

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 11, 2019

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 33

Members Present: Paul Janty, Susan Locke, Harold Singstock, Claire Steger, Pete Christianson, Kate Pfaendtner, Rob Paterson, Tanisha Alvarado, Jan Olson, Elizabeth Jones

Members Excused:

Staff Present: Beth Roberts, Brian Nagler, Julienne Gohde

Others Present: Cindy Draws

Paul Janty called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. Public Comments:

Let it be noted that Beth Culp got married and her changed name is now Beth Roberts.

2. Approve Minutes of the February 11, 2019 ADRC Meetings:

Pete noted that a correction needed to be made to the February 11, 2019 minutes in section #7. Community Beat. "Pete Christianson spoke with **State Senator Luther Olson** and thanked him for being one of the sponsors for the Supported Decision Making Bill."

Pete Christianson moved for approval of these minutes as written; seconded by Susan Locke and carried.

3. Meeting with Politicians:

Beth inquired what politicians would the committee like to have attend one of the meetings. Paul's preference was politicians at the state level. Suggestions included State Representative Gordon Hintz from Oshkosh, Rep. Mike Rohrkaste from Neenah, Senator Dan Feyen from Fond du Lac, Rep. Michael Schraa from Town of Algoma, and Rep. Amanda Stuck from Fox Crossing. Beth will check to see if she can get these for the April meeting.

4. New Membership/ local policy on length of term-Beth Roberts:

As an ADRC committee, members can be on more than 6 years. However, this group also serves as the committee for the Commission on Aging, they have a different set of rules that cannot be changed...two 3 year terms. You can go off of the committee and come back on. There is no set period as how long someone has to be off. Beth was looking for suggestions to vote on how long do members need to be off. Past members can still attend meetings but cannot vote. We have the authority to stay how many we want on the committee. The committee can have 2 members from the county board. Currently, there are 10 out of the 12 positions filled on the committee. Another factor is that different populations need to be represented, the Aging Committee would like it to be

50% being for population over 60, and the ADRC wants significant proportions to represent people with developmental disabilities, physical disabilities and aging and should be somewhat proportional to the people that we serve.

Kate Pfaendtner suggested reaching out to the Senior Center or Oshkosh Family Inc. to see if someone would be interested in being on the board. Beth stated that she could reach out to both. Liz Jones agrees with Beth's suggestion of being off the board for 2 months and then can come back on if needed.

5. Myths About Medicare- Rob Paterson:

Rob Paterson presented on the Myths about Medicare article. He encourages everyone to read the article. The author, pollster Scott Rasmussen, went into this with a conservative view, writing on the Social Security and Medicare are the two largest entitlement programs. It goes on to say that Social Security will probably go bankrupt in the future. Rob suggests to "Put your mind in neutral to listen and you might hear something new".

6. Winnebago County Public Health- Cindy Draws:

Local fire departments and the American Red Cross are working to get smoke alarms into people's homes for free on May 4th. Call the local American Red Cross for more information. They are also looking for volunteers.

Outagamie/Winnebago County has a sharps program going on with Pick 'n Save (Oshkosh on Koeller and Neenah). They will accept an appropriate sharps container for free.

There is a presentation for those who work with the elderly and those with disabilities. Information was previously emailed to committee members.

Evidence Based Prevention Classes: Healthy Living with Chronic Pain. Four to five leaders are now trained to lead these classes.

Influenza vaccines have seemed to be a good match this year!

7. Emergency Protective Placement Facilities Update- Brian Nagler:

Brian and Beth will do their homework to go out and check on Omro Care after a few months of being under new ownership (Edenbrook). Looking for this to be their go to nursing home for emergency protective placement.

Brian watched a state based webcast on how the governor's proposed budget will effect ADRCs around the state. The definition of crisis in our state has always been a mental health crisis response. The governor's new budget now expands the definition of crisis to include persons with dementia as well. This is just a proposal at this point, but this is a positive at this point.

8. Reports:

a. Manager Report – Beth Roberts

Crisis Grant- Left over funds from when a person goes into a facility that is partially Medicaid funded. There is often money that is left over and sometimes they reallocate it to counties. There is about \$1.5 million that is being put into block grants. This is a temporary 19 month grant that we are hoping to apply for, that would provide a licensed mental health provider to work with Lakeland Care District, on better managing people who tend to be in crisis and have to leave their homes; trying to intervene much earlier on to prevent this.

Wheelchair wash June 22nd at J&R Auto... 1/2 block from the Farmer's Market.

"Caring for the Caregiver" Conference –April 1st at the Oshkosh Convention Center

ADRC Website: Rebecca Groleau, Dementia Care Specialist, has created an event icon on the front page of the website, easy to click on this to direct you to the correct information on the calendar. She also has a one page sheet to hand out with all of the information on it.

State is continuing to work on Long Term Care scorecards. More criteria is being added to scorecard.

- b. Complaints / Grievances – Beth Roberts
None at this time.

9. “Community Beat” – Sharing of Compliments / Complaints from Community, Consumers, Providers – Committee Members

Elizabeth Jones- Fox Cities Walk for Autism on April 22nd. Looking for volunteers! All volunteers get a free T-shirt and a free lunch!

Claire Steger- Congratulated Beth on her recent marriage.

Tanisha Alvarado- Shared that MDS Communications is a great employer for those with disabilities. They are not judgmental and are very flexible with their schedule.

Susan Locke- Asked about ADRC State Conference; confirmed with her that there is not one this year.

Harold- Inquired if the new 16 bed facility being built for Winnebago County could help with the dementia population. Behavioral Health staff feels that it is not a good mix with the intended population.

Pete Christianson- Would like to see a visit to the Lion’s Locker on the schedule.

Kate Pfaendtner- Wondering what organizations we can go to looking for potential committee members.

Paul Janty- Would like the committee members to have an open house when the new Toward Tomorrow/Summit House building opens. Paul also stated that WI has the highest rate of falls from seniors. He would like a presentation on why this is and what are we doing for this issue. Cindy Draws shared that there is a community drive right now with the Oshkosh fire department, The Basic Needs giving partnership grant and the ADRC. They were asked to write a letter of intent and were asked to come back and submit an application. Jennifer Skolaski is the grant writer and is in the process of meeting with people that can contribute to the conversation around what do we do to change falls in Winnebago County. Data is found from the WI State Interactive Statistics up to 2017, no data from the hospitals. They also do get data from the fire department and the gold cross ambulance service.

10. Next Meeting – April 8, 2019 Neenah Human Services Building, Room 008, Downstairs

With no further business, Paul Janty adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Julienne Gohde, Recorder