

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

Aging & Disability Resource Center Board

Monday, July 15, 2024, Eau Claire County Government Center Room 1301/1302

4 P.M.

Those wishing to make public comments must submit their name and address no later than 30 minutes prior to the meeting to karen.hauck@eauclairecounty.gov. Comments are limited to 3 minutes; you will be called on during the public section of the meeting. Written comments will also be accepted and should be submitted to karen.hauck@eauclairecounty.gov

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A majority of the county board may be in attendance at this meeting, however, only members of the committee may take action on an agenda item.

1. Welcome & Call to Order
2. Confirmation of Meeting Notice
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment
5. Review of March June 17, 2024, ADRC Board Minutes / Discussion – Action, Handout #1
6. State Required ADRC Board Composition / Discussion – Handout #2
7. ADRC Board Citizen Member Vacancy / Discussion – Action, Handout #3
8. General ADRC Transportation Training / Discussion, Handout #4
9. Nutrition Funding Resolution / Discussion – Action, Handout #5
10. Resource Center Updates –
 - a. Local Advocacy Event
 - b. ADRC Director’s Leave
 - c. August 19th Board Meeting
11. Joint Committee Meeting with Finance and Budget Committee, August 5, 2024, 3:30 P.M.
12. Advocacy/Unmet Needs
13. Future Agenda Items – Revisit ADRC By-Laws, ADA Resources
14. Adjourn

Prepared by Karen Hauck

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MINUTES

Eau Claire County

Aging & Disability Resource Center Board

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4 P.M.

- Welcome & Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Tami Schraufnagel, at 4 P.M.
- Confirmation of Meeting Notice: Confirmed
- Roll Call: Tami Schraufnagel, Jean Doty, John Folstad, Stella Pagonis, Thomas Vue, Terry Stanley-Virtual, Sue Miller, Deirdre Jenkins, Bill Libberton–Virtual, Sandra Romey
- Others Present: Linda Struck, Betsy Henck, Karen Hauck
- Public Comment: Jean Doty asked a follow up question from the May 20th meeting about which agency to submit ADA complaints, Terri Stanley shared information. Positive comments were made about the Meals on Wheels food quality from various community members, which were shared with ADRC Board Members.
- Review of May 20, 2024, ADRC Board Minutes / Discussion – Action, Handout #1 – John Folstad motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. All in favor. None opposed.
- ADRC Board Citizen Member Vacancy / Discussion – Action, Handout #2 – Bill Libberton reported that he did not receive a response from either applicant when he reached out to them. Discussion about the alignment of the ADRC By-Laws and the State of Wisconsin Statue in filling ADRC Board positions. John motioned to postpone action on vacancy until the July 15, 2024, meeting to allow ADRC staff time to contact both applicants for their continued interest in the board position and to check the state statue. All in favor. None opposed.
- Transportation Updates – Linda Struck led the discussion on the Paratransit Program. The July 15th meeting will include a presentation on the Paratransit Program.
- General ADRC Informational Training / Discussion, Handout #3 – Linda went over the main points of the handout and answered questions.
- Confidentiality – Handout #4 – Linda explained the purpose of the Confidentiality Agreement and requested that each board member sign and turn into her either through email or by turning in at a future meeting. Discussion was held on the agreement and John asked who the Privacy Officer is in Eau Claire County. Linda will follow up and report at the July meeting who the Privacy Officer is within the County.

Nutrition Updates - Betsy reported that applications are being reviewed for the open part-time cook position. The Senior Farmers Market vouchers distribution events have been held, approximately 100 vouchers will be available until gone at the ADRC office.

Resource Center Updates/Advocacy Day - Linda informed the board that she will be on leave for a few weeks starting August 9, 2024. Linda reminded the Board about the upcoming In-District Advocacy Day on June 24.

The upcoming Joint Committee Meeting with Finance and Budget Committee will be held on August 5, 2024, 4 P.M. at the Eau Claire County Government Center Rooms 1301/1302.

Advocacy/Unmet Needs – Discussion on this agenda item and history of it. Tami mentioned that the Beaver Creek Reserve Butterfly House opens on July 5th. Jean mentioned that the grand opening for the Eau Claire County Humane association is July 13th.

Future Agenda Items – Nutrition Funding Resolution, Revisit ADRC By-Laws, ADA Resources, Transportation Presentation at July meeting.

Next meeting July 15, 2024, at 4 P.M.

