

Minutes



ADRC Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, October 11, 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: Stacey Schinko - Director of Human Services Stockbridge-Munsee Community

Others Present: Kim Wolfmeyer - ADRC Director, 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 August 9, 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. Approval of accounts payable for the ADRC of the Wolf River Region.

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

5. State technical assistance document regarding ADRC Governing Board changes.

The State published an updated ADRC Board Technical Assistance document. This document pertains to the composition of the ADRC Governing Board and other duties the Board is assigned. Changes from the previous version were discussed.

6. Dementia Care Specialist funding for 2022.

In 2022, the ADRC will receive additional Dementia Care Specialist funding from the State as part of the expansion of statewide coverage of the Dementia Care Specialist program. A motion was made by Reimer to hire a Dementia Care Specialist either full-time or part-time depending on funding for 2022. 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 September 2021, Information & Assistance Specialist (I&A) staff members had 916 contacts with persons or organizations in our service area. Common topics discussed included homeless resources, long term care public benefits, and dementia related services.

8. Benefit Specialists Reports.

The ADRC Director presented information regarding the number of contacts the Disability Benefits Specialists (DBS) had in the month of September 2021. The DBS worker had 192 open cases. The most common assistance provided is assistance with the Social Security Disability application process and understanding benefits.

The Elder Benefit Specialist currently has 29 cases open after opening 83 in September. 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 provided are the Memory Cafés, caregiver support groups, and monthly dementia educational trainings. Other programs include the book club, powerful tools for caregivers, and boost your brain.

9. Information on Dementia Care Specialist upcoming events.

The Dementia Care Specialist has a Savvy Caregiver program that will be offered on Wednesdays beginning November 3 through December 8. These classes will take place at the Shawano Library from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm.

The upcoming book club will be held on October 20th at the Shawano Library from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. The book that will be discussed is "Mom's Gone Missing: When a Parent's Life Upends Yours".

10. Aging and Disability Resource Center Status Report.

The ADRC Supervisor, located in the Oconto County office, has submitted her resignation. This position is currently posted and interviews are expected to begin next week.

The ADRC is part of a pilot project with the State regarding the revision of the Annual Update required yearly. The initial meeting will be held October 12, 2021.

The Disability Benefit Specialist in Oconto Falls will be having their site review on October 13, 2021 with their supervising attorney and the ADRC Director.

The ADRC Contract with the State will combine the Nursing Home Relocation Funds with the general ADRC Grant amount for 2022.

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, December 13, 2021 at 1:00 pm. The tentative meeting place is at Shawano County Human Services.

13. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Reimer. Second by Wilber. All aye. Kane adjourned the meeting at 1:42 pm.

Recorded by: Kristine Tuma, Fiscal Support Specialist