Agency Name:

Colonial Club Senior Activity Center

Reporting Period:

Quarter 3 (July-September)

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Provide comments on:

### **Emerging Trends** (in our area during this quarter):

Requests for emergency funding for utilities assistance; several clients had received disconnect notices. Successful in obtaining assistance and helping clients to apply for energy assistance.

Requests for rental assistance, particularly due to recent rent increases at a number of senior housing places. Causing increased anxiety and concerns as they are on fixed incomes and prices have gone up with groceries, etc. Some of the clients are at risk for becoming homeless.

Increase in complex referrals for clients that have memory or other cognitive concerns due to advanced dementia, stroke or other reasons.

Urgent needs for housing due to lease non-renewals and other circumstances. Preference would be for income-based housing but difficult to find.

Home-delivered meal requests remain steady.

Increase in requests for assistance in applying for social security disability, social security and clients turning 65.

Starting to see an increase in requesting assistance to review healthcare and/or prescription plan options due to the upcoming annual Medicare Open Enrollment.

unavailable):
Housing requests continue to be time-consuming due to limited to no availability for low-income senior housing. Often time there is more involvement than seeking housing as clients often need other assistance to help meet monthly financial obligations. Often includes benefits eligibility assessment and providing assistance (when necessary) in applying for benefits.
Assisting clients with applying for rental assistance via new program for people outside of the City of Madison (Urban Triage) can be time-consuming as often come along side the client to help with the process to include application process and gathering of required paperwork.
Complex referrals with multiple concerns, often with limited support.
Mental health component for some of our clients continue to be time-consuming due to level of support needed to enhance safety and well-being.
Number of individuals counseled regarding reporting & repairing finances after a scan 2.00
Number of First Responders Dementia Forms completed 0.00

Agency Na	ame:
DeFores	t Area Community & Senior Center

Reporting Period:

Quarter 3 (July-September)

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**Emerging Trends** (in our area during this quarter):

We have seen trends for utilizing our loan closet. We have seen an increase in people wanting to fill out their Healthcare POA documents. We have seen increase in calls from adult children worried about their mom or dad's memory loss. We have seen an increase in observing overall physical and cognitive decline since reopening our center. Also, there has been an increase in clients agreeing to apply for Food Share that previously said no.

unavailable):
We are struggling with recruiting RSVP drivers at a local level. We are struggling to support our caregivers. Homecare agencies do not have the help, and neither do the facilities! We struggle to help those on Medicaid who take MTM for medical rides. These rides are not dependable.
Number of individuals counseled regarding reporting & repairing finances after a scam  2.00
Number of First Responders Dementia Forms completed 0.00

Agency Name:
Fitchburg Senior Center
Reporting Period:
Quarter 3 (July-September)
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Emerging Trends (in our area during this quarter):
-Lack of affordable housing -Transportation issues-lack of volunteers through RSVP and not enough through Dane countySenior apartment building built in 2020 have many tenants who have complex needs and/or cause ongoing issues that require police contact- many new clients with the Hotels to Housing program -New referrals for clients under or close to 60  New referrals due to people who had postponed surgeries that are now needing assistance with meals and or equipment.

unavailable):
New program in Dane count, Hotels to Housing, which has impacted Senior housing in Fitchburg. Many new transplants from the Hotels that are now living here with guaranteed rent for 2 years.
Social Workers have fielded multiple calls from older adults needing alternate housing within a shor time frame; all require affordable housing which is very difficult to find.
Resident Homeowner who has a hoarding issue that is visible to neighbors. City has spent much time in addressing this situation.
Number of individuals counseled regarding reporting & repairing finances after a scan 3.00
Number of First Responders Dementia Forms completed 2.00

Agency Name:
McFarland Senior Outreach Services
Reporting Period:
Quarter 3 (July-September)
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Emerging Trends (in our area during this quarter):
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We have continued to see new clients utilizing services from what I call the next age tier. Many of our oldest clients prior to COVID, are no longer able to participate in things or have needed more extensive services/moved. Our seniors have now become many of our former volunteers and those that were more fully engaged before. They are now beginning to look at long term planning including housing, possible health challenges, insurance and resources should they need them. Of course, we still have new, unknown client referrals as well. Often these are people who have flown under the radar during isolation and are now requiring service planning. Many have extremely complicated situations such a mulit generational needs, hoardng, housing, financial assistance and mental health services.