Tami adjourned the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hauck, Clerk
Aging & Disability Resource Center Board

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State Required ADRC Board Composition

The ADRC board must meet all of the following requirements:

1. The composition of the board must reflect the ethnic and economic diversity of the geographic area served by the ADRC. If the headquarters of a tribal government is located within an ADRC's service area, then that ADRC is expected to have a tribal member on its board. The tribal member does not need to be a formal representative of the tribal government.
2. ADRCs empower customers to make informed choices about options to live with dignity, security, independence, and a high quality of life. In order to achieve this mission in an equitable way, ADRCs must identify and consider disparities that affect each unique customer. ADRCs will represent these marginalized communities through their recruitment of governing board members.
3. At least one-fourth of the membership of the board will be people over the age of 60, adults with disabilities, or their family members, legal representatives, or other advocates, reflecting the ADRC's target populations.
4. To ensure adequate representation statewide, all ADRC boards must include at least one person with a physical disability or an acceptable representative, one person with an intellectual disability or an acceptable representative, and two people age 60 or older or acceptable representative(s).
5. A board member who may represent more than one ADRC client group, cannot be counted as a representative in more than one client group.
6. Representatives of groups receiving limited ADRC services, such as mental health or substance use disorders, may be included on the board, but these members will not count towards the one-fourth consumer representation.
7. To comply with these requirements, the ADRC may replace board members when positions become vacant, or sooner, at its discretion.

Suggested addition to the above state requirements, from current ADRC of Eau Claire County By-Laws is the inclusion of: The ADRC Board will consist of 11 members appointed by the County Board Chair, with confirmation by the County Board.

Current ADRC By-Laws Article III: ADRC Board Membership, Appointment and Tenure

Section 1:

1. The ADRC Board will consist of 11 members appointed by the County Board Chair, with confirmation by the County Board.
2. The ADRC Board will reflect the ethnic and economic diversity of the geographic area served by the resource center.
3. At least one-fourth of the membership of the board will consist of individuals who belong to an ADRC client group or their family members, guardians, or other advocates.
4. The proportion of board members representing older adults, individuals who are physically disabled, and individuals who are developmentally disabled shall be the same as the proportion of individuals in these target groups statewide that are enrolled in Medicaid managed long-term care programs. These individuals will each only represent one target group.
5. One member of the governing board will be an individual with a mental health or substance abuse issue, or their family member or other representative.
6. One member of the governing board may represent youth transitioning to the adult system.

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Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Please note, not all board/commission/councils have openings and applications submitted outside of a vacancy will be placed on file.

*** Today's Date**

03/04/2024 12:00 AM

Name of Board or Commission You are Applying For (applications are retained for 2 years)

*** Please select one from the list below. ?**

ADRC Board

*** Are you a current employee of Eau Claire County or employed at a firm that is a vendor or has an affiliation with Eau Claire County?**

No

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The majority of Boards/Commissions/Councils and Committees meet on a monthly basis (date and time is determined by the committee.) Can you commit to attending meetings in accordance with the schedule of the Boards/Commissions/Councils and Committees you are applying for?

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Yes

*** Full Name**

Rev. Jonathan Wessel

*** Age 18 or Older**

Yes

*** Residence Address**

707 W BROWN ST
 PO BOX 408
 Augusta WI 54722

*** Home Phone Number**

(715) 286-2665

*** Business/Cell Phone Number**

(715) 533-9662

*** Email**

splsaints76@gmail.com

*** Do you currently reside/live within Eau Claire County limits?**

Yes

Number of Years:

15

*** Education**

Master of Divinity

*** Do you have relatives employed or appointed to serve in Eau Claire County?**

Yes

If yes, please list name, department, and relationship.

Patricia Wessel, Augusta City Council, wife

*** Please describe any potential conflicts of interest (or list n/a)**

none

*** List County Boards, Commissions, or Committees on which you have served**

none

*** Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest**

I serve an elderly congregation in a elderly community. What is good for them is good also for our congregation.

*** If selected, how would you work to better our community?**

Making sure that their voices are heard aneed are met.

Attachment

SKIPPED

From: [Samantha Kraegenbrink](#)
To: [Karen Hauck](#); [Linda Struck](#); [Stella Pagonis](#)
Subject: FW: *NEW SUBMISSION* Application for Appointment to County Boards and Commissions
Date: Friday, May 10, 2024 2:57:04 PM

See below.

From: Eau Claire County <donotreply@eauclairecounty.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 12:19 PM
To: Samantha Kraegenbrink <Samantha.Kraegenbrink@eauclairecounty.gov>
Subject: *NEW SUBMISSION* Application for Appointment to County Boards and Commissions

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Application for Appointment to County Boards and Commissions

Submission #: 3195603
IP Address: 131.93.99.251
Submission Date: 05/10/2024 12:19
Survey Time: 11 minutes, 16 seconds

You have a new online form submission.

