

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 9, 2016

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Bldg., Room 33

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

Members Excused: Ginger Beuk, Eileen Leinweber, and Claire Steger

Staff Present: Mary Krueger, Mark Weisensel, Brian Nagler, Ann Kriegel, Rhonda Reinke and Dorothy De Grace

Others Present: Larry Lautenschlager, County Board; Lori Duclon, Public Health Department; and Tom Otto, concerned citizen

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

1. Public Comments:

Lori Duclon said Chris Kniep of the UW Extension office spoke at their recent Older Adult Collaborative Group meeting about senior friendly communities and the work that the Oshkosh Committee on Aging has done in this area. The Collaborative Group looks at gaps in the community for older adult issues and discusses how they can help as a team of community members – Care Transitions is one of their recent efforts. The ADRC has an active role in the pilot program at Aurora Hospital with an effort to get an advocate for anyone that needs assistance in navigating the health care system. The Collaborative Group’s next meeting is Tuesday, July 12 at the County Administration Building, 4th floor conference room from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Tom Otto said the Greater Winnebago Advocacy Coalition on Mobility is looking into getting a pilot program started for grocery store delivery to seniors.

2. Approve Minutes of the March 14, 2016 and April 11, 2016 ADRC Meetings:

Mike Norton moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Rob Paterson and carried.

3. Follow-up to Public Meetings:

Donna Lohry said the low number of attendees at the recent public meetings indicates that things are going well. Those that did attend appeared to have multiple issues with disability and social security processes. Mary Fredrickson explained that Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) is based on having a disability along with enough work credits. It is not based on whether or not you have assets – a Disability Determination Bureau makes the determination; an SSI (supplemental security income) includes a determination based on assets. Our disability benefit specialists can assist people in understanding the application and eligibility process.

4. Medical Assistance (Medicaid) Eligibility:

Ann Kriegel and Rhonda Reinke of the Economic Support Division gave an overview of the process of applying for Medical Assistance. It was explained that anyone who is receiving SSI, which is for low-income disabled individuals or children who are disabled can apply for Medicaid through the Social Security office. Anyone else should apply through our agency either via the computer; by calling the Call Center; in person at our agency; or a paper application. There is a 30-day window to process the application because of the verifications needed, including income and asset amounts (which excludes the home in which the person resides and one vehicle). Backdating eligibility for Medicaid can be requested for up to three months. Economic Support staff work closely with the ADRC staff in processing Medicaid applications for long term support programs.

5. Transportation Survey Results:

Mark Weisensel said transportation surveys had been mailed out with the notice of public meetings to people that used the ADRC within the last year, and 13 were completed and returned. All of the results were positive, indicating that the riders were satisfied with the transportation service.

6. Reports:

- a. Manager Report – Mary Krueger reported on the following: 1) we had mailed out approximately 1,800 invites for the ADRC public hearings. Suggestions were given as to which agencies should receive a copy in the future. 2) A report regarding ADRC governing boards is due to the state July 1, and there will be teleconferencing sessions on May 20 and May 24 to give input regarding the responsibilities of ADRC Boards. The ADRC Committee will meet at the Oshkosh Human Services Building for the May 24 session which starts at 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. 3) We need additional committee members to replace those whose terms are expired and to have the required representation. It was suggested that we amend our ADRC committee guidelines to allow for members to serve more than two consecutive terms. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- b. Committee Member Updates – Mike Norton said it appears that the Housing Authority's on-line application isn't user-friendly for customers. This will be brought before their Board at its next meeting. Mike reported that there will be a Rural Transportation Summit at Omro Community Center on June 7 and June 14 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Rob Paterson explained that a friend recently had a negative experience when using Running, Inc. regarding promptness in being picked up for her doctor appointment.

7. "Community Beat": There was nothing to report.

8. Next Meeting – June 13, 2016: The date of the next meeting was noted.

With no further business, Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Rob Paterson and carried at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting of the ADRC Committee will be held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, June 13, 2016 at the Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 33.

Respectfully submitted: Dorothy De Grace, Recorder