We have utilized the Mental Health Resorce team approximately 5 times, including consultations with very good success.

- --They helped a client accept a higher level of care in a subsitute care setting.
- --Manged to assit with the tangle of service thru the VA for a client that had very poor followthrough.
- --Needs further asessment with cognitive, mental health and health care needs.
- --Assisted a client in finding a primary care physician and followup on mental health care
- --Consultation on a client in a potentially abusive situation which is exacerbating her mental health needs and making her neglect her health care

All of these clients were coients that we worked with, some for quite some time. Bringing a new perspective in really helped change the dynamics.

Unfortunately we still have clients that refuse services of any type that still require time in presenting options, attempting different approaches, waiting for other opportunites for services and developemnt of a trusting relationship all without progress in challenging behaviors/needs. It's good for us to share those things internally as a team and look at other services including the MHRT, and develop collateral contacts regarding those seniors such as our first responders, care providers, landlords etc.

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Number of First Responders Dementia Forms completed

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Agency Name:
Middleton Senior Center
Reporting Period:
Quarter 3 (July-September)
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Emerging Trends (in our area during this quarter):
We have seen a significant increase in clients for our Meals on Wheels program over the last couple months.
The requests for our RSVP driver escort program have also increased since the program has returned. There are times when we do have to refer back to the Dane County Transportation Center as we aren't always able to fill a ride need due to the limited amount of drivers currently available.
We continue to see an increase in the amount of calls for information and assistance as well as drop-in visits for resources and services.

unavailable):
A significant amount of time has been spent with clients dealing with a recurring issue with bed bugs. The amount of money they have been billed by the management for the pest control services is not affordable for them to pay on their own. They received a notice to pay or eviction will result. Case Manager has been working extensively trying to secure some funding assistance for this situation as well as trying to determine the cause of the recurring issue in order to prevent it from continuing.
A significant amount of time has been spent working with a client who is experiencing increased memory loss which has been causing a great deal of anxiety for client. This has also resulted in some discord between family members. Case Manager is providing a significant amount of time to support and assist client while she works with her family to determine what the best options would be to meet her needs and provide the assistance she needs.
Number of individuals counseled regarding reporting & repairing finances after a scan
Number of First Responders Dementia Forms completed 0.00

Agency Name:

NewBridge Madison

Reporting Period:

Quarter 3 (July-September)

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### **Emerging Trends** (in our area during this quarter):

During Quarter 3 2021, NewBridge was providing in person (based on the client's level of comfort with a face to face visit) visits with our clients. CMs also continued to provide telephone check ins.

Trends identified: the needs identified most during Q3 are Nutrition (includes both HDM assessments and access to food), Home Chore needs including both indoor and outdoor, and assistance with benefits including applying for and renewing benefits.

Home Delivered Meal assessments: During Q3, NewBridge received a total of 72 HDM assessment requests that includes both new assessments and reassessments.

During Q3, NewBridge received a total of 433 intake calls/emails/website submissions which includes those seeking CM assistance and those just looking or information/resources. The majority of those referrals includes persons needing helping with housing issues, mental health and those needing assistance accessing or applying for benefits. This includes SSI/SSDI applications.

NewBridge continues to utilize a wait-list for CM services due to the high demand for help.

Total number of unduplicated clients served during Q3 is 752.

The Mental Health Resource Program (MHRP) for Dane County currently is serving older adults who need connection to mental health services as well as providing consultations to case managers. The MHRP is now working with older adults who has Medical Assistance.

