

Minutes



ADRC Governing Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 @ 1:00 PM
Shawano County Department of Human Services
Building A, Room 115
W7327 Anderson Ave, Shawano WI 54166

Members Present: Richard Ferfecki, Kathy Gohr, Stephanie Holman (Virtual), James Lowey, Carolie Miller, Forrest Perez, Joe Stellato, Terrie Terrio, Lynnae Zahringer

Members Absent: Leslie Peters

Others Present: Kim Wolfmeyer - ADRC Director, Kristine Tuma - Fiscal Support Specialist, Nicole Korth - Information & Assistance Specialist, Patricia Mau - Elder Benefit Specialist, Mary Woepse - Information & Assistance Specialist

1. Call meeting to order.

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

2. Approve minutes from previous meeting.

Motion made by Ferfecki, second by Zahringer, to approve the March 9, 2021 minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Terrio to deviate from agenda if necessary. Second by Gohr. All aye. Motion carried.

4. Introduction of new Information & Assistance Specialist.

Mary Woepse is the newly hired Information and Assistance Specialist working out of the Oconto Falls office location. Mary has previous experience working for Brown County in child support.

It was noted that Mary left the meeting at 1:03 pm.

5. Introduction of new Governing Board member.

Carolie Miller is the new member on the ADRC Governing Board. Carolie is a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and is representing the frail elder target population.

6. Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) - Information on SeniorCare.

Patricia Mau is the Shawano County Elder Benefit Specialist with the ADRC. She presented information to the Board regarding SeniorCare and handed out documents regarding this prescription drug program through the State of Wisconsin.

It was noted that Patricia left the meeting at 1:17 pm.

7. Information on Purple Angel Training.

Nicole Korth, Information and Assistance Specialist with the ADRC, presented information regarding the Purple Angel Training that is offered by the Dementia Care Specialist. The Purple Angel Training is free for business and organizations to educate their staff about the signs of dementia, communications strategies, and interaction techniques. Many businesses in the area have taken part in this training including Save A Lot in Keshena, Dreiers Pharmacy in Shawano, Flagstar Bank in Oconto Falls, and Menominee County Human Services. Folders regarding this training were also handed out to all Board members.

It was noted that Nicole left the meeting at 1:32 pm.

8. Discussion regarding representation of target population on the Governing Board.

There was a discussion amongst the Board regarding representation of target populations and if the current procedure is the best way to assign representation. After discussion, it was decided that this will be addressed again at the next meeting.

9. Update regarding return on investment.

The State of Wisconsin is currently working on a study showing the return on investment for ADRC services. At this time, the study is showing that the State has a cost savings due to the services provided by ADRCs.

10. SAMS Report - Information & Assistance.

The ADRC Director presented information regarding customers served by ADRC staff. In the month of May 2021, Information & Assistance Specialist (I&A) staff members had 857 contacts with persons or organizations in our service area. Common topics discussed included housing, public benefits, financial related services, and in-home care services.

11. Benefit Specialists Reports.

The ADRC Director presented information regarding the number of contacts the Disability Benefits Specialists (DBS) had in the month of May 2021. The DBS workers had 132 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 at this time. Programs are being held virtually and in-person. 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 Café, weekly caregiver call-in support group, and monthly dementia educational trainings. Other programs include the book club and caregiver activities sessions. Flyers and handouts were given to all Governing Board members.

The Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) had 53 clients in the month of May 2021. The most common assistance provided is with Medicare and retirement benefits.

12. Aging and Disability Resource Center status report.

The billing for the month of May was 47%.

The ADRC is hiring a new Information and Assistance Specialist. This employee will be working out of both the Shawano and Oconto Falls office locations. The new staff member will be starting at the ADRC later this month.

13. Per diem and mileage approval for 06/03/2021 Governing Board Orientation.

Motion made by Gohr, second by Lowey, to approve the per diem and mileage for the June 3, 2021 Governing Board orientation. All aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Ferfecki, second by Lowey, to approve the per diem and mileage for the June 8, 2021 Governing Board meeting. All aye. Motion carried

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

Introduction of new I&A hire.

Information regarding target group representation.

Stellato inquired with the Board their thoughts on allowing attendance to the meetings via Zoom. Members agreed that in-person attendance was more beneficial. This topic will be brought up at the next meeting for further discussion.

16. Set next meeting date.

The next tentative ADRC Governing Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

17. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Miller. Second by Gohr. Stellato adjourned the meeting at 1:59 pm.

Recorded by: Kristine Tuma, Fiscal Support Specialist