



AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

ADRC BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2012

1:00 P.M.

Health & Human Service Center – Community Room
303 W. Chapel St.
Dodgeville, WI

Chairman Ron Benish called meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Ron Benish, Lorraine Fritsch, Lorraine Drews, Dan Nankee, Marjorie Bomkamp, Nona Chappell, MaryClaire Murphy, Margaret Peat, Mildred Swedlund, Rosalie Zweifel, Rose Ross, Carol Calhoun, Therese Hess, Excused: None Also in Attendance: Nancy Howard, Laura Crowley, Rebecca Wetter, Valerie Hiltbrand, Erin Estabrook, Mary Mezera, Marlene Stenner, Tom Slaney.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves to our new I & A Specialist. Erin Estabrook. Welcome Erin Estabrook to the ADRC Department.

Dan Nankee brought to the attention of the Board that a past member, Eva Kraak has passed away

CERTIFICATION: Laura Crowley indicated that this meeting was certified in posting and publishing and also faxed to newspaper and radio. We currently post in three locations.

AGENDA: Lorraine Fritsch made the motion to approve the Agenda for the June 26, 2012 meeting. Rose Ross seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

MEETING MINUTES: Dan Nankee made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Therese Hess seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/AUDIENCE: Rosalie stated that SHARE is no longer. The bus trip to the Smokey Mountains was great! There were 84 people (two buses). Next year they will have a bus trip to Washington DC on June 20th, for 6 days. The cost is \$459.00. AARP will be holding a Driver's Training course on Tuesday, July 17th at Stonefield from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00. There is a \$5.00 cost and lunch will be served. There was no meeting in June. Margaret Peat informed the Board that through the months of June, July, August and part of September there will be Floyd School Tours – (some Sunday afternoons). Rose Ross indicated that St. Mary's Church in Mineral Point has a Parish Nurse. The Parish Nurse is available on Wednesday for blood pressures, etc.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Expense/Income Report for the month of May was distributed to the Board for their review. The Board will address this report later on the agenda in this meeting. Copies are available in the ADRC Office. Tom Slaney indicated

that they will be presenting the 2nd quarter financials at the July meeting. Ron noted the expenses for the LEEP's Position. Mary Mezera explained the position (working with early Alzheimer's patients) and Tom explained that this is now a contracted position with SW Opportunity. The grant is for 18 more months – in total for 3 years. There are 9 counties involved in this research project. This is to find out whether this program is sustainable in rural areas. Stephanie Cook is currently working with 11 volunteers that will be paired up with a person with Alzheimer's for exercise, socializing, etc.

COUNTY AGENCY REPORT: There was no one present for this part of the agenda.

SUN REPORT: Cecile was not present. Ron asked if Dan or Marjorie had anything to say based on the fact that they are on the SUN Board. Ron shared that it looks like the numbers are increasing at the meal sites due to the larger distribution of the N's & V's.

BENEFIT SPECIALISTS REPORTS:

EBS: Nancy distributed the EBS May monthly report. Nancy indicated that May was a quieter month. On July 18th from 1:30 – 3:00 there will be holding another Medicare presentation. There will be another Medicare presentation in September at the hospital. There were 21 new clients during the month of May. Total cases closed for the month of May was 22. Information only calls for the month were 41. Stacey attended the EBS Basic Training from the 8th – 10th. The Senior Computer Sessions are ongoing. Stacey and Nancy have been asked to assist with helping seniors with filling out forms on the computer for Social Security etc. Stacey and Nancy are now called “Elder” Benefit Specialists. Not “Elderly” any longer. Stacey has taken the Farm Market Vouchers to various senior apartments/meal sites. There are still some Farm Market Vouchers available in the ADRC office, if you know of anyone that would be eligible. Dan Nankee indicated that he and his wife were attending the Computer Sessions at the Dodgeville H.S. and that the instructors were very good. Also, the EBS Function team met on 5/30/2012. This report is available on file in the ADRC Office

I & A: Valerie distributed the I & A monthly report, for the month of May. During the month of May there were 165 calls requesting I & A information. There was one nursing home relocation and there were 4 people taken off of the waitlist and there are 54 people on the waitlist. Of the 54 people on the waitlist 13 have been offered services but have declined for now while still wanting to remain on the waitlist and 14 have been offered services but are currently over assets. Also three people were referred to IRIS. Valerie was working alone in I & A during the month of May and Rebecca wanted to tell everyone what a great job she did. Mary Mezera indicated that as of April 1, 2013 Iowa County will no longer have a waiting list. Nor will Grant County. The monthly report also lists the meetings and trainings attended. Tom Slaney indicated that senior calls are being directed through I & A that might possibly end up in Social Services, but that we are trying to cover all bases and make individuals aware of all services available. This report is available on file in the ADRC Office.

