

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY
AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, December 11, 2023

TIME OF MEETING: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE OF MEETING: Oshkosh Human Services Building. Room 033, 220 Washington Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901

Members Present: Kate Pfaendtner, Harold Singstock, Elizabeth Jones, Rob Paterson

Michael Robinson, Jim Ponzer, Jim Lauer, Jan Olson, Brooke Slick

Members Excused: N/A.

Staff Present: Beth Roberts, Nicole Davis-Dawald, Brian Nagler, (Hannah UW-Oshkosh nursing student)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Kate Pfaendtner

1. **Public Comments:** No public comments.
2. **Approve Minutes of the November 13, 2023, ADRC Committee Meeting:** Jim Ponzer made a motion to approve the November minutes, motion seconded by **Michael Robinson**. Minutes approved by committee.

85.21 Grant Awards for Specialized Transportation Services in 2024 - Nicole Davis Dawald: In 2024, Valley Transit and Go Transit are both being awarded \$220,245.50 along with match funds of \$44,049.10 from the 85.21 Specialized Transportation Grant to serve adults over age 60 or individuals with disabilities who are non-ambulatory. Individuals utilizing transports are charged a nominal fee dependent on whether the location is local or rural. Transports in locations such as Omro to/from Oshkosh are considered "rural". The only option for trips between Oshkosh and Neenah is limited to going through GoConnect.

3. **2024 State Allocation – Beth Roberts:** The State approved \$5 million statewide in the current budget which took effect July 1st for ADRCs. A new formula was utilized to determine allocation amounts for each county based on the following: number of individuals aged 60+, number of minorities aged 60+, number of individuals with disabilities, and other factors. Winnebago County ADRC's allocation has been increased by approximately \$42,000r. Monthly payments begin in January of 2024. Beth indicated potential uses include additional outreach events, prevention classes, or towards a part-time resource staff position. **Harold Singstock** mentioned that the funding should only be used as needed.
4. **Types of Residential Settings – Beth Roberts:** Beth shared information on various types of residential living settings for adults aged 18+. Residential living settings include some level of staffing care. During the licensing process, facilities designate the type of residents who will be served.
 - **Adult Family Homes (AFH)** is a home licensed for up to 4 residents and includes 24-hour onsite staff. AFH housing costs are paid for by the residents whereas care received by staff are paid through Family Care or private funding. They can serve someone with active guardianship or power of attorney.

- Community Based Residential Living Facility (CBRF) is a home licensed for 5+ residents and includes 24-hour onsite staff. CBRFs typically have a higher level of staffing and have additional licensing requirements. They can serve someone with active guardianship or power of attorney.
- Residential Care Apartment Complexes (RCAC) are typically larger settings in which residents have their own independent apartment within the apartment complex. Some assistance from staff is included. RCACs require residents to be capable of managing their own lives and cannot be under an active guardianship or power of attorney.
- Facilities Serving People with Developmental Disabilities (FDD) is a non-licensed living setting serving people with developmental disabilities.

There was discussion about the cost of these settings. Assisted Living can cost up to \$8000 per month and Nursing Homes can cost up to \$10,000 per month. There was also discussion about providers who have several types of living situation starting with Senior Living the go up to Nursing Home on the same site.

5. **Reports - Committee Member Updates:**

Nicole Davis-Dawald – Age-Friendly Oshkosh Steering Committee Update – The goal is to include aspects of housing, transportation, and social isolation. Plans include:

- January, February, and March – Each month five individuals in the community will receive a \$25 grocery gift card, assistance with grocery shopping, transportation to/from, followed by meeting at Planet Perk to socialize with other recipients or the onsite cats and includes \$8 to spend there. Public Health and the ADRC will make referrals towards the individuals chosen as recipients.
- June 15 – Elder Abuse Awareness Day – The goal is to focus on an event with a proactive approach to elder abuse. At the event, the booth will include the Virtual Dementia Experience, information on POA, Project Life, and Purple Tubes.
- Virtual Dementia Experience – The Committee is looking at ways to bring the Virtual Dementia Experience to others including UW-Oshkosh and FVTC nursing programs and various rural locations.

Brian Nagler – Brian reported 37 Family Care & IRIS enrollments and 90 unduplicated functional screens in November. Brian is in the process of finishing observations of staff in their work including information and assistance, options counseling or enrollment/disenrollment counseling.

Beth Roberts:

- Staff retirement – Interviews have taken place, but no offer made yet for a position opening due to a staff retirement in January.
- Legislators – Beth is beginning work on having local legislators attend an upcoming meeting. Legislators and the Committee will both share information on their work. The March meeting is being targeted for this to occur as legislators are not in session at that time.

6. **Community Beat:**

Kate Pfaendtner – No updates to report.

Rob Paterson – No updates to report.

Jim Ponzer – Alexa (the electronic WIFI device) is now equipped with the capability of calling 9-1-1 when the spoken command is given.

Harold Singstock – No updates to report.

Hannah UW-Oshkosh nursing student introduced herself.

Jim Lauer – an idea for a potential agenda is to look at ways to increase awareness of the ADRC. Ideas shared included: 1) Make a float for the ADRC to use at local Christmas parades, 2) Use one of

the ADRC vans to sponsor taking elderly to civic activities in the community on specific days, and 3) perhaps have the ADRC committee assist Oshkosh and Omro in development of aging committees. The Oshkosh Aging Committee recently disbanded though the reason is unclear. Members agreed to contact area committees to ask for more information on their committees. There is a requirement to have an aging committee in order to receive Older Americans Act funding. This Committee serves as the County's Commission on Aging – serving as both the ADRC Committee and the Committee on Aging. The new Senior Center in Omro will be in a building on Main Street.

Liz Jones – No updates to report. Beth asked Liz to forward information on upcoming activities or events for adults with disabilities so that information can be added into the monthly ADRC newsletter.

Kate Pfaendtner adjourned the meeting at 3:58.

Next meeting: January 8, 2024