

Minutes



ADRC Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, June 10, 2024 @ 1:00 PM
Shawano County Department of Human Services
W7327 Anderson Ave, Shawano WI 54166
Building A, Room 115

Members Present: Richard Kane - Director Shawano County Human Services, Melissa Penass designee for - 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, DeAnna DeNasha - Elder Benefit Specialist/ADRC Resource Specialist, Heather Kolodziej - Information and Assistance Specialist, Kristine Tuma - Fiscal Support Specialist

1. Call meeting to order.

Called to order at 1:02 pm by Chairperson Kane.

2. Approve minutes from previous meeting.

Motion made by Shackelford, second by Wilber, to approve the April 8, 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. Introduction of ADRC staff member.

Heather Kolodziej is the newly hired Information and Assistance Specialist working for the ADRC. Heather will mainly be working out of the Oconto Falls office location.

It was noted that Kolodziej left the meeting at 1:05 pm.

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

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

6. Discussion and possible approval of the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Grant Agreement for 2024 - 2025 between the ADRC and the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

The ADRC received the SHIP Grant from the State of Wisconsin for the time frame of 04/01/2024 - 03/31/2025. After discussion, Shackelford motioned to approve the grant. Second by Wilber. All aye. Motion carried.

7. Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) premiums.

As of August 1, 2024, Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) Premiums will be reinstated. Individuals who are currently enrolled in MAPP will be receiving a letter in the mail from the State of Wisconsin informing them of the reinstatement of premiums. If an individual does not make their premium payment, they may end up losing benefits. ADRC staff can assist individuals with these program changes.

8. Family Care Waiver renewal process.

The State is in the process of completing the Family Care and Partnership waiver renewal. Some of the proposed changes include increasing health and wellness care, respite for unpaid caregivers, increase in transportation options, assistance with finding direct care workers, and allowing more time for members to meet with their care managers. This proposal still needs to be reviewed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services before implementation on January 1, 2025.

9. SAMS Report - Information & Assistance.

The ADRC Director presented information regarding customers served by ADRC staff. In the month of May 2024, Information and Assistance Specialist (I&A) staff members had 1,047 contacts with persons or organizations in our service area. Common topics included housing, public benefits, insurance assistance, and transportation.

10. Benefit Specialists Reports.

The ADRC Director presented information regarding the number of contacts the Disability Benefits Specialists (DBS) had in the month of May 2024. The DBS workers had 155 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 44 open cases in the month of May 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 the Alzheimer's Awareness Walk on June 21, 2024, music and memory programs, and memory cafes. The ADRC is also in the process of completing the 2024 NIATx project, which is focusing on increasing the number of individuals who attend the memory cafes.

11. Aging and Disability Resource Center Status Report.

There is currently a freeze on admissions to Homme Home Assisted Living. The ADRC will be notified once this freeze on admissions has been lifted.

On July 30, 2024, there is an Alzheimer education event at the Weidner Center that is free and open to the public. Topics for the event include understanding symptoms and situations of dementia, managing behavior, and creating moments of joy. Teepa Snow will be the main presenter, and anyone interested in attending is encouraged to register.

The ADRC Governing Board has a new member. Kevin Conradt is the new member on the Board representing Shawano County.

The State is in the process of potentially completing a modernization project. ADRCs are required to submit a budget to the State to calculate expected costs if this project gets approved.

Committee members were provided a list of contact information for ADRC staff members.

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

Shackelford noted that June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month and Oconto County will be hosting events throughout the community to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect amongst the elderly population.

Wilber noted that Menominee County Department of Human Services has started their summer hours of operation.

13. Set next meeting date.

The next tentative ADRC Executive Committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

14. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Wilber. Second by Shackelford. All aye. Kane adjourned the meeting at 1:44 pm.

Recorded by: Kristine Tuma, Fiscal Support Specialist