

Eau Claire County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board  
Monday, April 17, 2023, 4:00 pm  
Room 1301/1302

Chair Stella Pagonis called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call/Members Present: Amanda Babb, Heather Deluka, Stella Pagonis, Jean Doty, Sue Miller, Allen Myren, Audrey Nelson, Sandra Romey

Others Present: Ron Hon, William Libberton, Terri Stanley, Linda Struck, Lisa Riley, Betsy Henck, Karen Hauck, Brianna Werner.

Confirmation of meeting notice- yes.

Public Comment- none

Review March 20, 2023, ADRC Board Minutes- Action Handout # 1- Sue moves to approve minutes as presented. All in favor. None opposed. Minutes pass as presented.

Board terms ending/recognition- Thank you to Audrey Nelson for time as a member of the ADRC Board. Discussion about accessibility of public meetings and options for attending meetings, public hearings.

Impacts of Public Health Emergency Ending- Lisa Riley. Discussion on changes to Medicaid and Food Share rules, during COVID 19 PHE the eligibility requirements including financial and functional changed. On May 1<sup>st</sup> the rules will go back to pre-public health emergency. Letters sent by Great Rivers in April to consumers about new renewal date. All consumers were given new renewal dates spread out over a 12-month period starting June 2023 going through May 2024. Family Care and Iris consumers who will not be eligible are ADRCs responsibility, disenroll, look at other Medicaid programs, etc. Discussion about increasing work volume, trying to brace, and troubleshoot.

Transportation Updates- Betsy Henck. Decrease in ridership since COVID, we are waiving copays and will reevaluate mid-year. Vehicle repair grant not accepting new applications. Vehicle modification grant still has funds available. Discussion about 85.21 state statute. Discussion about upcoming projects using 85.21 funding, purchasing two ADA compliant paddle boats at Coon Forks, all terrain track wheelchair and trailer at Beaver Creek. Discussion about previous purchases, two recumbent bikes for LE Phillips, beach wheelchairs at Lake Altoona Beach and Coon Forks, a lift to help people get in and out of boats at Lake Eau Claire. Because the rural transportation van is located at the kitchen, were able to allocate approx. \$45,000 to highway building. There is around \$180,000 in the transportation trust fund, which

we are supposed to keep at \$80,000 or less. Doing some advertising of paratransit in Leader Telegram, newsletter, Facebook, and Senior Review.

Social Isolation Project-Coffee Talk- Betsy Henck. New venture, we have been advertising with MOW participants. Two components to Coffee Talk, a call-in option or an outgoing call option, consumer must make first contact. Toll Free number, free to ADRC.

Nutrition Updates- no kitchen update, electrical panels were supposed to ship 4/3, now 4/24. Lease at current kitchen verbally through June. Matt and highway department are coordinating move of the kitchen. Full time cook position was approved. The LTE cook applied for new full time position and was awarded the job, effective Monday, April 10th. National volunteer week this week, we provided a little treat for volunteers. Hoping to do Thank You brunch when new kitchen opens. March for Meals campaign has closed, raised \$7,000 this year, significantly more than previous years. Discussion about March for Meals, this is a national campaign that takes place in March so if we did another one later in the year, we would need to call it something else. Also, we do get donations throughout the year.

State Joint Finance Committee Meeting- Linda went with a group of ADRC directors/managers, focusing on grant funding short falls and nutrition funding. Written testimony is due 4/26. Linda will send additional information to board members. ADRC base funding is inequitable depending on when ADRC was started. Older Americans Act funding, the state has additional funding they can pass through to local agencies these amounts have not increased since mid-80's.

2022 Annual Report- Handout # 2-Explanation of budget submission. Performance management is included, the narrative highlights and accomplishments made during 2022, future challenges, booming aging populations through 2040. Output gives an idea of scope of effort. Increased food supply cost to \$4.00 per meal. Discussions about outcomes on report, what to measure, health promotion classes and surveys. Discussion about MOW survey results

ILSG Grant Update- Linda Struck – Dunn County is advertising the position for this program. We got 110 additional slots; enrollments will start July 2023. Link on agenda will give the details of the program. AARPA funding to provide additional support for people 55+, with higher income limit, can get up to \$7,200.

Advocacy/Advisory committee updates- May 8<sup>th</sup> the Brain Injury Alliance in Wisconsin Dells. May 9<sup>th</sup> Aging Advocacy Day in Madison, the Center for Independent Living is setting up a bus for people who want attend. Disability Advocacy Day was in March.

Future agenda items- 2023 Performance Mgmt., review budget process, definition of accommodations

Stella adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Next meeting date, May 15, 2023, at 4:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'BW' with a stylized flourish.

Brianna Werner

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