Emerging trends specific to bilingual case management includes housing: significant barriers getting housing due to income limitations and/or lack of appropriate documentation/legal status; benefits: again, due to lack of legal status/documentation makes it difficult to connect these clients to benefits which might help their situation; home chore needs, nutrition and transportation are also trends within the bilingual case management service program.

Bilingual Case Management specifically: Bilingual case management services demand extra time
with clients as these CMs often will need to translate mail and/or documents and also be the
nterpreter on phone calls and at visits with community resources. Bilingual CMs often need to seek
resources for those clients who are not eligible for some benefits due to legal status. A significant
amount of time is taken by clients who do not qualify for Federal or State assistance due to
mmigration status.

Client issues that require extensive time or are lacking resources include:

- 1. Housing: due to lack of affordable housing and long wait lists, CMs spend time with clients for housing searches, applications, needed follow-up, etc.
- 2. SSI/SSDI application processes: CMs continue to assist with these applications and any needed follow up. At times, this can be very lengthy.
- 3. Home Chore: NewBridge's volunteer home chore program for indoor services is open. There continues to be an increased demand for this service.

Number of individuals counseled regarding reporting & repairing finances after a scam 5.00

Number of First Responders Dementia Forms completed 0.00

### Agency Name:

Northwest Dane Senior Services

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Reporting Period:

Quarter 3 (July-September)

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#### Provide comments on:

### **Emerging Trends** (in our area during this quarter):

SHIP - counseled individuals new to Medicare this past Quarter: Medicare A, B, D, Advantage, Senior Care, MSP and Extra Help options. Reviewed online Social Security Retirement benefit enrollment check list and facilitated online self-directed enrollments.

SHIP - helped a client file an appeal with podiaty medical facility as Medicare paid a 2020 claim, then took the money back after the fact (WIP).

Supportive Home Chore, In-Home Care - Since BrightStar is no longer serving rural NWDane Senior Services area, all newly added SHC clients are private pay only. No new MA county-funded clients this quarter as a result.

Housing - consistently receiving requests for affordable, low-income, subsidized housing. Market rates for NW Dane service area apartment and condo rentals are \$800 - \$1400. Area landlords report wait lists at this time. Two clients have moved to other counties as a result.

Transportation - Increase in medical ride requests this quarter. With new RSVP re-instatement guidelines, NWDSS service area has re-instated several drivers previously on hold due to COVID.

Hoarding - 2 clients struggling with hoarding circumstance in Q3. SW intern is currently researching deep cleaning organizations willing to take on new clients. NWDSS will be seeking EA funds to help pay for hoarding clean-up in Q4.

Medicare Part D - several clients who have received their Annual notice of changes for 2022 have been calling asking guestions, looking forward to upcoming AOE.

Client struggling with recent loss of driver's license due to PCP DMV medical report. Client has lost trust in current PCP. CM is working to establish a new PCP as significant improvements have been made in cognitive awareness. Client's daughter was approved to receive Alzheimer's Dementia grant funds to pay for a one-on-one health coach. Client is receptive to working with MHP team, but not until reinstatement of driving privilages.

Mental Health - client has a history of drug abuse, multi-complex health issues, lack of transporation and MA (low-income). Client is currently accepting home delivery of meals and some case management services, but presents challenges in acceptance of other resources. This past quarter, an outside local contractor made repairs to main entrance landing, in order to safely provide home delivery of meals. Due to pervasive mental health issues and declining cognitive reasonsing, client has been resistant to working with the Mental Health Program, CM will consulting MHP after 12/7.

COVID - client currently receiving meals on wheels has been self-isolating since 03/2020 and has lost half their body-weight due to fear of leaving their home. Client still exibits mental clairity and awareness of decisions, but CM has expressed grave concerns for current health, weight loss and hoarding tendancies. Client has not allowed CM into the home until Aug/Sept 2021 and is slow in acceptance of next steps to move forward with additional resources or referrals (MHP, hoarding clean-up, SHC, or going out of the home into the public due to new varient).

