

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 07/12/2021

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom

Members Present: Michael Norton and Elizabeth Jones via phone, Harold Singstock, Claire Steger, Peter Christianson, Paul Janty

Members Excused: Kate Pfaendtner, Don Hanson, Jan Olson

Staff Present: Beth Roberts, Bryn Ceman, Brian Nagler, Alisa Richetti

Others Present: Alana Erickson of Public Health Department via phone

Mike Norton called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

1. **Public Comments:** No comments
2. **Approve Minutes of the June 14, 2021 ADRC Committee Meeting:** Harold Singstock motioned to approve and Mike Norton seconded the motion.
3. **Dementia Program Update – Alisa Richetti:** The Oshkosh Library met this month to talk about in person Memory Cafes. Neenah and Menasha are still virtual. This month there is live music at Riverside Park in Menasha for the cafe. The virtual support group is still meeting 3 times per month. Menasha Library is on hold. Both Spark programs are fully operational. A training was done with Neenah Police Department regarding response to dementia calls. Riding in the Moment, a horseback riding and care program, is serving people with dementia at Beaming in Neenah.

The Alzheimer's Walk will be held in Oshkosh on September 25. The website and calendar are up to date. If the church in Oshkosh is not going to resume the respite program, the New Life church will be approached. The most recent program listing was handed out.
4. **Wheelchair Wash – Beth Roberts:** The wash will be on Saturday, August 7 from 10:00-1:00 at J&R Auto Service on Main Street in Oshkosh. There will be food and music is still being worked on. Beth shared success from previous washes. It is currently on Facebook and on the Website and will be put in local papers.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/3018352995064009/>

5. **Return on Investment - Beth Roberts:** Information was shared regarding the Return on Investment calculation to determine the savings due to ADRC contact. It is based on true Medicare and Medicaid claims for people who had contact with the ADRC vs people who did not have contact with an ADRC. It does not pertain to county levy. It does not take into consideration people who attend dementia care/caregiver programs, prevention programs and the Benefit Specialist programs. **Brian** shared the work on caregiver funding programs like NFCSP and AFCSP which also is not captured in the Return on Investment (ROI). **Alana** shared that she promotes ADRC because of all the prevention and support opportunities to reduce falls.

For 2019, \$1.45 was saved for every dollar spent and for 2020, \$1.13 was saved for every dollar spent. The decrease was caused by fewer contacts with people due to COVID. **Pete** asked about where the savings go. **Beth** explained that it results in a savings to Medicare and Medicaid costs. This calculator is an initial attempt to quantify what ADRCs do.

Pete also asked at what point an ADRC is contacted if someone breaks a hip, is hospitalized and goes to a nursing home for rehabilitation. **Beth** explained the ADRC may never be contacted in that scenario. The ADRC often receives late referrals from nursing homes, sometimes because the funding is ending the next day.

Paul asked about being able to receive the Return on Investment longitudinally and by county. That information will eventually be available. He also stated the information does not take into consideration cost avoidance and the value ADRC contact has to the customers.

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

Beth shared that the Aging Plan will be presented to the committee for one more review before submitting. It is due in November. She also shared that **Don Hanson** is no longer able to be part of the committee another replacement is needed.

Brian said the I & A staff have been very busy and are now required to do the functional screens in person. There were 57 enrollments to Family Care in June. They are continuing to focus on Compassion Fatigue. There have been more calls for basic needs and homelessness. **Harold** asked if having the Warming Shelter increases the number of homeless people here. There was also committee discussion about people with mental health concerns and Veterans ending up homeless. **Harold** shared concerns that the building may attract homeless people from around the area and outside of Oshkosh. His concern is that we may be increasing the homeless population by offering this building as a resource. **Beth** shared that current warming shelter does not operate year-round or during the day and currently has to turn people away. **Beth** shared COTS is a program in Appleton, soon in Oshkosh which offers self-sufficiency to prevent homelessness. Employment, budgeting, landlord/tenant relationships, and long-term success for individuals.

Rob – no comments

Claire asked if nursing homes in Wisconsin can discharge people if homeless. **Brian** offered he has not had experience, but could see how it could happen. **Alana** shared there are options to avoid this like Sharecare.

Bryn shared additional supplemental funds in Adult Protective Services; first increase in years.

Pete requested that people leave their name and direct phone number when calling for equipment so he does not have to leave a message at the main number.

Liz shared the Walk for Autism will be October 2 and the proceeds stay local. She also talked about 2 homeless Veteran situations.

Harold asked about how the state budget approval affects the ADRC. **Beth** said there will be more Dementia Specialists added, Caregiver Support funds will be increased, and there is a slight increase in transportation except in Dane and Milwaukee counties. Additional ADRC funds were not approved.

Beth added that she and Karena met with the Oshkosh Fire Department to discuss the Falls Prevention program. ADRC will produce a video about the program that can be shared with all of the paramedics and maybe be used for community awareness.

Alana let the committee know that Wellness Plus leaders and locations but are still having classes. They are going to try to bring in more health care providers to help sustain the program. Public Health is going to start doing Falls Assessments again and is working with Karena on the program. Winnebago County has around a 50% immunization rate with minority and 18-24 having a lower rate of vaccination. Cities like Fox Crossing and Oshkosh are lower in numbers in part due to higher poverty levels and other socioeconomic factors.

7. **Next Meeting – August 9, 2021**

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Beth Roberts