

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** March 12, 2012

**TIME:** 3:30 p.m.

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

**Members Present:** Ginger Beuk, Peter Christianson, Janice Dibble, Debra Hogue, Ann Jungwirth, Donna Lohry, Mike Norton, Deb Pahl, Rob Paterson, and Claire Steger

**Members Absent:** Diane Egan and Jef Hall

**Staff Present:** Mary Krueger, Ron Duerkop, Mark Weisensel, and Dorothy De Grace

**Others Present:** Teresa Paulus, Public Health Department; Bob Poeschl, Cerebral Palsy & ARC

**1. Public Comments:**

There were no comments.

**2. Introductions:**

All those present introduced themselves.

**3. Approve Minutes of the February 13, 2012 ADRC Meeting:**

Deb Pahl moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Mike Norton and carried.

**4. Introduction to Aging Network: Flow Chart:**

Mark Weisensel distributed a flow chart of the federal, state and local aging network. He said the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services oversees federal Older Americans Act dollars, which is allocated to states based on their population of age 60 and over. The U.S. Administration on Aging enforces the policies established by the Department of Health & Human Services. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services distributes the dollars to the 72 counties and tribes in Wisconsin based on a four-factor formula. The Wisconsin Bureau of Aging & Disability Resources oversees the Wisconsin Aging Network and sets policy for the allocated funds in Wisconsin; and the Wisconsin State Office on Aging enforces policy and works directly with County Aging Units. Winnebago County's Aging Unit is located within the Department of Human Services and the ADRC. Three aging groups are affiliated with the ADRC: the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR), which is where the state funding passes through to counties; the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups (CWAG) and AARP, which are statewide advocacy organizations. Mark said we fund about 22 different programs with Older Americans Act money.

**5. Aging Plan:**

- a. Brief Introduction – Mary Krueger said we currently have a three-year Aging Plan in place for the years 2010-2012. She said the state guides us in what areas we need to focus on when preparing the plan. Near the end of the year we will discuss the next plan with the Committee.
- b. Brief Overview of 2010-2012 Aging Plan – Mark Weisensel said there are federal and state requirements in the plan. He gave examples of goals and major activities for a couple areas of the plan. The goal for Elderly & Disabled Transportation Coordination is to improve the specialized transportation network within the county. This is accomplished through the collaboration efforts of the Specialized Transportation Council. We assisted the “Making the Ride Happen” program secure federal funding for a mobility manager, and we oversaw the printing and dissemination of the transportation brochure. The goal for the Family Caregiver Support program is to develop a Resource Directory on our Website by June 30, 2012 for anyone to access information about the services we provide to the elderly and disabled. The ADRC staff will update the information regarding area service providers and organizations and enter it into the Resource Directory. A hard copy will be printed and distributed throughout the county by July 31, 2012. Another goal listed in the Aging Plan is that Winnebago County will fund the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program by providing free day care so the grandparents may attend a monthly support group meeting. We will also fund a trained group facilitator to lead the meetings.

**6. Family Care Sustainability Discussion:**

Mary Krueger explained that counties switched over to Family Care and IRIS in July 2010. In July 2011 the Governor wanted to put a cap on the referrals to Family Care and IRIS and look at the audit to see where some efficiency could be made. The Governor said that if the cap is lifted, things would need to change in order for Family Care to be sustainable. Mary shared a copy of a 2011-2013 Long Term Care Sustainability Plan from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and a draft response from members of the Wisconsin County Human Service Association (WCHSA). Various meetings are being held throughout the state to address concerns or questions about the state’s Sustainability Plan. There was concern in particular about the WCHSA suggestion to tighten eligibility guidelines through changes in the functional screen to limit participation in Family Care. It was suggested that the ADRC Committee put together a response and include personal letters. They can be sent to Mary Krueger.

**7. Reports:**

- a. ADRC Manager – Mary Krueger said our COP Plan has been approved. She said they’ve been preparing for a smooth transition in anticipation of the Family Care cap being lifted. They needed to look back to July 2011 and see how many people would have been referred to Family Care or IRIS at that time. They determined there are 51 people that staff could meet with to talk about whether they want to pursue Family Care or IRIS. In addition, there are 16 youth who are now 18 years old and would automatically be approved. Lakeland Care District has hired two new staff to prepare for the extra caseloads. She pointed out that the sustainability plan suggests helping more people continue to live in the community rather than in a nursing home. Currently the ADRC refers approximately 6-8 people from a nursing home each month.

- b. Marketing Outreach – Mark Weisensel said last month the ADRC staff had a booth at the Transition Fair at Shaddock Middle School where there were 11 agencies giving presentations. There were 26 parents and/or special education teachers in attendance. Mark will be giving presentations at Bella Vista in Oshkosh and at Island Shores in Neenah. There will be another medication review at the Oshkosh Senior Center on March 14 from 9:00 until noon. Mark shared a brochure regarding prescription drug safety which was prepared by Winnebago County Health Department’s Re-Think Program.
- c. Lakeland Stakeholder Committee – Ginger Beuk said their next meeting will be the last week of March.
- d. ARC Board – Deb Hogue said the ARC has moved to the Hooper Building in completing their merge with Cerebral Palsy of Mideast Wisconsin.
- e. Complaints/Grievances – There were none.

**8. “Community Beat”:**

Janice Dibble said she had the opportunity to refer someone to the ADRC for services.

**9. Next Meeting: April 9, 2012:**

With no further business, Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Ginger Beuk and carried at 5:25 p.m. The next meeting of the ADRC Committee will be held at 3:30 p.m., Monday, April 9, 2012 in Room 33 of the Oshkosh Human Services Building.

Respectfully submitted:  
Dorothy De Grace, Recorder