

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** June 13, 2016

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Oshkosh Human Services Bldg., Room 33

**Members Present:** Ginger Beuk, Debra Hogue, Mike Norton, Rob Paterson, Harold Singstock, and Claire Steger

**Members Excused:** Eileen Leinweber and Donna Lohry

**Staff Present:** Mary Fredrickson, Brian Nagler, and Dorothy De Grace

**Others Present:** Lori Duclon, Public Health Department

Mary Fredrickson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**1. Public Comments:**

Lori Duclon said the Public Health Department will host a Community Conversation session on Tuesday, July 26 at the Oshkosh Senior Center from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to get input from the public for their Community Health Improvement Plan. They will discuss what actions the community can take to improve the health of our neighborhoods and older adults. The Older Adult Collaborative group will have its next meeting on July 12 to look at some of the gaps in assets for older adults in the community.

**2. Approve Minutes of the May 9, 2016 and May 24, 2016 ADRC Meetings:**

Ginger Beuk moved for approval of the May 9, 2016 minutes; seconded by Mike Norton and carried.

Clair Steger suggested that the minutes of the May 24, 2016 conference call meeting be revised to include specific comments from members of this group who participated in the conference call.

Mike Norton moved that the revised minutes be approved at the July 11 meeting; seconded by Ginger Beuk and carried.

**3. Social Security Administered Benefits Overview:**

Annette Galligan is the manager of the Oshkosh Social Security office. Annette explained that Social Security benefits are based on what a person earned by working and paying into the program through the FICA (Federal Insurance Contributions Act) tax. A person can earn four credits every year – each credit is roughly \$1,200 - \$1,300. If a person works 10 years at that level, 40 credits are earned and a person can collect Social Security benefits—retirement, widow's benefit, as well as disability benefit. To collect disability benefits, a person must have worked five out of the last 10 years and earned 20 credits. There is a limit on how much a person can earn while collecting Social Security Disability benefits. If a person is denied disability benefits, he has a right to appeal at a first, second or third level.

A person who has been receiving Social Security Disability benefits for 24 months will then also be eligible for Medicare benefits.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is administered by Social Security and is a needs-based program for the disabled; people over age 65; or for a person of any age who is blind. A person's income and assets are looked at when determining a benefit, and it is also available to a person who hasn't been able to work. The maximum benefit amount is set at a certain amount each year. Anyone receiving federal SSI will also receive state Medical Assistance. SSI is a limited benefit for eligible refugees for seven years.

A full Social Security benefit amount can be collected starting at the full retirement age, which is currently age 66, with no limit on earnings from work; but from age 62 to 66 there is a limit to the amount of money a person can earn before a reduction is made to his Social Security benefit.

**4. Housing Authority On-Line Only Application Update:**

Rob Paterson said the Housing Authority wants to go paperless, so they want people to apply for housing on their website or apply in person to their office located in Marian Manor, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor; or as a last resort they will accept a paper application. They are writing a resolution for the new process, which must be announced to the public at least 30 days before it is effective. It will be presented at their August 22 meeting which starts at 3:30 p.m. Mike Norton said he supports the Housing Authority going paperless; but if people need help in applying, the Housing Authority should be willing to help.

**5. Discuss Possibility of Inviting Legislators to an ADRC Meeting:**

Harold Singstock said that several committee members had discussed inviting Legislators to an ADRC Committee meeting. This was tabled to be further discussed and acted upon at the next meeting.

**6. ADRC Committee Term Limits:**

Mary Fredrickson said our committee by-laws dictate that members will serve no more than two consecutive three-year terms. She said there are several members whose 2<sup>nd</sup> terms will be expiring. Mike Norton moved to rescind the term limit provision in the by-laws and have no limit to the number of three-year terms a committee member can serve; seconded by Ginger Beuk and carried unanimously.

**7. ADRC Governing Board Teleconference Update:**

Mike Norton said our members informed the May 24 conference call participants that our ADRC has annual public meetings. Mike said it seems that some of other counties are more autonomous in what they can do in how they raise money and how they can spend it. Mary Fredrickson said that in some counties their ADRC's are a separate entity. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

**8. Reports:**

- a. Manager Report – Mary Fredrickson reported on the following: 1) among some of the community initiatives happening throughout the area in response to poverty related concerns, the Hub group is focusing on helping people put together a plan for self-sufficiency; 2) Neighbor Care is working on some projects, such as “neighbor helping neighbor”; 3) Mary referred to a letter from Kitty Rhoades withdrawing the concept plan approval request for Family Care/IRIS reform; 4) 73 pinwheels have been placed at the front of the Oshkosh Human Services Building to raise awareness and commemorate World Elder Abuse Day (the pinwheels represent 73 substantiated cases of elder abuse, exploitation or self-neglect that were reported to our agency in the past year); 5) we will be putting efforts into a dementia-friendly community; and 6) Mary has three names of potential appointees to this committee.
- b. Committee Member Updates – Mike Norton said that at the last Greater Winnebago Advocacy Coalition on Mobility meeting they were presented with the idea of having a wheel chair wash. He will investigate whether this could be a possibility.

Rob Paterson distributed copies of a 2016 member satisfaction survey that was conducted recently by Lakeland Care District. He will try and get the results of the survey to share.

Deb Hogue said that in an effort to save money, the state should be made aware of the extra medical or personal supplies that are being sent to consumers as prescribed by their doctor, but aren't being used because the consumer has already received enough of the items. Lori Duclon suggested that the case manager should help monitor the supply by checking with the consumer.

- 9. “Community Beat”:** There was nothing to report.

- 10. Next Meeting – July 11, 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 5:00 p.m. The next meeting of the ADRC Committee will be held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 11, 2016 at the Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 33.

Respectfully submitted: Dorothy De Grace, Recorder