

Minutes

Eau Claire County

Aging & Disability Resource Center Board

Monday, January 8, 2024, Eau Claire County Government Center Room 1301/1302

4 P.M.

Welcome & Call to Order by Stella Pagnois at 4:01 p.m.

Confirmation of Meeting Notice

Confirmed

Roll Call/Members Present:

Bill Libberton, Allen Myren, Amanda Babb, Sandra Romey, Heather Deluka, Jean Doty, Sue Miller, Ron Hon, Stella Pagnois, Terri Stanley via WebEx.

Others Present:

Linda Struck, Betsy Henck, Karen Hauck

Public Comment

None received.

Review of December 11, 2023, ADRC Board Minutes / Discussion – Action, Handout #1 – Amanda Babb motioned to approve minutes as presented. All in favor, none opposed.

Nutrition Updates:

Kitchen Coordinator position has been posted internally. The Request for Proposal for Meals on Wheels food vendor has been completed and the contract has been awarded to Sysco, the current provider. Mom's Meals has been contracted to serve a couple who are in need of MOW though they live in a very rural part of the county that would not be able to be served without a significant increase in miles and time on a MOW route.

The additional lunch at LE Phillips Senior Center will start on January 19th, and a special Filipino meal will be served on February 6th in the evening, this will be in addition to the other evening meals.

March for Meals will be kicking off in the next couple of weeks.

Discussion of volunteer drivers and their roles.

Transportation Updates:

Transit Equity Day is on February 5th and Abby Vans and Eau Claire City Buses will have a flower in each vehicle that day. The 85.21 Transportation Grant has been submitted and Betsy is expecting an approval letter soon for the grants for 2024 including the Vehicle Modification and the Vehicle Repair grants.

Discussion of the 85.21 Trust Fund Community Grant. A few ADRC Board members will be needed to review and approve the grant applications; Bill, Ron and Allen said they might be able to serve in that role.

The Request for Proposal for the Paratransit Program has been completed. Abby Vans was the only company to submit a proposal and has been awarded the contract. Starting January 1, 2024, the co-pays were re-instated. Discussion of co-pays and Abby Vans service. Cost of rides are doubling. ADRC will put together recommendations on copay increases, reduced services or a combination of both at the next board meeting.

Stella requested data of the ridership for the paratransit program.

Resource Center Update:

Independent Living Support Pilot (ILSP) Updates: Discussion on the status of the Independent Living Support Pilot program, that is a joint program between Eau Claire, Chippewa, and Dunn County. Additional staff will be hired by Dunn County to help speed up the process for those who have applied for the ILSP program. There are 430 slots available in the ILSP program. Currently there are 293 on the referral list and 103 were from Eau Claire. There are some individuals enrolled but hardly any receiving services yet.

Ron asked for more information on how this program has been administered, Linda will send an email to the board with additional information.

Annual ADRC Board Confidentially Training/Signoff – Linda reminded that board members will be receiving the information and ask that board members read, sign, and send back. This will be done after the board elections so that new members are included.

Linda stated that due to the new ADRC funding methodology, Eau Claire County ADRC will get an increase of approximately \$30,000 in grant funding in 2024. Stella asked if this increase needed to go through the finance committee. Linda didn't think so but will research.

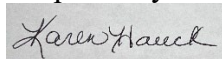
Advocacy/Unmet Needs: None

Future Agenda Items: Review transportation ridership data. Review the ILSP progress.

Stella adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Next meeting, Monday, February 19, 2024, at 4 p.m. at the Eau Claire County Government Center 1301/1302

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Hauck, Clerk
Aging & Disability Resource Center Board