

Minutes



ADRC Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, April 8, 2024 @ 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, Scott Shackelford - Director Oconto County Health and Human Services, Shannon Wilber - Director Menominee County Human Services

Members Absent: Stephanie Bowman - Stockbridge-Munsee Aging and Disability Services Area Manager

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

1. Call meeting to order.

Called to order at 1:09 pm by Chairperson Kane.

2. Approve minutes from previous meeting.

Motion made by Shackelford, second by Wilber, to approve the February 12, 2024 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 Shackelford, to approve the bills and vouchers as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

5. Public health unwinding.

The public health emergency unwinding is in process. Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) premiums will be reinstated on August 24, 2024. ADRC staff will assist individuals with their MAPP benefits and/or finding other insurance options as requested.

There will be a special enrollment period for consumers losing Medicaid due to unwinding of Medicaid continuous enrollment. Between March 31, 2024 and November 30, 2024, Marketplace eligible consumers who are disenrolled from Medicaid coverage can select a plan outside of the usual enrollment period.

6. Long term care enrollment.

The State of Wisconsin has updated the Family Care enrollment policy to allow for either the activated Power of Attorney for Health Care or activated Power of Attorney for Finance to sign the long-term care enrollment, disenrollment, or transfer forms.

7. SAMS Report - Information & Assistance.

The ADRC Director presented information regarding customers served by ADRC staff. Common topics included long-term care services, public benefits, Alzheimer/dementia resources, and in-home care. Housing and transportation issues were also listed as concerns by consumers using ADRC services.

8. Benefit Specialists Reports.

The ADRC Director presented information regarding the number of contacts the Disability Benefits Specialists (DBS) had in the month of March 2024. The DBS workers had 169 open cases. The most common assistance provided is assistance with the Social Security Disability application process and understanding healthcare benefits.

The Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) had 58 open cases in the month of March 2024. The most common assistance provided included assistance with disability applications, health insurance benefits, income benefits, and Medicare information.

The Dementia Care Specialists are offering multiple educational trainings and caregiver programs. Currently, the programs being offered include caregiver support groups throughout the region, memory cafes, and boost your brain workshops. The ADRC also plans to host an Alzheimer's Awareness walk on June 21, 2024. Local businesses and organizations will be invited to participate in this event.

9. Aging and Disability Resource Center Status Report.

The winter storm that took place last week is still affecting some areas of Oconto County. The ADRC office in Oconto Falls is an option as a warming shelter for anyone who needs a place to go to warm up and charge electronic devices. ADRC staff also helped out at the Gillett Ambulance Service building last week to help staff their warming shelter.

The next edition of the ADRC newsletter will be coming out later this month. Youth in Transition will be highlighted.

The ADRC Director will be participating in a leadership meeting with the State this coming Wednesday. This meeting is to discuss topics such as program service areas, resources that could be expanded on, and any challenges that ADRCs are facing. There will be a discussion highlighting services provided by the ADRC this in 2023-2024.

The State is creating a state-wide online resource data base that the public can use to find local resources. The ADRC is inputting information in that data base.

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

None.

11. Set next meeting date.

The next tentative ADRC Executive Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

12. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Shackelford. Second by Wilber. All aye. Kane adjourned the meeting at 1:49 pm.

Recorded by: Kristine Tuma, Fiscal Support Specialist