

AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF SW WISCONSIN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Mineral Point Meal Site
Monthly Board Meeting
12:45 p.m.
Monday, April 18, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Margaret Peat at 12:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Benish, Carol Brown, Lorraine Drews, Lorraine Fritch, Dan Nankee, William Grover, MaryClaire Murphy, Margaret Peat, Geri Peterson, Rosalie Zweifel

NOT PRESENT: Mildred Swedland

ALSO PRESENT: Laura Crowley, Nancy Howard, Rachel Dischler, Deb Ehr, Darin Smith, Rebecca Wetter, Cecile McManus

CERTIFICATION OF MEETING: Laura Crowley reported that the meeting had been posted and certified as required by State Statute.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Lorraine Fritch made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Carol Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried without negative vote.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Geri Peterson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April Monthly meeting as presented. Rosalie Zweifel seconded the motion. The motion was carried without negative vote.

REPORTS: AARP will be meeting on April 17, 2011. Also some one from the Garden Club will be coming to talk about container planting. Rosalie indicated that they have enough people for the South Dakota trip, but could still use a few more.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The paperwork for the Financial Report was forgotten at the Health & Human Service Center – will be on next months agenda.

COUNTY AGENCY REPORTS: Darin Smith, Director of Social Services gave a brief update on the Governor's current Budget Proposal, specifically concerning Economic Support Staff and how important it is to have a local presence. The State is going to hire some contract people, through Hewlett Packard. About a year ago they started a new program for childless adults, adults that needed some insurance, and, that is called BadgerCare Core. That was all processed at the State. Hewlett Packard did that and they are using that as a model to try to assimilate all the other cases from the State, all the

Families, all the BadgerCare, all the Food Share all those sorts of things into that same model. The reality is that they have not done a very good job. They are only getting about 16% done in 30 days. The County is doing about 75% in 30 days, not great but a lot better than the State. Their error rate is also 3 times as high as the county –either overpaid or underpaid, and then have to be adjusted accordingly which can be hard on the families. There are 4,000 families that have been waiting for over 400 days for eligibility. No one comes in a year in advance looking for help. They are currently putting it into a format to present to the Governor's Staff Secretary. They do seem to be receptive to listening to a different model. Basically they are saying that if you can do it for 109 million or less (from 157 million) saving 48 million, you can keep doing it, otherwise the State will take it, with the understanding that the customer service will not be good. The County Board will be hearing this tomorrow night and determine whether they will support a resolution concerning this. There is also the problem of fraud. There was an article about fraud concerning the foodshare program in the Milwaukee area. At a local level we know when there's something going on, not so sure that they will be able to identify at a State level. Dan Nankee stated that Darin and a couple of the Board members went to the Legislative Seminar and talked to Rep. Marklein and Schultz Aides. He thought that they were very attentive and listened to some of the ideas, good comments, good feedback.

SUN PROGRAM: Cecile talked about that congregate numbers are down, but up in Dodgeville. Perhaps the nicer weather will bring out more people. She indicated that the meal site in Mineral Point will be moving a month earlier to the Fairview Apartments, on Fair Street by the Kwik Trip. Food will still be prepared at Hodan and delivered to the site and then go out to home deliveries from there. The change will be in the May N & V's Newsletter. Cecile talked about a grant from United Fund of \$4,000.00 – to help defray the cost of home deliveries. They also received \$2,000.00 from the Town of Benton that reimburses the money that is paid for rent. Cecile gives them an update and requests the reimbursement. The Iowa County Cattlemen's Association will be donating approximately \$3,500.00 from a pie auction.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST REPORTS:

Elderly Benefit Specialists:

Nancy Howard stated that March was a quiet month. EBS annual surveys went out to 472 clients in a bulk mailing. Nancy indicated that we have had a tremendous response thus far – many have come back already. Nancy discussed some of the same issues that Darin discusses. The EBS monthly report for March was distributed. This report is on file in the ADRC Office.

