering commitment made this achievement possible.*

The 2026 USAging Aging Innovations & Achievement Awards honored traditional and new strategies in a range of categories, including agency operations, caregiving, community planning and livable communities, elder abuse prevention, health–social care integration, healthy aging, home and community-based services, housing and homelessness, nutrition, social engagement, technology, transportation and mobility, and workforce development and volunteerism.

All winners are highlighted in the [USAging Aging Innovations & Achievement Awards Showcase](#).

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About (Agency Name) Lucia

[Insert description about your organization and website link.]

About USAging

USAging is the national association representing and supporting the network of Area Agencies on Aging and advocating for the Title VI Native American Aging Programs. Our members help older adults, people with disabilities and family caregivers throughout the United States live with optimal health, well-being,

independence and dignity in their homes and communities. For more information, visit usaging.org and follow @theUSAging on Facebook, X and Instagram.



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Book time to meet with me

Nutrition Summary -- October 2025 through September 2026
Year to Date thru July 2026

	YTD	Boscobel	Cassville	Cuba City	Fennimore	Lancaster	Montfort	Muscoda	Platteville
# of Days Served	1456	202	124	202	202	202	120	202	202
Meals Ordered	44147	8284	2033	4463	5491	7738	900	4383	10855
Ordered in excess of served	-43	-43	-6	-15	12	63	3	10	-67
<u>Meals Served</u>									
Congregate Meals	10777	3795	433	1194	1449	1269	713	369	1555
Home Delivered Meals	33413	4532	1606	3284	4030	6406	184	4004	9367
Total Meals	44190	8327	2039	4478	5479	7675	897	4373	10922
HD Family Care Meals	1858	306	401	0	295	161	0	508	187
<u>Meals Served</u>									
Participants - Eligible	42878	7984	1998	4417	5387	7312	895	4168	10717
Participants - Ineligible	6	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Staff/Vol - Eligible	1301	339	41	54	92	363	2	205	205
Staff/Vol - Ineligible	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Total Meals	44190	8327	2039	4478	5479	7675	897	4373	10922

Unduplicated Persons Served
New People Served

196	140	5	10	3	29	2	0	7
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Donations

Congregate	39,827.97	\$	13,689.02	\$	2,381.00	\$	6,059.00	\$	3,959.55	\$	1,592.00	\$	3,577.00	\$	170.30	\$	8,400.10
Home Delivered	115,623.00	\$	17,599.00	\$	5,120.00	\$	11,004.00	\$	16,749.00	\$	25,547.00	\$	880.00	\$	6,731.00	\$	31,993.00
Total	155,450.97	\$	31,288.02	\$	7,501.00	\$	17,063.00	\$	20,708.55	\$	27,139.00	\$	4,457.00	\$	6,901.30	\$	40,393.10
FC Reimbursements	31,133.65	\$	5,166.39	\$	6,722.33	\$	-	\$	4,872.73	\$	2,714.00	\$	-	\$	8,556.37	\$	3,101.83

Foodshare Contributions

Avg. Congregate	3.70	\$	3.61	\$	5.50	\$	5.07	\$	2.73	\$	1.25	\$	5.02	\$	0.46	\$	5.40
Avg. Home Delivered	3.66	\$	4.16	\$	4.25	\$	3.35	\$	4.48	\$	4.09	\$	4.78	\$	1.93	\$	3.49
Avg. # of Meals Served	30		41		16		22		27		38		7		22		54
Congregate	7		19		3		6		7		6		6		2		8
Home Delivered	23		22		13		16		20		32		2		20		46

Aging Programs Coordinator Report June-August

- Disbursed Farmer's Market Coupons at meal sites.
- Attended a regional nutrition director meeting in Richland Center June 29. Discussion was on new dietary guidelines, best practices for registration and screenings, congregate dining, and home-delivered meal advocacy.
- June Meal Site Manager Meeting: reviewed HDM test tray and temperature policy and Eligibility Criteria and Voluntary Contributions in Nutrition Manual.
- Conducting annual reassessments in Cassville.
- Continue to cover meal sites when short staffed (Montfort, Platteville, Cuba City, Muscoda).
- Attended Community Round Table event hosted by Second Harvest in Boscobel.
- Planning regional staff training with other nutrition staff from region 2 (GWAAR).
- Hired new Platteville meal site manager and two additional subs (Cuba City and Muscoda).
- Conducted Serving Safe Food Class August 26 for staff needing certification renewed.

• 2027 Budget

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