

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 12, 2017

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Bldg., Room33

Members Present: Debra Hogue, Susan Locke, Mike Norton, Harold Singstock, Claire Steger, Rob Paterson, Pete Christianson, , Donna Lohry, Eileen Leinweber, Paul Janty

Members Excused: Michael Conley-Kuhagen, Janice Dibble

Staff Present: Beth Culp, Brian Nagler, Pam Bartelt

Others Present: Larry Lautenschlager, County Board; Cindy Draws, Public Health Department

Donna Lohry called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
Introduction of our new ADRC Committee Member – Paul Janty.

1. Public Comments:

None

2. Approve Minutes of the May 8, 2017 ADRC Meeting:

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

Discussion was had and the committee decided not to record arrival time of members moving forward.

Mike Norton noted that the ADRC Committee does consist of six Oshkosh members and six members from other areas of Winnebago County.

Harold Singstock mentioned that the priority of the committee is to represent target groups.

3. Community Living Setting / Group Home Ordinances:

Discussion was had in regards to community based housing facilities and the ordinances that exist for these facilities. There are state ordinances identifying regulations for placements of these homes. In the township of Utica there are three homes that house developmentally and/or mentally disabled people and there have been issues with neighbors. Town meetings have been addressing these issues of appropriate placement, appropriate supervision, education and appropriate behavior. It is being addressed here to determine if the ADRC can play a role in education with the town members or specific interested individuals. It was decided that the ADRC proceed with checking into this situation and provide education and advocacy for the facility to be incorporated into the town. It was

discussed that creating a procedure to transition a facility into a neighborhood would be helpful moving forward

4. Dementia Care Specialist Activities:

Beth Culp shared a handout articulating the primary responsibilities of a dementia care specialist. Discussion was had to try to determine what the needs of our county are. There is currently a large network of people in the Fox Valley area that are experiencing memory loss, have dementia and/or are caring for someone that has dementia. Some of the support groups in the area are Fox Valley Memory Care; there are four Memory Cafes in Winnebago County; new Memory Respite Care Program in Neenah area with plan to replicate throughout the county. We have applied for a Dementia Care Specialist but not successful. Question was raised about whether there has been research done to identify the needs of the county: in 2010 there were approximately 36,000 over the age of 60 years; projection for 2025 is over 48,000 over 60 years of age. There are currently 16 Dementia Care Specialists throughout the state. The purpose of requesting these Dementia Care Specialists is to help people remain in their own homes longer, reducing the placement costs in facilities. Education of community members and businesses is of utmost importance in working with dementia care. This position would be the person to bring in and co-ordinate champions that would advocate for this growing population.

5. Home Repairs:

Information was shared for options available for assistance with home projects. There are several options which are listed in the ADRC Resource Directory as well as on our website: A non-profit program called H.O.M.E.: Helping Owners Maintain Equity offers assistance based on financial eligibility; Habitat for Humanity does home repairs; Winchester Lions Club assists with equipment and individual circumstances; Advocap. ADRC can assist people in the best way to get their needs met. There is a need for better connections of resources that are available in the community.

6. Respite Options and Updates:

Lifespan Respite will be continuing through the end of this year. It is currently run through Covey. Memory Respite Care program in Neenah took place last week and was a great success, very well staffed and is expanding.

7. Reports:

a. Manager Report – Beth Culp

Carryover funds in the amount of \$9000 were allowed to be used for promotional materials. It was requested that the state pay for portable equipment for the ADRC specialists to enhance the ability to serve the community. An ADRC specialist has been approved and will be hired now through 2018 and if all markers are met, this will become a full time position. This is completely state funded.

b. Complaints / Grievances – Beth Culp

None.

Cindy Draws from the Public Health Department gave an update that they have a new project position in place to run the Wellness Coalition. This program provides self-management classes available for people age 65 and over.

c. Committee member updates

Mike Norton mentioned that there is a recreational program for people with Alzheimer's and perhaps we could do something to help with this. He also shared that the bus route has changed and no longer stops at the Urgent Care on Koeller Street. This will be checked into immediately by this committee. Older Adults Collaborative meeting will be meeting at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, 6/13/2017 in County Administrative Building. Winnebago County Wheelchair Wash is taking place this Saturday, 6/17/2017, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Paul Janty shared that there is an exemplary exhibition: Asylum Out of the Shadows Exhibit which features the history of the Outagamie County Asylum. It focuses on the people who lived and worked at the facility. The exhibit shows the evolution of mental health treatment going back more than a century. The History Museum at the Castle, 330 E College Ave, Appleton now through 12/31/2018.

Claire Steger shared a situation where a community member is having serious issues and concerns with how to get proper respite care for her parent that shows signs of Alzheimer's. Beth Culp will follow up and get her connected with the Brian Nagler.

Eileen Leinweber shared that persistence and documentation is needed in appealing bills that are incorrectly coded.

Pete Christianson shared information about a flier for "Neurology Now" which is a free publication by the American Academy Neurology. This can be accessed at www.myNNsub.com to subscribe online and will also be shared at our next meeting.

Regarding the Lions Club building, this has been put on hold until the town completes their part with the adjacent property. It may be fall before the contractor can continue with the project.

Larry Lautenschlager mentioned that the Human Services Board Meeting will have their annual Public Hearings on June 21, 2017 at Oshkosh Human Services in Room 33 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and on June 22, 2017 at Neenah Human Services in Room 008 from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. This will be followed by the Human Services budget meeting.

8. "Community Beat" – Sharing of Compliments / Complaints from Community, Consumers, Providers – Committee Members

No reports.

9. Next Meeting – July 10, 2017 NEENAH Human Services Building, Room 233, 2nd Floor

With no further business, Pete Christianson moved for motion to adjourn; seconded by Mike Norton and carried at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Pam Bartelt, Recorder