

## Minutes

Eau Claire County - Aging & Disability Resource Center Board  
Monday, September 18, 2023, at 4:00 pm  
721 Oxford Ave - Room 1301/1302  
Eau Claire WI 54703

Chair Stella Pagonis called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Confirmation of Meeting Notice: Confirmed

Roll Call/Members Present: Heather DeLuka, Stella Pagonis, Jean Doty, Allen Myren\*,  
Bill Libberton, Tami Schraufnagel, Ron Hon, Sandy Romey,

Others Present: Linda Struck, Betsy Henck, Lisa Riley, Mikayla Otto, Deb Brunning,  
Kelly Welke, Karen Hauck, Dane Zook\*\*

Public Comment: None

Review of August 21st, 2023, ADRC Board Minutes / Discussion – Action, Handout #1-Jean Doty motions to approve as presented-all in favor. None opposed. Approved August minutes as presented.

Unwinding Presentation – Kathy Welke, Great Rivers Consortium Administrator, Handout #2:

Kathy Welke explained that during the pandemic beneficiaries of Foodshare, Medical Assistance, Badger Care, etc., were not being reviewed to determine if they still qualified for benefits, there were no reviews, or disenrollments conducted during this time. The Great Rivers Consortium is essentially unwinding benefits to pre-pandemic benefit levels.

Stella asked how the unwinding affects the ADRC? Linda and Lisa explained the process when a beneficiary is disenrolled from managed care organizations and how Options Counselors assist those individuals. Also, if Foodshare and Medicaid benefits have been decreased or stopped, the Elder and Disability Benefit Specialists might get involved to explain the complex public assistance programs and/or work with the consortia to find out other options.

Health Promotion Programs Presentation – Deb Brunning, Prevention Program Coordinator, Handout #3:

Deb Brunning explained the roll of health prevention programs and how they increased life expectancy which has taken place over the last 100 years. Deb discussed the programs that are offered in Eau Claire County and why some are offered virtually, in-person, self-directed or both and the benefits of each program.

Transportation Updates –

Betsy Henck and Linda Struck informed the board that management is currently working on the Regional Coordinated Plan with the regional Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), as a requirement for the 85.21 plan. The Regional Coordinated Plan is updated every five years and this year, as in years past, we are working with Chippewa County. This process looks at transportation as it is now and how to address any gaps in transportation for the community. A required public hearing is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., which will be held at the VFW Post 305, in Eau Claire.

The 85.21 application is due in December for Eau Claire County. As part of the application, the ADRC will be hosting a public hearing. Discussion of possible locations and virtual options held. The

board decided to hold the public hearing before the November 20th ADRC Board meeting at 4 p.m., with a virtual attendance optional available. The ADRC Board meeting will begin directly following the public hearing which will end at 5 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2023.

The request for proposals has been sent for the Paratransit Program transportation contract which is a joint program with the City of Eau Claire. Currently the contract is held by Abby Vans.

#### Nutrition Updates -

Besty stated that the request for proposals will be sent out for the food vendor for the Meals on Wheels program. Currently the contract is held by Sysco.

Betsy conducted an overview of the results of the Nutrition Satisfaction Survey for the home delivered and the congregate dining sites. Overall, there is a high level of satisfaction. Some of the highlights of the home delivered meals is the increase in feeling safe and the decrease in the number of participants who say that the Meals on Wheels volunteers are their only visitors.

#### Follow Up on 2024 Budget Presentation –

No questions.

#### Compensation/Performance Evaluation Project -

Linda informed the board of the compensation project for the Eau Claire County employees.

#### Advocacy/Unmet Needs –

No discussion.

#### Future Agenda Items-

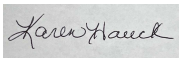
Stella asked to see the transportation stats, after the coordinated transportation meetings.

Stella also stated that on future agendas the Board Introductions will be listed as Roll Call.

Stella adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

Next meeting Monday, October 16, 2023, at 4 p.m., in the Eau Claire County Government Center, Room 1301/1302.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Hauck  
Aging & Disability Resource Center Board

\*Allen Myren arrived at 4:36 p.m.

\*\*Dane Zook arrived at 4:36 p.m.