

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 8, 2016

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Bldg., Room 33

Members Present: Ginger Beuk, Debra Hogue, Donna Lohry, Mike Norton, Rob Paterson, and Harold Singstock

Members Excused: Eileen Leinweber and Claire Steger

Staff Present: Mary Krueger, Mark Weisensel, and Dorothy De Grace

Others Present: Lori Duclon, Public Health Department

Donna Lohry called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. Introductions:

Introductions were made.

2. Public Comments:

Lori Duclon said the Older Adult Collaborative Group within Winnebago County is looking to be a catalyst for change in issues for older adults. Some of the things they're working on are: a Care Transition Group; quick-tip guide to the ADRC Resource Guide; Memory Café Awareness. They are looking for more people to be a part of the collaborative group. On April 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Public Health Department, Chris Kniep will speak to the group regarding senior friendly communities. The group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

3. Approve Minutes of the January 11, 2016 ADRC Meetings:

Ginger Beuk moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Deb Hogue and carried.

4. Pre- and Post-ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) – A Personal Recollection:

Ginger Beuk presented highlights of the talk she gave at a recent Self-Determination Conference. She said she was diagnosed with cerebral palsy when she was a small child. When she was in high school she was told that she was too disabled to take the classroom session of learning to drive a motor vehicle. While at an Easter Seals camp in 1986 she went through a driving evaluation that showed she could handle the physical part of driving, and because she was under 21 she could return to high school to learn how to drive. The Americans with Disabilities Act was signed in 1990 making things easier for disabled individuals, such as having buildings more accessible for wheelchairs.

Ginger said she got involved with People First self-advocacy group for persons with disabilities as an advisor 3 yrs. ago, and she has also been the Executive Board's secretary. She feels she is a stronger and more involved advocate for the rights of people with physical and cognitive disabilities because of her involvement in People First and because of what she has achieved before the ADA was made a law. She encouraged the committee to find the local People First chapter near them and get involved.

5. Rural Transportation Efforts (Follow-Up Discussion):

Mark Weisensel informed the committee that the Human Services 2016 budget includes funding the \$6 cost share for rural transportation rides to several non-participating townships. Next year we will include funding to pay the cost share for all of the townships.

6. Transportation in Oshkosh (Discussion):

Donna Lohry explained that Go Transit will be evaluating the changes they made to the bus system in 2013, and she'd like us to have some input. Donna received positive feedback from Lakeside Packing regarding Go Transit's route to their facility. She found that there are a few issues with transportation for students with special education needs in the Oshkosh school system, such as bus drivers inconsistently strapping down wheel chairs properly. Donna proposed that a questionnaire or survey be sent to bus riders so we can have some more insight into transportation issues. Mary Krueger will give more information at the next meeting about the timeline of Go Transit's transportation study for its development plan so we can decide how we will proceed.

7. Proposed Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Bill (Discussion & Action):

Mary Krueger referred to Bill AB869 that is being introduced asking for an audit of the MTM non-emergency medical transportation provider due to complaints of inadequate service. The bill requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to modify the current contract with MTM to exclude medical assistance recipients who reside in certain counties and make alternative arrangements for the service. There will be discussion at a future meeting.

8. 2016 Annual Public Meeting (Discussion/Action):

Donna Lohry suggested we have the annual public meeting in April – one in Oshkosh and one in Neenah/Menasha. Ginger Beuk moved that the public meeting be held possibly on April 11; seconded by Harold Singstock and carried. The date will be confirmed at the next meeting.

9. Papers Due to Joint Finance Committee by DHS (Discussion/Possible Action):

Mary Krueger gave timelines that several papers are due from the Department of Health Services to the Joint Finance Committee as part of a study to integrate Income Maintenance Consortia and ADRC's: 1) April 1, 2016 – recommendations regarding potential efficiencies (feedback has so far been not to merge the two organizations); 2) July 1, 2016 – assess the responsibilities of ADRC governing boards and DHS procedures to remove duplication; and 3) January 1, 2017 – evaluate the functional screen and options counseling functions for reliability and consistency among ADRC's.

10. Reports:

- a. Manager Report – Mary Krueger reported on the following: 1) the regional ADRC’s are in the process of comparing the scope of services in the new contract with the current services, and we will submit a compliance report in March; 2) State Representative Rohrkaste introduced 10 different bills to Joint Finance Committee regarding dementia, caregiver support, dementia research, etc. – the bills were passed and will now go to the Assembly.
- b. Committee Member Updates – Mike Norton informed committee members that there are three good videos on the Public Health web page which are related to Falls Prevention.

11. “Community Beat”: There was none to report.

12. Next Meeting – March 14, 2016: The date of the next meeting was noted.

With no further business, Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Ginger Beuk and carried at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting of the ADRC Committee will be held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 14, 2016 at the Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 33.

Respectfully submitted: Dorothy De Grace, Recorder