

Eau Claire County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board
Monday, September 13, 2021, 3:00 pm
Remote Meeting via Webex Events

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

Roll Call/Members Present: Carl Anton, Kimberly Cronk, Chris Hambuch-Boyle, Sandra McKinney, Sue Miller, Audrey Nelson, Bruce Schafer, Tami Schraufnagel, Dan Sippl, Sandra Romey

Others Present: Linda Struck, Brianna Werner, Kelli Weiss, Lisa Riley, Tom Paine

Confirmation of meeting notice- yes

Public Comment- None. Motion to close public comments section made by Chris Hambuch-Boyle. Tami Schraufnagel seconds the motion. Public comments section closed.

Review August 2nd, 2021, ADRC Board Minutes. Motion to approve- Carl Anton. Sue Miller seconds the motion. All ayes. Minutes approved as presented.

Chair Report – Kim Cronk. Grateful for coverage while traveling during meetings. Appreciate backup, missed everyone. Discusses ARPA listening session last week.

Vice Chair Report- Sue Miller. Nothing further to add.

Nutrition Report – Linda Struck. Update on new MOW facility, design is done. Discussion about purchasing equipment this year that could be used at current kitchen and new kitchen. Discussion about potential for ARPA funding, submitted request to Kathryn Schauf and Norb Kirk. Congregate dining is open at Fairchild and both Senior centers. St. John is grab and go due to their preference.

Nutrition Surveys will be sent out this week, results at future meeting.

Part time cook position open, proceeding with candidate. Hope to have someone on board in next month. Sue Miller highlights staffing, have 3 paid part time drivers delivering hundreds of meals a week. Use 150 volunteers to cover 30 routes. Keep in mind incredible operation, very few paid staff, relies on volunteers. Kudos to whole program.

Transportation Update-Linda Struck. Special projects ADRC assisted with purchasing parts of an accessible dock at Lake Eau Claire.

85.21 grant application, need public hearing for transportation, hopeful to have at the same time as aging plan. Then board can act at the same time. Were awarded \$275,566 in transportation funding, \$55113 is our local match.

Discussion about rides for voting, currently a service provided. Discussion about increasing awareness of rides.

Director Report-

Budget Update-Thank the board for budget meeting and support. Next step is Kathryn Schauf recommendations. We will be able to fully fund the options counselor position without tax levy. This is due to changes in DCS and ADRC state funding now being intermingled. Will proceed with filling as soon as possible.

Personnel Update- part time cook, OC position still vacant. Admin position still pursuing as half time as a part of budget. Use LTE for the rest of the year until we can get it posted, nothing new since last meeting.

Draft 2022-2024 Aging Plan Discussion/Action handout # 2 – did surveys solicited input; heart of plan is the goals. Transportation – will need public hearing. This will be available after this meeting to share via newsletter, Facebook, and paper copy. Discussion about timeline and process of Aging Plan approval. Specific categories had to be written for and chose to add four local goals.

Discussion about specific goals; goal 1; Isolation/Loneliness. Calling tree, utilizing during covid, soliciting more volunteers, establish connections with UWEC and CVTC to provide technology classes for seniors. Reconnect with Micon to schedule movie and discussion group. Goal 2; Advocacy- Encourage and support individuals to find their voice and engage in advocacy for issues that affect older adults, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers, through education, training and confidence building opportunities. Advocacy group, bringing individuals together and provide opportunities for advocacy training.

Goal 3; Equity Goal- making sure ADRC staff trained on DEI, now part of state contract. Goal 4; Supportive services- increase marketing and outreach, better job of relaying information we have. Extend to Hmong Senior Center and other diverse groups. Goal 5; Nutrition. More congregate meals, increase senior dining, research nontraditional dining sites, Hy-Vee feels more like a restaurant. Hy-Vee would provide the food. Will look at opportunities to reach more Hmong seniors. Offering different ethnic foods in general. Goal 6; Health Promotion and Disease Prevention- very fortunate to have Deb in this role. Increase underserved attendees. Raise public awareness in multiple formats. Variety of modalities. Some seniors like virtual, some do not. Increasing access. Data collection, survey partners, unmet health promotion needs, barriers, which are most app. Based on assessment outcomes. Goal 7; Caregiving-Caregiver and respite programs. Hoping to start a support a program for our county. Is happening in other counties. Research those, build off what is already there, plan organize, recruit and train volunteers, Lisa W is working with her nursing student group who will do the research. Goal 8; Dementia Education- better understanding of dementia in the community, caregiver programs increase outreach and strategies already doing. What should we keep doing, what aren't we

doing? Expand some information. Discussion about caregiving shortage in Eau Claire County, MOW, engagement committee, and other resources.

Discussion about process, release of draft, public hearings. Goals have been approved by GWAAR, can tweak with without having to resubmit until final draft. Will also share draft with Dr. Briggs.

Discussion about timing and process for public hearing. Will be scheduled for October 11, 2021, at 2:00pm.

Reports from members on state advisory councils/committees – Kim – NACO two meetings, partners from all over. Sense of belonging.

Advocacy – highlight need for elevator at Boy and Girls Club.

Upcoming events- Handout #3-

Future agenda items- ADRC Bylaws, confidentiality training. Reviewing Aging Plan, Dr Briggs.

Tami Schraufnagel moves to adjourn Sandra McKinney seconds. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BW', is positioned above the printed name.

Brianna Werner

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