

Minutes



ADRC Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, April 11, 2022 @ 1:00 PM
Shawano County Department of Human Services
Building A, Room 115
W7327 Anderson Ave, Shawano WI 54166

Members Present: Richard Kane - Director Shawano County Human Services, Stacey Schinko - Stockbridge-Munsee Aging and Disability Services Area Manager, Scott Shackelford - Director Oconto County Health and Human Services, Shannon Wilber - Director Menominee County Human Services

Members Absent:

Others Present: Kim Wolfmeyer - ADRC Director, Kristine Tuma - Fiscal Support Specialist

1. Call meeting to order.

Called to order at 1:03 pm by Chairperson Kane.

2. Approve minutes from previous meeting.

Motion made by Shackelford, second by Wilber, to approve the February 14, 2022 minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

3. Motion to deviate from the order of the agenda, if necessary.

No action was taken to deviate from the posted agenda.

4. Approval of accounts payable for the ADRC of the Wolf River Region.

Motion made by Wilber, second by Schinko, to approve the bills and vouchers as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

5. Tour of Shawano County Department of Human Services building.

Removed from agenda.

6. Potential reconfiguration of ADRC Geographic Service Region areas.

The State is considering potentially merging some of the ADRC geographical service areas to reduce the number of regions throughout Wisconsin. This proposal is only in the beginning stages. More information will be brought to the Committee as it becomes available.

7. SAMS Report - Information & Assistance.

The ADRC Director presented information regarding customers served by ADRC staff. In the months of February & March 2022, Information and Assistance Specialist (I&A) staff members had 1,909 contacts with persons or organizations in our service area. Common topics discussed included caregiving, in-home services, public benefits, and homeless resources.

8. Benefit Specialists Reports.

The ADRC Director presented information regarding the number of contacts the Disability Benefits Specialists (DBS) had in the months of February and March 2022. The DBS workers had 145 open cases. The most common assistance provided is assistance with the Social Security Disability application process and understanding benefits.

The Elder Benefit Specialist had 106 total open cases in the months of February and March 2022. The most common assistance provided included assistance with disability applications, health insurance benefits, income benefits, and Medicare information.

The Dementia Care Specialist is offering multiple educational trainings and caregiver programs. Many of the programs are in partnership with the Tribal Dementia Care Specialist for the Menominee Tribe. Currently, the programs being offered include caregiver support groups, memory cafes, and brain wellness check-ups. A new support group has also been started for those in the early stages of dementia. In August of 2022, The Remember Project is scheduled to present a play called In the Garden. This play will reenact some of the struggles a family may go through when their loved one has a cognitive impairment. This event will be free and open to the public. Tentative event dates are August 15 at the Oconto Falls High School and August 16 at Franklin Park in Shawano.

9. Aging and Disability Resource Center Status Report.

The ADRC Governing Board drafted a letter to send to area legislators regarding the unmet need of caregivers in our community. This letter was approved at the March Governing Board meeting and was mailed to all appointed Legislators in our region.

Homme Home Nursing Home in Wittenberg will be closing in June 2022. ADRC staff will be assisting with this closure and helping with placement options for the residents at this facility who are not currently on a long-term care program.

Governor Tony Evers and Secretary Karen Timberlake sent a letter to the ADRC thanking all of the staff for their hard work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

10. Committee member comments or new business to be considered at a future meeting.

Potential tour of the Shawano County Department of Human Services building.

11. Set next meeting date.

The next tentative ADRC Executive Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 1:00 pm. The tentative meeting place is at Shawano County Human Services.

12. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Schinko. Second by Shackelford. All aye. Kane adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Recorded by: Kristine Tuma, Fiscal Support Specialist