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Number of First Responders Dementia Forms completed

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Agency Name:
Oregon Area Senior Center
Reporting Period:
Quarter 3 (July-September)
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Emerging Trends (in our area during this quarter):
OASC case managers are seeing an increased number of attendees in the adult day program at our site. Case managers spend time explaining the benefit of the program and offer information and resources for supporting older adults at home.
Experiencing increased calls from clients about scams this quarter. OASC plans to have a speaker come in for awareness and education regarding scams.

unavailable):
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Sugar River Senior Center

Reporting Period:

Quarter 3 (July-September)

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### **Emerging Trends** (in our area during this quarter):

We are not seeing so much emerging trends as the issues we are facing with and for out Senior population have been fairly consistent this year.

We continue to struggle with rides. Most of our drivers have not chosen to return and with illnesses there are times that we are left struggling to find medical rides even when given a weeks notice. Appointments that come up that have less notice are almost impossible. Dane Co Transportation continues to be a struggle with the process. Leave a message and wait for a call back leaves Seniors unsure whether they have a ride or not. All of these items and our rural location has been a continued issue since the beginning of the pandemic.

We also continue to have difficulties in finding caregivers and Supportive Home care that will come all the way to Belleville. This has been a huge issue this quarter and will be addressed below.

More time has been spent this quarter trying to work with finding caregivers and procuring SHC services. We have a few local caregivers and I have been trying to funnel people who are able to use them but they have limited time as well. I had tried to turn to CARE programs for a couple of my clients with almost no success. One client we enrolled in Family Care and it took them 4.5 months to obtain a caregiver, all the while the client not only declined but became more of a danger to his caregiver. He is still enrolled and they are more active in his care as things came to a more emergent place. A second client was also enrolled in Family care while he was in a SNF for rehab. They were brought on to help get his home ready for him to return. There was never any help in that area, extended family took care of his home, and he, along with the SW at the SNF never heard from Family Care once while he was in care. He returned home and we dis-enrolled him from Family Care so that I could continue to provide that he would need going forward.
Supportive Home care has also been a struggle. For the first time this year I have enough clients that are not only willing but in need of SHC. They are mostly in need of help around the house and not personal cares. Right now I am able to cover only one of those clients. I am hearing from all agencies involved that they don't have enough staff, which I understand is an issue, and that they don't have anyone willing to come all the way to Belleville. It is almost impossible to use my SHC hours if I can't get providers to sign on to provide them.
Number of individuals counseled regarding reporting & repairing finances after a scan 2.00

6.00

Number of First Responders Dementia Forms completed

### Agency Name:

Southwest Dane Senior Outreach

Reporting Period:

Quarter 3 (July-September)

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#### Provide comments on:

### **Emerging Trends** (in our area during this quarter):

Our Senior Center reopened with flying colors in July! The Seniors were glad to be able to get together again for programs and meals. We started with Traveling Euchre, Bingo, and Ageless Grace (a form of Tai Chi). We have had about 50 seniors attending Bingo, 32 seniors for cards and about 8 seniors for the Ageless Grace. A Card Making Group gathered in September with 7 seniors participating.

We are working with RSVP to help seniors fill out the forms, get copies of their vaccination cards and get them sent back to RSVP. We hope this safety procedure for RSVP will encourage more volunteers to sign up to be a Driver Escort.

We have been working with seniors to renew their Financial Assistance coverage through the UW Health Meriter- Health. This program has taken the place of SOS Capital Care.

We have been helping seniors fill out applications and contacting Energy Services for heating assistance.

We continue to work with families needing services and care giving for their loved ones

We have been contacting agencies for SHC services, but these agencies do not have the workers to come to the urban areas. Community Living Alliance did not have enough workers to work in Madison!

