

Minutes



ADRC Governing Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 @ 1:00 PM
Shawano County Department of Human Services
Building A, Room 115
W7327 Anderson Ave, Shawano WI 54166

Members Present: Kathy Gohr, James Lowey, Carolie Miller, Forrest Perez, Leslie Peters, Joe Stellato, Terrie Terrio, Lynnae Zahringer

Members Absent: Richard Ferfecki, Stephanie Holman

Others Present: Mary Woepse - ADRC Supervisor, Mary Becker - Information & Assistance Specialist, Mary Jo Ruleau - Dementia Care Specialist, Kristine Tuma - Fiscal Support Specialist

1. Call meeting to order.

Called to order at 1:01 pm by Chairperson Stellato.

2. Approve minutes from previous meeting.

Motion made by Miller, second by Lowey, to approve the December 14, 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 staff.

Mary Becker is a newly hired Information and Assistance Specialist working out of both the Oconto Falls and Shawano office locations. Mary has previous experience working for the Fond Du Lac County Income Maintenance Department.

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

5. Alzheimer's disease and dementia information.

Mary Jo Ruleau, Dementia Care Specialist with the ADRC, presented information and provided handouts to the Board regarding Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia. Mary Jo also offers dementia presentations to the public throughout our region.

It was noted that Mary Jo Ruleau left meeting at 1:42 pm.

6. Review Legislative letter regarding information on in-home caregivers.

ADRC Director Kim Wolfmeyer and Governing Board Chairman Joe Stellato drafted a letter together to be sent to area Legislators regarding the lack of caregivers and the issue of low pay for these positions throughout the State. This letter was reviewed by the Board.

Motion made by Gohr to approve the letter as presented. Second by Zahringer. All aye. Motion carried. This letter will be mailed to Legislators within the ADCR Wolf River Region.

7. Unmet needs update.

ADRC staff put together a list of area agencies that offer snow removal services. This list was previously sent to Governing Board members to review. Customers looking for snow removal services can also utilize this information.

8. Update regarding ADRC contracts.

The ADRC has received the 2022 grant contract from the State of Wisconsin. This contract has been signed by all required parties and was approved by the ADRC Executive Committee.

9. Fiscal year end summary.

Information was presented to the Board regarding the year-end 2021 ADRC budget. ADRC expenses stayed within the budgeted contract amounts for 2021. The ADRC does not utilize any tax levy.

10. 2022 Resource Guides.

The ADRC 2022 resource directories are available and being distributed throughout the region. All Board members also received a copy of the directory.

11. Update on ADRC Governing Board Per Diem.

At the ADRC Executive Committee meeting, a motion was made and approved to increase the ADRC Governing Board per diem beginning in 2022. Governing Board members will also receive mileage reimbursement at the IRS rate.

12. SAMS Report - Information & Assistance.

Information was presented regarding customers served by ADRC staff. In the months of December 2021 & January 2022, Information and Assistance Specialist (I&A) staff members had 1,681 contacts with persons or organizations in our service area. Common topics discussed included public benefits, transportation, food resources, and housing.

13. Benefit Specialists Reports.

Information was presented regarding the number of contacts the Disability Benefits Specialists (DBS) had in the months of December 2021 and January 2022. The DBS workers had 125 open cases. The most common assistance provided is assistance with the Social Security Disability application process and understanding benefits.

The Elder Benefit Specialist had 135 open cases in the months of December 2021 and January 2022. The most common assistance provided included assistance with disability applications, health insurance benefits, income benefits, and Medicare information.

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 offered include caregiver support groups, memory cafes, boost your brain, powerful tools for caregivers, and the purple angel training. An activity book was also created by the DCS for those with memory loss and their caregivers.

14. Aging and Disability Resource Center status report.

Scott Shackelford is the new Director of the Oconto County Department of Health and Human Services. Scott started this position in January 2022.

The ADRC Executive Committee renewed the positions on its Committee. Richard Kane was re-elected as the Committee Chairperson and Stacy Schinko was elected as the Committee Secretary.

The ADRC is currently interviewing to hire another Dementia Care Specialist (DCS).

Kristin Waukau, DCS with the Menominee Tribe, is part of a project with UW-Madison to assess services that caregivers are in need of. Kristin Elandt with the ADRC is also part of this project and will be working closely with area agencies to determine the needs of caregivers in our region.

The ADRC has completed its part of the Civil Compliance Plan.

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

Motion made by Zahringer, second by Miller, to approve the per diem and mileage for the March 8, 2022 Governing Board meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

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

Opportunities for seniors to volunteer in the community.

17. Set next meeting date.

The next tentative ADRC Governing Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

18. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Zahringer. Second by Gohr. Stellato adjourned the meeting at 2:19 pm.

Recorded by: Kristine Tuma, Fiscal Support Specialist