

Eau Claire County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board
Monday, September 14, 2020, 3:00 pm
Remote Meeting via Webex Events

Chair Kimberly Cronk called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Roll Call/Members Present: Ruth Adix, Kimberly Cronk, Jason Endres, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Sue Miller, Audrey Nelson, Tami Schraufnagel

Others Present: Linda Struck, Lisa Riley, Betsy Henck, Brianna Werner, Lindi Engedal

Confirmation of meeting notice – yes.

Public Comment

Ruth Adix – she received a Medicare mailing that requested her phone number. Discussion on Medicare and other scams and information on what to look out for regarding them. The ADRC will continue to provide information on possible scams in the monthly newsletter and Facebook page.

Motion by Ruth Adix to close Public Comment, second by Jason Endres. Motion carried.

Review August 10, 2020 ADRC Board Minutes. Motion by Sue Miller to approve, second by Chris Hambuch-Boyle. Motion carried.

Chair Report. Kimberly Cronk –

Kim would like to celebrate the work Lisa Wells, Dementia Care Specialist, has been doing with offering virtual dementia trainings. Discussion on creation of a voter checklist for people who are in jail to vote. Dr. Katherine Schneider’s book “Hope of the Crows” has been published. Lisa Riley was recently recognized in the Eau Claire County Connections newsletter for her work regarding a particular situation.

Director’s Report. Linda Struck –

Reviewed quarterly ADRC report and program areas. Discussion on Transportation Grant and funds still available. Incoming calls for Information & Assistance and referrals for Options Counselors and Benefit Specialists remain high even with restrictions due to Covid. ADRC continues to collaborate with other agencies regarding available services. Staff are in the process of testing a new phone system which will allow multiple staff to answer incoming calls at the same time.

Discussion on new ADRC Board Member recommendation. Approved by a vote of 7 (yes) to 0 (no) to approve new ADRC Board Member Ray Hilfiker. Motion by Ruth Adix to send board member recommendation to the County Board. Second by Chris Hambuch-Boyle.

The ADRC has advertised the Administrative Associate position that is currently open and are screening applicants this week.

Presentation provided by Lisa Riley, ADRC Manager, on the role of an Options Counselor with selection of Family Care and IRIS Programs. Information provided on what an MCO (Managed Care Organization) and ICA (IRIS Consultant Agency) is and the differences.

Nutrition Updates. Betsy Henck –

The ADRC continues to provide meals 2 days per week at Positive Avenues. The kitchen recently hit a new record high of 525 meals prepared in a single day. The Nutrition Advisory Council continues to look for new members and are planning on having quarterly meetings instead of every other month. There has not been a council meeting since spring due to Covid. Sue Miller had previously been on the Nutrition Advisory Council and volunteered to serve on it again.

Transportation Updates. Betsy Henck –

The ADRC is partnering with Coon Fork County Park and Parks and Forest office to provide an all-terrain wheelchair for use at the park. The ADRC continues to waive Paratransit co-pays and anticipate being able to continue offering this through the end of the year.

A public hearing for Transportation 85.21 funding will be scheduled on 11/9/2020 at 2:30 pm (held 30 minutes prior to the ADRC Board Meeting) and will be held virtually.

Reports from members on state advisory councils/committees.

Jason - 16 proposals are being sent to the Governor from the Task Force on Caregiving and will be available on the DHS website once finalized. It is still unknown if funding for the Task Force will be extended another year.

Audrey – Thank you to Jason regarding the work he and others are doing on the Caregiving Task Force. Last week Audrey attended a LTC Council virtual meeting where some of the topics covered were regarding the electronic visit verification system (EVV), round 2 of Cares payments coming out, and health disparities with LTC.

Ruth – attended the State Advisory Council meeting in August where there was a presentation on the US Census and the Household Pulse Survey.

Advocacy

Ruth – The City of Eau Claire is pulling together a group of people to look at a pattern of systemic racism, “Transformation Project Eau Claire”. Discussion on safety measures related to Covid and how individuals should go about hiring home care workers and safety precautions they should take.

Kim – Discussion of a peer learning network to help keep those with mental health or AODA issues out of jail.

Upcoming Events

Future Agenda items.

Pa Thao from Black & Brown Womyn’s Power Coalition will be doing a presentation for the board at the October 12th meeting.

Motion by Jason Endres to adjourn, second by Sue Miller. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindi Engedal
Aging & Disability Resource Center Board