

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 8, 2019

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Neenah Human Services Building, Room 008

Members Present: Paul Janty, Susan Locke, Harold Singstock, Claire Steger, Pete Christianson, Rob Paterson, Jan Olson

Members Excused: Kate Pfaendtner, Tanisha Alvarado, Liz Jones

Staff Present: Beth Roberts, Mark Weisensel, Julienne Gohde

Others Present:

Paul Janty called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

1. **Public Comments:** None
2. **Approve Minutes of the March 11, 2019 ADRC Meeting:** Rob Paterson noted a correction to point #4 “We have the authority to **stay-say** how many we want on the committee.”
3. **Meeting with Representatives-** deferred for another time, politicians were unable to attend
4. **Wheelchair availability at Oshkosh Farmer’s Market- Beth Roberts:**
It was suggested that the ADRC look into a loaner program for wheelchairs at the Farmer’s Market for people who are ambulatory but struggle for distance and/or crowds. Kate Pfaendtner mentioned that she has some connections at the church that is about ½ block off from the Farmer’s Market. Beth is hoping to have 2-3 wheelchairs and see how it goes from there. Pete Christianson noted that they have those in supply right now. Looking to contact someone who coordinates advertising for the Farmer’s Market to advertise this service (the address of the church, ADRC phone number) to reserve a wheelchair.
5. **Emergency Protective Placement Facilities Update- Beth Roberts:**
The ADRC is applying for a grant that comes from the State’s reallocation of funds, to help better manage a crisis for all types of adults. For example, if someone is experiencing dementia and it becomes a crisis in their residence, ideally when the crisis happens they could go into the home or facility and help deescalate the situation and be more of a preventative approach. This would involve hiring a mastered level person to build

relationship with client and if things start to go awry to help prevent any type of out-of-home placement need. Should find out by the end of the month.

6. Reports:

a. Manager Report – Beth Roberts

Caregiver Conference: Many neat connections made, even vendor to vendor connections. Next year it is suggested to have specific vendor times so that conversations are not taking place with vendors while speakers are communicating, separating the children's caregiver time from the adult caregivers, expand the massage time/slots available.

Wheelchair Wash: Saturday June 22nd, ½ block north of Farmer's Market and J&R Auto, 10:00am-2:00pm. Discussing another location on the northern end of the county for the 2nd wash later in the season.

MA Applications: MA applications for Family Care are going much quicker now that we have the ADRC assistance position. She also looks at a spreadsheet to see when cases are about to close and can look ahead of time and work with a specialist to get the verifications in on time so that the case does not close.

Tracking of Respite and Caregiver Support: Able to track this year and the tracking is being used. See attachment for 2018 statistics.

Oshkosh Memory Respite: This is being very well attended. They are doing songs and activities. In June they will be starting Active Minds.

SPARKS Program: At the Oshkosh Paine Art Center, which is a cultural activity for those with memory loss. This will be held every month.

b. Complaints / Grievances – Beth Roberts

None at this time

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

Claire Steger went to the Caregiver Conference and thought it was excellent. She was very impressed with the wealth and variety of vendors. She also brought up the topic of caregiver wages, many working for agencies being at or below poverty level. Claire stated that Governor Evers has begun a focus group for caregivers, a fact gathering mission. Susan Locke also attended the Caregiver conference and also liked the Policeman presentation.

Rob Paterson spoke about the low cost of providing a service to a person. He has had 3 providers from Family Care. He has had 3-5 people from each provider helping him with daily chores. The workers state to him that they like the job but it pays so little...they can start out at McDonalds for much more.

Beth Roberts stated that she will wait a couple of months to reschedule with the politicians.

8. Next Meeting – May 13, 2019 Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 033, Downstairs

With no further business, Paul Janty adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Julienne Gohde, Recorder