

## Minutes



### **ADRC Governing Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @ 1:00 PM**  
**Menominee County Human Services**  
**W3272 Wolf River Rd, Keshena WI 54135**

**Members Present:** Robert Bower, Kathy Gohr, Stephanie Holman, Anne Miller, Carolie Miller, Steven Schinke, Terrie Terrio, Kristah Warrington

**Members Absent:** Lynnell Perez, Melissa Wescott

**Others Present:** Nicole Korth - ADRC Supervisor, Elizabeth Ausloos - Dementia Care Specialist, Kristy Kellner - Elder Benefit Specialist, Nicole Sasse - Elder Benefit Specialist, Kristine Tuma - Fiscal Support Specialist

#### **1. Call meeting to order.**

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

#### **2. Approve minutes from previous meeting.**

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Motion made by A. Miller, second by Schinke, to approve the September 9, 2025 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 ADRC staff members.**

Elizabeth Ausloos is the newly hired Dementia Care Specialist with the ADRC. Elizabeth will primarily be working out of the Oconto Falls office location.

It was noted that Robert Bower joined the meeting at 1:04 pm.

#### **5. Medicare updates.**

Kristy Kellner and Nicole Sasse, Elder Benefit Specialists with the ADRC, presented information to the Board regarding changes to Medicare Parts A, B, and D for 2026. Handouts were also provided to Board members regarding this information.

It was noted that Elizabeth Ausloos, Kristy Kellner, and Nicole Sasse left the meeting at 1:15 pm.

#### **6. Nomination and approval of ADRC Governing Board Chairperson.**

The ADRC Supervisor called for nominations to fill an upcoming vacancy for the position of Chairperson on the ADRC Governing Board. Terrio nominated Kristah Warrington for the position of ADRC Governing Board Chairperson, second by C. Miller. After three calls, there were no further nominations. Motion made by Terrio to elect Kristah Warrington as ADRC Governing Board Chairperson. Second by C. Miller. All aye. Motion carried.

## **7. Discussion regarding unmet needs in the community.**

A discussion was had regarding unmet needs in the community. After the discussion, utility costs and the shortage of caregivers were noted as unmet needs in our communities. Terrio noted that the Stockbridge-Munsee Community offered its members financial assistance with utility costs in 2026. Warrington noted that the Menominee Tribe has assisted their members with utility costs in the past as well.

A shortage of caregivers is an issue that many communities face. Numerous Board members shared that they have had an experience where it was difficult to find a caregiver for their loved one. One of the reasons that might be attributing to the lack of caregivers is the low wage that is commonly offered with this type of employment. Terrio noted that she attends many State Hearings on behalf of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community regarding the caregiver shortage. This is a topic that is commonly discussed at the State level and they are working on a movement to increase the number of home care workers in Wisconsin.

## **8. 2026 Governing Board Per Diem.**

The ADRC Executive Committee has approved to retain the \$70 per diem for all Governing Board meetings that Board members attend in 2026. In addition, Board members will also be reimbursed mileage at the IRS rate.

## **9. Information & Assistance Specialist Report.**

Based on the data that is currently available in the PeerPlace system, I&A staff had contact with a little over 800 clients in the last quarter. Common topics discussed included long term care programs, Medicaid, energy assistance, and food resources.

## **10. Benefit Specialists Reports.**

Based on the data that is currently available in the PeerPlace system, the Disability Benefit Specialists had 120 cases, in the last quarter. The most common assistance provided is assistance with the Social Security Disability application process and benefits.

Based on the data that is currently available in the PeerPlace system, the Elder Benefit Specialists had 160 cases in the last quarter. Common services provided include information on Medicare and retirement benefits.

The Dementia Care Specialists are currently offering monthly caregiver support groups and memory cafes. The DCS recently presented the Dementia Live training to Leadership Shawano County. On March 25 they will also be offering a Dementia 101 class at the Shawano Middle School.

## **11. Aging and Disability Resource Center status report.**

ADRC staff members who perform long-term care functional screens as part of their job duties had to take a State required test to remain certified to administer the screen. All staff at the ADRC who took this test passed it.

The EBS workers are offering a series of elder benefit classes throughout the region. Flyers were handed out to all Board members with the upcoming dates and times.

The ADRC Supervisor attended a learning exchange called Wisconsin Owns Wellbeing. Other area agencies were in attendance at this event. The ADRC Supervisor is collaborating with UW-Extension in Oconto County to find ways to better serve the populations that both agencies assist.

**12. Per diem and mileage approval for today's meeting.**

Motion made by C. Miller, second by Warrington, to approve the per diem and mileage for the March 10, 2026 Governing Board meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

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

Presentation by Shawano-Menominee Counties Public Health Department.

**14. Set next meeting date.**

The next tentative ADRC Governing Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 1:00 pm at the ADRC office in Oconto Falls.

**15. Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Schinke. Second by C. Miller. Holman adjourned the meeting at 1:39 pm.

Recorded by: Kristine T, Fiscal Support Specialist