

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 9, 2019

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 33

Members Present: Paul Janty, Susan Locke, Mike Norton, Jan Olson, Rob Paterson, Kate Pfaendtner, Harold Singstock, Claire Steger and Elizabeth Jones via phone

Members Excused: Tanisha Alvarado, Pete Christianson, Don Hansen

Staff Present: Beth Roberts, Bryn Ceman, Brian Nagler, and Julienne Gohde

Others Present: Alana Erickson

Paul Janty called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. **Public Comments:** None

2. **Approve Minutes of the November 11, 2019 ADRC Meetings:**

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

3. **Review funding allocations and projections- Beth and Brian:** Brian Nagler stated that last year the ADRC fell short on using the caregiver funds (National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP), American Family Caregiver Support Program (AFCSP) and Elder Abuse accounts) by around \$36,000.00. A concerted effort was made this year to use all of these funds. As of the October bills being paid, the ADRC is where they should be for this time of year. The AFCSP has \$2,931.20 left to use for the last 2 months of the year. The NFCSP has \$6,981.38 left, and the Elder Abuse account will be utilized and spent within the next few weeks if not already all spent. The ADRC has been working with Jane Mahony, the liaison from the State of Wisconsin, to better educate staff on how to use these funds. There will be a training early in 2020 that will focus on the caregiver, to understand that they deserve respite and have time to do the things that they would like to do. One way some of the funds are being used is to build a library of books that are not only to loan out, but they are now being purchased for the community too. More retractable banners for advertising will also be purchased in the coming year. This year the ADRC has served at least 23 people

with the AFCSP and at least 43 people with the NFCSP, more people are being authorized continuously. Brian stated that we need to be better with diversity. There is a focused effort to reach out to groups of different ethnicities. Money is being utilized to have the ADRC brochure materials translated into different languages.

4. **Vice Chairperson-Paul:** Paul would like to have a Vice- Chairperson for when he is unable to attend the meetings. There are currently 2 candidates. Election will be held next month. A secret ballot will be made and distributed to committee members.
5. **Dementia Program Updates- Beth:** There are now multiple Purple Angel trained stores: 7 in Oshkosh, 4 in Neenah and 1 in Wautoma. This means that all of the staff members have been trained on dementia. From Becca's last update, a support group was formed out of the Powerful Tools for Caregiver program. They meet the 3rd Thursday afternoon at Community Church on Ryf Road. The next Powerful Tools for Caregivers Class is scheduled for April 16th- May 21st. Becca also did a presentation for the UW- Oshkosh nursing students. They would like her to continue to come back for future presentations. The collaboration between the ADRC and the Oshkosh Police Department is successful. Becca trained the officers with DICE training. There are 9 participants in the Neenah respite program and 3 participants in Oshkosh. A new respite program will be starting at St. Rafael's church in Oshkosh. There will be a Dementia Care Summit at Valley VNA on May 18th. This will include a panel with Reach program, Active Minds, Becca Groleau, a caregiver, and Valley VNA speaking on respite programs.
6. **Next Year focus items- Beth:** Beth would like clarity on which legislators the committee would like to be invited and what topics should be spoken on. Paul Janty would like a conversation with the Mayors or City Administrators of Oshkosh, Omro, Winneconne, Neenah and Menasha about what is happening in their communities focusing on Dementia and Alzheimer's services. He would also like to have a speaker from the Public Health Department give a presentation on fall prevention and the joint effort with the Fire Department and someone to speak on seniors with food insecurity issues. Claire Steger would like a representative from Governor Evers office to update on the Dementia Care Task Force. Mike Norton would like to hear on the future of senior housing and independent senior friendly housing. Beth mentioned that she will also have the MCOs (Managed Care Organizations) and Foenix Transportation on the list for next year.
7. **Reports:**
 - a. Manager Report – Beth Roberts
 - Beth passed out an article titled “Helping Older Adults Help Themselves” from the Wisconsin Counties Aging magazine.
 - The ADRC has partnered with the Oshkosh Fire Department for when they go out on a call for someone that has fallen, they get permission to make an automatic referral to the ADRC through an electronic tablet that they do onsite. They ADRC has already received 5 referrals in 1 day! The ADRC worker will follow up depending on what needs the person needs, for example, dementia care specialist if there are memory issues

involved, looking for adaptive equipment needs to help the person prevent more falls, and adult protective services if there are hoarding and competency issue. They have received about 10 referrals in the month of November. The ADRC specialists have been to many of these homes helping with power of attorney, durable medical equipment, and services for in the home. This has been a great partnership with the Oshkosh Fire Department.

- This year the ADRC has hired a MA Assistant. This position is the liaison between for Family Care and Economic Support. The MA Assistant can now do verifications by phone (used to be done on paper in the past and was very time consuming) which expedites the application process.

- b. Complaints / Grievances – Beth Roberts
- No complaints noted at this time.

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

Bryn Ceman shared that she has been active with reaching out and advertising in the Omro Herald, Winneconne News, Post Crescent as well as the Oshkosh Northwestern and Oshkosh Herald. She has also had an opportunity for a Facebook Blast with information about upcoming information. She attended a few Committee on Aging meetings and they would like to share information on the Energy Assistance Program and this was also shared on the Facebook page and will also be shared on the ADRC website. An email went out to area churches in the community through Common Ground with the ADRC information and directory.

Rob Paterson shared that he went to the Specialized Transportation meeting in Menasha and he would like to get the minutes from this meeting and pass them on.

Alana Erickson from the Winnebago County Public Health Department shared her excitement in all of the partnerships and promotions with falls prevention. Please contact Alana if you have any groups that you would like the Health Department to present to on this topic. There has also been a lot of media attention on this topic recently. There is also a new specialist for the Elderly Population Communication which is starting this week.

Kate Pfaendtner met with Karlene at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation to talk about the Day Program. She is very interested and believes that she has some funders that might help out. She would like to be invited to meet before the next ADRC meeting.

Claire Steger sent Beth an email regarding an article from the Washington Post about a newly starting National Volunteer Caregiver Corps. Grants are being offered for programs that are established that can be duplicatable across the country for all types of neighborhoods. Beth will have the article sent with the minutes.

Mike Norton commented that he is on the Complete Count committee for the United States census for 2020. Let him know if there are any populations that are hard to be reached so that they can be counted. People can also participate online. He also wanted to clarify, there was a hearing about Alzheimer's on CSPAN website, it is the first Elder Care Program aired on November 14th.

Liz Jones shared that they have had groups of people that wanted to have safe walking at FVTC in the past but that they weren't pleased with the distance that they had to park away from the doors.

9. Next Meeting – January 13, 2020 Neenah Human Services Building, Room 008, Downstairs

With no further business, Paul Janty adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Julienne Gohde, Recorder