Note: all answers displaying "*****" are marked as sensitive and must be viewed after your login.

Read-Only Content

Today's Date

05/10/2024 12:00 AM

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No

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accordance with the schedule of the Boards/Commissions/Councils and Committees you are applying for?

Yes, remotely if necessary

Section Break

Full Name

Mr. Mike OBrien

Age 18 or Older

Yes

Residence Address

2975 West Princeton Ave
EauClaire, WI 54703

Home Phone Number

(715) 864-6555

Business/Cell Phone Number

(715) 864-6555

Email

mfobrien@charter.net

Do you currently reside/live within Eau Claire County limits?

Yes

Number of Years:

44

Education

J.D.

Do you have relatives employed or appointed to serve in Eau Claire County?

No

If yes, please list name, department, and relationship.

Please describe any potential conflicts of interest (or list n/a)

n/a

List County Boards, Commissions, or Committees on which you have served

None

Please describe how you are qualified for the position of interest

I am a 70 year old stroke survivor and was on the school board for nine years

If selected, how would you work to better our community?

I can bring the perspective of a visually and physically disabled person to the board

Attachment

Thank you,

Eau Claire County

This is an automated message generated by Granicus. Please do not reply directly to this email.

ADRC Transportation

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85.21 Specialized Transportation Assistance Program

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Purpose: to promote the general public health and welfare by providing financial assistance to counties providing transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. To improve and promote the maintenance of human dignity and self-sufficiency by affording the benefits of transportation services to those who would not otherwise have an available or accessible method of transportation

- Annual Application submitted to DOT
- Requires a 20% tax levy match
- 2024 allocation was \$273,477
- 2024 match requirement \$54,695
- Total \$ 328,172 to use for all of transportation

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Paratransit

Project 1, Project 2

Trust Fund

Rural Transportation



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Paratransit

- Eau Claire County holds a contract with Eau Claire City Transit
- Eau Claire City Transit holds a contract with Abby Vans, INC new contract 2024 - 2028
- Application process can take up to 21 days for approval
- All types of rides
- Broken into different categories based on the time the ride is given
 - Project 1, Project 2

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Paratransit

- Cannot provide medical rides for individuals on Medical Assistance
 - Can provide non-medical rides for individuals on Medical Assistance
- Managed Care Organizations must authorize transportation for their clients
 - MCO's pay \$20.00/trip co-pay for paratransit rides

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Project 1

- Hours mirror City Transit Schedule

City/County Rides Project 1 Hours

City of Eau Claire
Monday – Friday 6:00 am – 10:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

City of Altoona
Monday – Friday 6:00 am – 7:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Rural Area
Monday – Friday 6:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

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Project 2

| County Rides Project 2 Hours |
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| City of Eau Claire Saturday 6:00 am – 8:00 am & 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Sunday 7:00 am – 2:00 pm |
| City of Altoona Monday – Friday 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Saturday 6:00 am – 8:00 am & 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Sunday 7:00 am – 2:00 pm |
| Rural Area Monday – Friday 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Saturday 6:00 am – 8:00 am & 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Sunday 7:00 am – 2:00 pm |

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Out of County Transportation

- We can provide rides outside of Eau Claire County with ADRC approval
- Medical Transportation
- Will encourage other services to be done in Eau Claire County (i.e. dentist, eye doctor)

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Rider Co-pays

Project 1 - \$3.50

Project 2 - \$5.00

Out of County \$5.00 plus \$1/mile outside of County Limits



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Abby Vans, Inc contract rates

Contract Period 2018 - 2023

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|------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 2023 | Project 1 | \$22.20 per trip |
| 2023 | Project 2 | \$25.80 per trip |
| 2023 | Project 2 Out of County | \$1.75 / mile |
| 2023 | No Show Trip Charge | \$12.00 |

Contract Period 2024-2028

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| 2024 | Project 1 | \$40.80 per trip |
| 2024 | Project 2 | \$40.80 per trip |
| 2024 | Project 2 Out of County | \$2.70 / mile |
| 2024 | No Show Trip Charge | \$40.80 |
| 2024 | ADA Premium Service for oversized mobility device and weight as defined by ADA regulation | \$51.00 per trip |

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Abby Vans, INC contract rates

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| 2028 | Project 1 | \$47.00 per trip |
| 2028 | Project 2 | \$47.00 per trip |
| 2028 | Project 2 Out of County | \$3.16 / mile |
| 2028 | No Show Trip Charge | \$47.00 |
| 2028 | ADA Premium Service | \$58.75 |