Ron Benish read a letter to the Board that Deb Ehr had sent to him.

Rebecca distributed the DBS Reports for the month of May and also a report to date. Nancy and Stacey will be stepping up to help out during the transition. All new applicants will be directed to Social Security and DBS's in other counties have offered their assistance. The reports are available on file in the ADRC Office.

OFFICE/TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANT REPORT: Laura distributed the Transportation Report for the month of May 2012. The number of units of service provided in May of 2012 was 634 compared to 660 in May of 2011. Donations were \$425.75 in 2012 and \$512.74 in 2011. We had two cancellations in the month of May – one holiday (Memorial Day) and one trip that did not have the minimum number of riders to schedule a trip. We serviced 184 clients on the Care a Van. Laura informed the Board that the Volunteer Programs are all working very well. She also indicated that she is preparing for a Driver Escort training on July 26th. There will be a trainer through UW Milwaukee that will do the majority of the training. Arrangements were also made to have one of the nurses from the County Health Department give a class on Blood Borne Pathogens and also a Patrolman from the County will talk about traffic safety laws and anything that might be new. Laura also will discuss some of AARP's suggestions for simple exercises and techniques that will help senior drivers. The bus that was placed on auction with Wisconsin Surplus did sell for \$13,500.00 minus fees. That money will be going into the Trust Fund. The Transportation Report for the month of May is on file in the ADRC office.

MANAGER'S REPORT & TRAININGS: Rebecca thanked everyone that participated in the survey for the Aging Plan. Copies of the survey results were distributed to the Board members. Copies of this survey are available in the ADRC office. There were 120 surveys collected. The trends were showing that transportation, health care, affordability of insurance and medications, income, rising cost of living, affordable housing, maintaining current housing, social contact and general safety concerns. 55% percent of respondents have had contact with the ADRC and 45% had not. The purpose of this survey is to set goals, help us to determine where we are going to focus our efforts. Many of the respondents knew of our agency due to our newer staff doing quite a bit of outreach, getting out into the communities and also due to the N's & V's. Next month we need to start finalizing some of the goals for our Aging Plan. Rebecca indicated how important she felt input from the board in this area would be. She felt good about the results of the survey, felt that the shorter survey still provided a wide variety of good information.

Revisiting News & Views: We are now 6 months into the change from producing in house to being inserted into the Shopping News monthly. Rebecca is revisiting this topic due to the Board's request when the decision was made to go with the Shopping News. Ron felt that the increase in numbers in the SUN Program are due to N's & V's – larger distribution. Therese commented that she wondered if people knew that the insert was in the N's & V's. Millie has heard good comments and she also thinks that it is great. Millie also suggested that we put an ad in the local newspapers directing people to the Shopping News for the N's & V's insert. Also use local radio. Mary Mezera added that

the State will be marketing ADRC's more because they will soon be throughout Wisconsin. So all ADRC's will benefit from that. Dan Nankee added that the N's & V's is very attractive, all of the colors, etc. Lorraine Drew felt that it was very much an improvement in that it is also reaching the families and caregivers of elders. Carol Calhoun felt it was very much a step forward and that we should not take a step backward. Therese asked about having extra copies placed around town. We currently are doing that but got a few new ideas about where to place them. This issue will come up again in 6 months as an action item to make sure that there is still support for the new N's & V's format.

Regional Board Appointment: Due to Judy Lindholm's position on the County Board, we are looking to replace that position on the Regional Board. Alvina Sturz received the 2nd highest number of votes, so her application went to the Administrator for approval and is now before the ADRC Board for approval. Ron Benish asked for a motion. Rosalie Zweifel made the motion to accept Alvina Sturz as the representative of the elderly from Iowa County for the ADRC Regional Board. Rose Ross seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

Appointments/Reappointments: Marlene Stenner's application was reviewed by the Iowa County Administrator and approved, so the application is before the Board today. Rosalie Zweifel made the motion to accept Marlene's application for the ADRC Board. Therese seconded the motion. All members present were in favor. Also, Margaret Peat's application was reviewed and approved by the County Administrator and is before the Board today. She has been on the advisory board and is now able to move back onto the Board. Rosalie Zweifel made the motion to accept Margaret's application for the ADRC Board. Lorraine Fritsch seconded the motion. All members present were in favor. Welcome to the Board Marlene and Margaret.

ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report was distributed earlier in the meeting, after Board review, Ron Benish asked if there were any questions about the Financial Report. Lorraine Fritsch made a motion to approve the May bills to be paid. Rosalie Zweifel seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

FINAL THOUGHTS: NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the HHSC in Conference Room 1001.

There being no further business, Chairman Benish asked for a motion to adjourn. Rosalie Zweifel made the motion to adjourn, Mildred Swedlund seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Laura Crowley
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