Disability Benefit Specialist:

Deb distributed the March monthly report. Deb distributed her monthly report for 03/01/2011 – 03/31/2011. She discussed the various areas of interest to the Board. Deb also discussed the change that she was able to make to stay in WI to attend a Conference. So, she went to Milwaukee to attend the NAMI Conference, and felt that it was really worthwhile. She thanked the Board for allowing her to go. The DBS monthly report is

on file in the ADRC Office. Ron discussed that there will be cuts in Family Care, the ADRC is in good shape. He has heard that CMU's will be receiving cuts and will have waiting lists and people will not be served.

I & A Specialists:

Rachel distributed the monthly report for the month of March. Rachel wanted to clarify the numbers that the reports show I & A vs. EBS & DBS numbers. She attached an explanation to her report this month to better explain. They are currently going through quite a few functional screens. They have filled five of the eight attrition spots. One person has been added to the Wait List. Rachel explained that by 2013 there will not be a wait list. There have been a lot of questions, given the current legislature. Ron discussed that from a State's perspective, there seems to be a push to get more people on IRIS. It is a great program for those that are capable of handling their funds. IRIS budgets do not change very much from year to year even if costs go up. People enrolled in Family Care have a Case Manager. Rachel felt that the costs would be similar (IRIS/Family Care) The I & A Monthly Reports are on file at the ADRC Office.

CLOSED SESSION: Ron Benish made a motion to go into Closed Session regarding a personnel issue. Dan Nankee seconded the motion.

OPEN SESSION: The Board returned to Open Session. Lorraine Drews made the motion to return to open session. Bill Grover seconded the motion. The motion passed without negative vote. Maryclaire Murphy made the motion to accept the application of Hubert McWane as a volunteer driver for the Driver Escort Program. Geri Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried without negative vote.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT: Laura discussed the transition period as it pertains to our office. She indicated that it is business as usual, and working very nicely. Tom Slaney, Darin Smith and Rebecca Wetter are very available to us and are learning about what we do in a very comfortable and positive way. Laura distributed the Transportation Report for the month of March 2011. Laura indicated that she added a new column showing year to date. Ridership is going up – seeing new people almost every week. Also trying to encourage folks to make their in town doctor's appointments and physical therapy, etc. on Tuesday, so that they can make use of the bus. We find that if they have taken the bus once for any reason, they seem to want to know more about the rides and destinations. There were no cancellations due to weather in March and we are looking very forward to much better weather, more participation. Rose and I are working together to make Mondays and Fridays Senior Days, meaning that we have activities planned for those days, not just to Dodgeville, Mineral Point, etc. We were only doing Fridays, but we're inserting activities on Monday also. We have a Highland Senior Group that is scheduled with us now. The monthly transportation report was reviewed and is on file in the ADRC office. Next month we will be talking about Logisticare.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Board Rotation. Laura explained how the board rotation works. Chairperson Margaret Peat will move to the Advisory Committee to serve

because she has served on the ADRC for three consecutive years. Judy and Margaret have spoken to Ron Benish about accepting the position of Chairman of the ADRC. Ron stated that he would be willing to serve as Chairman. Lorraine Drews made the motion to appoint Ron Benish as Chairman of the ADRC. Lorraine Fritsch seconded the motion. There were no negative votes. There followed some discussion about a Vice Chairman. Rosalie Zweifel offered to fill the position of Vice Chairman. Geri Peterson made the motion to appoint Rosalie Zweifel to the position of Vice Chairman. Lorraine Drews seconded the motion. There were no negative votes.

ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT: The vouchers were left at the Health & Human Service Center, in error. They will be presented at next months meeting.

Final Thoughts: Darin Smith discussed the situation at the State briefly regarding ES positions/job responsibilities. If these jobs are moved to the State due to the pending budget approval, IM function would be transferred to the ADRC for a County presence.

The next ADRC meeting will be on May 23, 2011. It was determined that the meeting would be **held at the Health & Human Service Center at 1:00 p.m.**

There being no further business Ron Benish asked for a motion to adjourn. Lorraine Drews made the motion. Rosalie Zweifel seconded the motion. The motion carried without negative vote. Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Laura Crowley