Rural Transportation

ADRC staffed with .5 FTE

Monday – Friday typically 8:00 – 12:00 can fluctuate a little

No co-pay

Non-medical only

Focus on rural parts of Eau Claire County

Started in 2018 because of excess Trust Fund \$

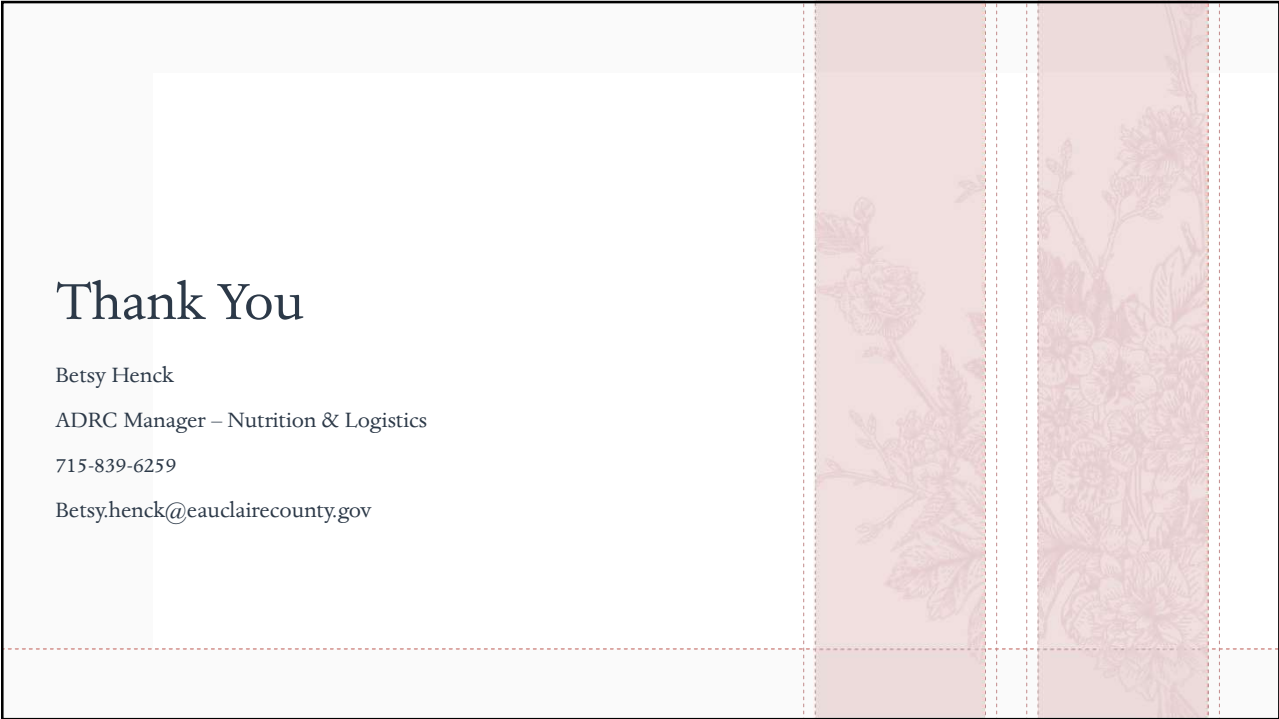
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| Provided transportation to |
| 2020: 882 |
| 2021:749 |
| 2022: 989 |
| 2023: 982 |
| 1st quarter 2024: 276 |

Trust Fund

- Excess dollars from annual operating funds
- Must be spent on “capital – like expenditures”
- Cannot be used for next years annual operating expenses
- Eau Claire County’s current Trust Fund Balance: \$155,029
- DOT wants that under \$80,000

Trust Fund Projects

- Rural Transportation Van
- Vehicle Repair Grant
- Vehicle Modification Grant
- Tri-Shaws purchased for local facilities
- Recumbent bikes purchased for L.E. Phillips Senior Center
- Accessible wheelchairs for Parks & Forest
- Accessible wheelchair for Beaver Creek
- Bus stop accessibility at Hamilton & Gateway
- Dock accessibility Lake Eau Claire
- Office space at new facility
- ADA Compliant Pedal Boat for Parks and Forest



Thank You

Betsy Henck

ADRC Manager – Nutrition & Logistics

715-839-6259

Betsy.henck@eauclairecounty.gov

1 Enrolled No. RESOLUTION File No. 24-25/052

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4 SUPPORTING AN INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS FOR AGING
5 AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS

