

Eau Claire County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board
Monday, June 14, 2021 3:00 pm
Remote Meeting via Webex Events

Chair Kimberly Cronk called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

Roll Call/Members Present: Carl Anton, Kimberly Cronk, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Sandra McKinney, Sue Miller, Tami Schrafnagel, Dan Sippl

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

Confirmation of meeting notice- yes

Public Comment- None. Motion to close Sue Miller. Tami Schraufnagel 2nd motion. Public comment closed.

Review May 10, 2021 ADRC Board Minutes. Motion to approve Sandra McKinney. Sue Miller 2nd motion. May 10, 2021 minutes approved.

Chair Report.

Kimberly Cronk- In-person events are starting to happen again around the community and they are a good opportunity for outreach by having different representation of board members participate. Board members can volunteer with the ADRC at different events to help staff with outreach. American Rescue Plan – groups most affected by covid need to have a say in what the funding is spent on. The county and city council are taking input from individuals regarding priority areas for funding.

Vice Chair Report.

Sue Miller- nothing to report today.

ADRC Board By-Laws - Discussion on current By-Laws and suggested changes. Final draft of changes will be provided to board at July 2021 board meeting with the updated By-Laws approved/acted on during the August 2021 board meeting.

Director Report. Linda Struck-

- Personnel Update. Continue to have admin position left vacant; position is being looked at regarding 2022 budget. The additional OC position that was approved in 2021 budget to start 7/2021 will be posted after the job description is updated and 2022 budget submitted.
- Currently in the process of submitting 2022 budget; due 6/25 to finance. The MA match rate has dropped 3% within last year.

- Aging Plan Update. Draft goals will be submitted next month. Focus areas of goals are regarding caregiver support, social isolation, supportive services, nutrition, advocacy, equity/inclusiveness, healthy aging, and dementia. Discussion on the aging plan will be combined with the transportation public hearing in the fall 2021.
- Hwy Facility Kitchen Updates. When the design is finalized Linda will share with the Board. There is a \$5 million shortfall for the final project (\$2 million for nutrition/kitchen) due to current building costs being so high.
- 2022 Budget Update. Budget guidelines discussed. A 1.5% COLA plus the annual step increase will be a part of the budget. ADRC is planning on budgeting the same funding amounts for nutrition and ADRC grant.

Transportation Update. Betsy-

The ADRC worked with the County Parks and Forest Department to purchase 2 all-terrain mobility wheelchairs that will be available to anyone needing assistance in accessing the beach and water areas at Coon Fork County Park. Individuals can contact the park office ahead of time to reserve a wheelchair or just stop at the park office to use. A refundable deposit of \$5 and a waiver need to be filled out to check out a chair. There is a potential for the ADRC to purchase additional mobility wheelchairs for other area parks; transportation funding was used to purchase the items.

Nutrition Update. Betsy-

Starting in July the congregate meals sites will be going back to in person dining. The grab and go option will still be offered for as long as the state requirements allow. The kitchen is looking to fill a permanent part time cook position; it is currently being filled by an interim LTE.

Reports from members on state advisory councils/committees.

Chris – Joint finance recently voted not to increase funding for public schools. There will be a EC School District press conference on 6/21 at the board office to share what the district has done during the pandemic and what the impact would be if the increased funding was passed.

Advocacy

Chris – Advocacy is needed for special education programs in public schools. Private schools are receiving more funding; public schools do not receive what they need. The inequity is getting worse with every budget.

Dan – There is little knowledge being provided to the aging community regarding available services for those who are blind, and where services are lacking.

Upcoming events.

Kim – Juneteenth celebration is Saturday, June 19 at the Pine Pavilion in Carson Park.

Future agenda items.

July 12, 2021 meeting - By-law discussion

August 2, 2021 meeting – Budget meeting. The meeting date was changed from 8/9 to 8/2 at 3pm. Sandra and Chris will not be available on 8/2. Notify Linda or Kim ASAP if you know you will not be able to attend the 8/2 meeting so we can verify if there will be a quorum.

Motion by Chris Hambuch-Boyle to adjourn, Sandra McKinney 2nd motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindi Engedal".

Lindi Engedal
Aging & Disability Resource Center Board