

Minutes



ADRC Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, July 12, 2021 @ 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, Mike Reimer - Director Oconto County Health and Human Services, Shannon Wilber - Director Menominee County Human Services

Members Absent: Kristy Malone designee for - Director of Human Services Stockbridge-Munsee Community

Others Present: Kim Wolfmeyer - ADRC Director, Cayden Lasecki - Information and Assistance Specialist, Kristine Tuma - Fiscal Support Specialist

1. Call meeting to order.

Called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairperson Kane.

2. Approve minutes from previous meeting.

Motion made by Wilber, second by Reimer, to approve the June 14, 2021 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. Introduction of new Information & Assistance Specialist.

Cayden Lasecki is the newly hired Information and Assistance Specialist working out of both the Oconto Falls and Shawano office locations. Cayden has previous experience working for Brown County.

It was noted that Cayden left the meeting at 1:04 pm.

5. ADRC staffing updates.

The Elder Benefit Specialist position became vacant as of 07/09/2021. Melissa Rosenow, currently the Disability Benefit Specialist, has been hired to fill this vacancy. The Disability Benefit Specialist position has been posted and interviews will begin once the posting has closed.

DeAnna DeNasha is the new Stockbridge-Munsee ADRC Resource Specialist. DeAnna is a half time ADRC Resource Specialist and a half time Tribal Elder Benefit Specialist. She also has previous work experience with the ADRC.

6. Discussion and possible approval of the ADRC Dementia Care Specialist Grant Agreement Modification for 2021 between the ADRC and the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

The ADRC received the Dementia Care Specialist Grant Agreement Modification from the State of Wisconsin for the time frame of 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021. After discussion, Reimer motioned to approve the grant. Second by Wilber. All aye. Motion carried.

7. SAMS Report - Information & Assistance.

The ADRC Director presented information regarding customers served by ADRC staff. In the month of June 2021, Information & Assistance Specialist (I&A) staff members had 1,054 contacts with persons or organizations in our service area. Common topics discussed included long term care benefits, housing, public benefits, financial related services, and nursing home transitions.

8. Benefit Specialists Reports.

The ADRC Director presented information regarding the number of contacts the Disability Benefits Specialists (DBS) had in the month of June 2021. The DBS workers had 140 open cases. The most common assistance provided is assistance with the Social Security Disability application process and understanding benefits.

The Dementia Care Specialist is offering many 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 provided are the Memory Cafés in both Shawano and Oconto Counties, book clubs, the caregiver/dementia mini conference, and monthly dementia educational classes. Many area businesses and organizations are taking part in the Purple Angel Training as well.

The Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) had 31 clients in the month of June 2021. The most common assistance provided is with Medicare and retirement benefits.

9. Aging and Disability Resource Center Status Report.

The 2022 resource directory is in the process of being update. The new edition should be out in November or December of 2021.

The ADRC Director met with the new Oconto County Commission on Aging Director. Oconto County Commission on Aging staff will be utilizing the ADRC office in Oconto Falls to meet with customers as needed.

ADRC staff are doing presentations to different organizations and agencies in the area. Recent outreach presentations were held at Parkview Apartments in Oconto Falls and the Parkinson's Support Group in Shawano. The ADRC Supervisor and the ADRC Dementia Care Specialist will also be doing an outreach presentation to the Oconto County Human Services Board on Wednesday, July 14.

10. Benefit Specialists Reports.

N/A - See agenda item #8.

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

None.

12. Set next meeting date.

The next tentative ADRC Executive Committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 1:00 pm. The tentative meeting place is at Shawano County Human Services.

13. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Wilber. Second by Reimer. All aye. Kane adjourned the meeting at 1:31 pm.

Recorded by: Kristine Tuma, Fiscal Support Specialist