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WHEREAS, senior hunger and isolation are pressing and urgent social issues for Wisconsin's aging population; and

10 WHEREAS, the Older Americans Act ("OAA") Nutrition Program is a federal program
11 that supports the health and well-being of older adults through nutrition services; and

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13 WHEREAS, the purpose of the OAA Nutrition Program is three-fold: (1) reduce hunger,
14 food insecurity, and malnutrition; (2) promote socialization; and (3) promote the health and well-
15 being of seniors through access to nutrition and to nutrition-related disease prevention and health
16 promotion services; and

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18 WHEREAS, the OAA Nutrition Program is available to adults aged 60 years and older,
19 with priority going towards seniors with the greatest social or economic need; and

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21 WHEREAS, the program's focus on nutritious food, social visits, safety checks, and
22 connection to other community services ensures that seniors receive the support they need to live
23 more nourished and independent lives in their homes; and

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25 WHEREAS, home-delivered meals services provide in-home meal deliveries once per
26 day to participating seniors who are unable to leave their home unassisted by reason of accident,
27 illness, disability, frailty, or isolation and are unable to independently obtain food and prepare
28 adequate meals; and

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30 WHEREAS, home-delivered meal services provide the day's main meal for 70 percent of
31 participants statewide, and provide regular socialization opportunities, safety and wellness
32 checks for participating seniors during meal delivery, and connections to other services in the
33 community; and

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35 WHEREAS, nearly half of the participants are identified to have high nutritional risk and
36 over 1 in 4 have incomes below the federal poverty level; and

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38 WHEREAS, one year of home delivered meals and accompanying services roughly
39 equates to the same cost of one day in the hospital or 10 days in a nursing home; and

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41 WHEREAS, these programs need support and fiscal backing to preserve access to these
42 crucial services for the growing aging population of Wisconsin; and

1 WHEREAS, home-delivered meal services statewide are either experiencing waitlists or
2 have implemented some sort of restrictions and limited services (*e.g.*, reduced number of meals
3 served and/or days of delivery); and
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5 WHEREAS, increased state and federal funding is needed to ensure no senior needs to
6 wait for meals and essential safety checks; and
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8 WHEREAS, the program is challenged by:
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- 10 • Federal Funding Cuts: The Older Americans Act senior nutrition program sustained
11 an \$8 million cut at the federal level in 2024. Local funding (29% of the funding in
12 2023) is also at risk;
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- 14 • Expiration of COVID Support (both funding and flexibilities): By 2025, Wisconsin’s
15 home-delivered meal program will have lost approximately \$10.5 million of COVID-
16 relief accounting for over 27% of total home-delivered meal expenditures in 2023;
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- 18 • Unprecedented Levels of Need: Demand for services has increased by 54% from
19 2019 to 2023;
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- 21 • Increased Expenses driven by Inflation and a Lack of Resources: The average cost to
22 provide a meal statewide is \$12.76/meal, a 17% increase over 2018 costs. Over one-
23 third (36%) of programs surveyed indicated they are unable to service their entire
24 geographic area due to lack of funding, insufficient volunteers or staff, and/or
25 inadequate equipment to safely deliver meals; and
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27 WHEREAS, in 2023, only 17% of home-delivered meals services funding came from the
28 OAA, and 2% came from state funds; and
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30 WHEREAS, voluntary participant contributions are decreasing due to lack of income.
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32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eau Claire County Board of
33 Supervisors does hereby support an increase in the 2025-27 state biennial budget to ensure
34 access to critical services provided by the home-delivered meals services program to
35 Wisconsin’s aging population by increasing the state contribution to home-delivered meals
36 services from the current level of \$868,794 to \$13.5 million.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony
2 Evers, DOA Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld, DHS Secretary Kristen Johnson, the Wisconsin
3 Counties Association, and all area legislators.

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8 **Aging & Disability Resource Center Board**

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44 Dated this _____ day of _____, 2024

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 24-25/052

The Aging and Disability Resources (ADRC) Board supports an increase in funding for nutrition programs serving Wisconsin's aging population. The Older Americans Act (OAA) Nutrition Program is a federal program that supports the health and well-being of older adults through nutrition services. Although the demand for nutrition program services has increased, the amount of funding from the federal and state government has decreased while overhead costs have increased. The reduction in nutrition services due to limited funding means the aging population isn't getting nutritious meals as well as the reduction in safety and wellness checks and reduction in connections to other services in the community. The ADRC Board is requesting additional funding for nutrition programs as part of the 2025-27 state biennial budget from the current level of \$868,794 to \$13.5 million.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Struck
ADRC Director