Seniors and families of seniors continue to borrow adaptive equipment from our Center after surgeries or rehab.

Seniors have been asking about the Medicare D Open Enrollment Period and wanting to make an appointment to discuss their Prescription Drug Plan.

We have been working with the "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" to connect seniors to the local Food Pantry and Clothes Closet.

Helping seniors renew Food Share and Medicare Extra Help Benefits.

A senior who is not diabetic received a package with diabetic testing strips and machine. The senior's Doctor's name was on the order slip, but the doctor had not ordered these supplies. We did contact the Medicare Fraud Program.

Most of the seniors we work with are anxious and looking forward to getting their Booster vaccine.

unavailable):
Mary Kay continues to work with a senior whose grandson has POA for Health and Finance and is not involved with his grandmother's life. Very challenging for the senior and us with helping her. She is also having some memory issues, which makes it more complicated. Mary Kay has talked with an Intake Worker at the ADRC and APS, who are looking into this situation again.
Mary Kay continues to work with a senior whose health is deteriorating. She was the main person organizing his move to senior housing from Blue Mounds to Mt. Horeb. His family, a local church and a moving company helped with this move. He will be closer to the grocery store, pharmacy, clinic, etc., if he isn't able to drive. This planning was very time consuming.
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Number of First Responders Dementia Forms completed 1.00

Agency Name:

Waunakee Senior Center

Reporting Period:

Quarter 3 (July-September)

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Provide comments on:

### **Emerging Trends** (in our area during this quarter):

New Meals on Wheels Requests/Assessments

Caregiver Consultations/Guidance

Assisting with RSVP Transportation transition - setting up/coordinating several RSVP rides for clients Housing Information (subsidized, senior housing, and Assisted Living)

Home Care and Cleaning Agencies Inquiries

**Energy Services** 

Foodshare

Starting in July, our Senior Center was fully operational - with meals on site and all activities back. All staff have been back on site since February. But, with the increase of people at the Senior Center - this past quarter we have seen a trend of more people dropping in with questions, and increase of providing information to clients on activities at the senior center, and information on the TSI bus service. Senior Center attendance in July 1,450 and August 1,600.

COVID-19 information - although it has slowed down, we so still continue to offer information regarding COVID-19. Whether it's regarding vaccines, masking information and testing information.

July - we had an article on Scams in our Newsletter (900 mailed out)

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I had four clients this quarter that had issues paying their rent for the month. They were all for different reason why they could not pay the rent. I was able to get assistance for two out of the four and working on a CORE application for one of them. It is hard to assist these clients in a short time as I only knew one senior out of the four prior to the call for rent assistance. It is difficult to get to know someone in a short time to get an idea of the situation and then find help.
With the Caregiver Support Group, Parkinson's Support Group, and Memory Cafe meeting again in person - we have been bus with planning, promoting, getting items for the meetings, and hosting.  This past quarter we have had approximately 45 in attendance with these 3 groups.
With the increase in our Meals on Wheels, we had to re-organize our HDM routes. As, some of the routes were getting to be too many meals to deliver or too far to travel.
Mental Health Resource Client - CM has spent several hours involved with the process and coordination of a client that I had made the referral to the Mental Health Resource program. This has included coordination of setting up medical appointments, transportation, conference calls to medical clinics, phone calls and home visits with client.
Both Case Managers had worked on finding financial assistance for clients this past quarter through various local resources. This takes time in writing up a request, coordinating the allocated money with designated agencies. Two clients who had significant financial hardships - case Manager was able to get \$700 for one client's rent, and \$500 for another client's rent.
Home Delivery Meal Program Assessments - During the 3rd quarter we focused on getting our HDM Assessments and Re-assessments completed for the SAMS database cycle ending 9/30/21. We spend a lot of time already with the assessments and with new lengthy HDM assessment forms, it has taken us more time.
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