

Minutes



ADRC Governing Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 @ 1:00 PM
Shawano County Department of Human Services
Building A, Room 115
W7327 Anderson Ave, Shawano WI 54166

Members Present: Kathy Gohr, Stephanie Holman via phone, Forrest Perez, Grant Staszak, Joe Stellato, Lynnae Zahringer

Members Absent: James Lowey, Carolie Miller, Leslie Peters, Terrie Terrio

Others Present: Kim Wolfmeyer - ADRC Director, Nicole Korth - Information and Assistance Specialist, Mary Jo Ruleau - Dementia Care Specialist, Tracy Pillsbury - Information and Assistance Specialist, Mary Woepse - ADRC Supervisor, Kristine Tuma - Fiscal Support Specialist

1. Call meeting to order.

Called to order at 1:08 pm by Chairperson Stellato.

2. Approve minutes from previous meeting.

Motion made by Gohr, second by Staszak, to approve the September 13, 2022 minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Zahringer to deviate from agenda if necessary. Second by Perez. All aye. Motion carried.

4. Introduction of new ADRC staff.

Tracy Pillsbury is the newly hired Information and Assistance Specialist (I&A) with the ADRC. Tracy has previous work experience with NEWCAP and Marinette County. Tracy began working for the ADRC in September and is primarily working out of the Oconto Falls office location.

It was noted that Tracy left the meeting at 1:11 pm.

5. Dementia Care Specialists outreach.

Mary Jo Ruleau, Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) with the ADRC, spoke to the Board regarding outreach opportunities and events that were offered in 2022. Some of these events included speaking at a local Lions Club meeting, offering the In the Garden play in both Shawano and Oconto counties, speaking at a Suring Historical Society meeting and offering multiple caregiver conferences in the region. The caregiver conferences were well attended and included guest speakers such as Martin Schreiber (former Governor of WI), Kate Kahles with the Alzheimer's Association, Jody Krainer with Badger Talks, and many more. The most recent version of the DCS newsletter was also handed out to all Board members.

It was noted that Mary Jo left meeting at 1:18 pm.

6. Continuing skills testing for ADRC Information & Assistance Specialist staff.

Nicole Korth, Information and Assistance Specialist with the ADRC, spoke to the Board regarding the upcoming continuing skills test. This is a test that is required for all ADRC staff members who perform long term care functional screens as part of their job duties. This test is held by the State every other year and ADRC staff will be taking this test in February 2023.

It was noted that Nicole left the meeting at 1:21 pm.

7. Discussion regarding unmet needs.

There was a discussion regarding unmet needs in the community. Common topics that were brought up included snow removal and sidewalk maintenance for the elderly and disabled. The ADRC does have a list of snow removal agencies in the area that staff can give out to any customers looking to get this information. Perez noted that the Tribes do offer snow removal options for the elderly and disabled as well. Staszak noted that there are places in the community where the Highway Department provides sand/salt for community members to utilize free of charge. Stellato noted that this would be good information to have available for community members. ADRC Governing Board members and ADRC staff members will work together to compile a list of locations where folks can pick up sidewalk salt free of charge.

8. SAMS Report - Information & Assistance.

The ADRC Director presented information regarding customers served by ADRC staff. In the month of November 2022, Information and Assistance Specialist (I&A) staff members had 921 contacts with persons or organizations in our service area. Common topics discussed included long-term care benefits, housing, homeless resources, and in-home services.

9. Benefit Specialists Reports.

The ADRC Director presented information regarding the number of contacts the Disability Benefits Specialists (DBS) had in the month of November 2022. The DBS workers had 134 open cases. The most common assistance provided is assistance with the Social Security Disability application process and understanding healthcare benefits.

The Elder Benefit Specialist had 45 open cases in the month of November 2022. From September 1, 2022 - November 30, 2022, the EBS worker assisted 240 individuals with Medicare options and open enrollment. The most common assistance provided included assistance with disability applications, health insurance benefits, income benefits, and Medicare information.

10. Aging and Disability Resource Center status report.

I&A worker Amy Steffens will be the contact person for the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and will work in conjuncture with the ADRC Stockbridge-Munsee Resource Specialist. Amy will be administering functional screens in that area to any community member interested in being screened for services. I&A worker Kristin Elandt is the contact for Menominee County.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is considering a potential purchase of two managed care organizations by insurance companies. Molina Health Care Inc. is planning to purchase My Choice Wisconsin and Humana Inc. plans to purchase Includa. DHS is offering two online public forums for community members to provide feedback about this potential purchase. A handout was provided to Board members with information on the proposed purchase and details about how to attend the public forums.

It was noted that Holman left the meeting at 1:44 pm.

11. Per diem and mileage approval for today's meeting.

Motion made by Gohr, second by Zahringer, to approve the per diem and mileage for the December 13, 2022 Governing Board meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

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

If available, updates regarding the new orthopedic clinic opening in Shawano.

13. Set next meeting date.

The next tentative ADRC Governing Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm.

14. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Gohr. Second by Staszak. Stellato adjourned the meeting at 2:01 pm.

Recorded by: Kristine Tuma, Fiscal Support Specialist