

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 9, 2012

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Bldg., Room 33

Members Present: Ginger Beuk, Janice Dibble, Diane Egan, Debra Hogue, Ann Jungwirth, Donna Lohry, Mike Norton, Rob Paterson, and Claire Steger

Members Absent: Peter Christianson, Jef Hall and Deb Pahl

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

Others Present: Lori Duclon, 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 March 12, 2012 ADRC Meeting:

Ann Jungwirth moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Ginger Beuk and carried.

4. Update: Transportation in Rural Winnebago County:

Mike Norton said a small group met to discuss rural transportation challenges. They will be checking into funding to do some planning for rural transportation. Mike feels we need to find a way for the elderly and disabled to have an inexpensive and efficient way to get from the rural areas for shopping or doctor appointments, etc. The group will meet again on April 30.

Mary Krueger said we recognize that there are various providers of transportation, but we don't know the whole scope of the issue. The group looked at possibly preparing a survey to find out the pressing issues. They will be talking to the housing authority and other agencies for their input. Mary said there is federal grant money available that funds various transportation projects that Oshkosh Transit System will check on. Bob Poeschl said they will bring the Community Foundation and the United Way into the conversation.

Mark Weisensel said the village and town chairpersons were invited to attend the May 8 meeting of the Specialized Transportation Council for a presentation and discussion on rural transportation.

5. Introduction to 2013 ADRC Aging Services:

- a. Brief Introduction – Mary Krueger distributed a copy of 2012 Aging Services Allocations which shows the grant allocation and type of services that are provided in three categories: Over \$200,000 for health wellness and promotion; \$882,000 for nutrition; and over \$600,000 for transportation. Mary said about \$8,000 needs to be spent on evidence-based programs, so for 2012 we will give it to Public Health for a program called Living Well with Chronic Conditions.
- b. Discussion re: General Category Services – Mary Krueger said she would like input from the committee as to whether we should direct funds to a private senior center that is being looked at in the Winneconne area for next year if we are asked. Mike Norton said he has concerns that the facility should be open to all seniors, including those of lower income. She said we will wait to see what services are required for ADRC's for next year and whether we have the option of contracting for them. Mark Weisensel gave a brief explanation of the services that are funded through state allocations to our department.

6. Reports:

- a. ADRC Manager – Mary Krueger said at a recent ADRC director's meeting they focused on the sustainability plan of looking more at natural supports and environments. She said these will be areas that our ADRC will address as we move forward. The sustainability plan will try to continue to stress the issue of youth in transition. The directors are concerned that once a youth goes into Family Care it might be looked at more from a standpoint of cost effectiveness going into a segregated work place; whereas information shows that it's more costly up front to support people in an integrated environment, but is less costly over the long haul.

Mary said there is a possibility that the state will re-bid the IRIS program and encourage the use of support brokers. Many of the current IRIS consultants don't know who the providers are in each area, so using the ADRC resource directory is being suggested. Mary said there is a possibility of not making residential services an option and looking at different employment supports. The Family Care decision-making group is saying they will be looking at doing strength-based assessments by building on a person's assets. Donna Lohry feels we should let the state know that they should support the IRIS program where people are receiving services that are comfortable for them.

Mary said we recently approved 61 people from the wait list, because the Family Care cap has been lifted as of April 3.

- b. Marketing Outreach – Mark Weisensel asked each committee member to distribute at least 10 of the ADRC brochures that he brought along today. He said he is scheduled to give several presentations about the ADRC in the next week. He said there will be a free medication review event on April 18 at the Oshkosh Senior Center.
- c. Lakeland Stakeholder Committee – Ginger Beuk said that at their meeting on March 28 they heard that they are getting ready for an influx of people that are being approved from the wait list. They are looking at reorganizing the care teams, such as care managers and nurses that are more used to dealing with individuals in nursing homes or residential care settings rather than going to individuals' homes. Some people may be getting a new care team because of the change.

- d. ARC Board – Deb Hogue deferred to Bob Poeschl who said they are still working out things in the merger of the ARC with Cerebral Palsy. They are still doing a life skills program and a series of art programs that are inclusive to all populations, but promoted heavily to children or adults with disabilities.
- e. Complaints/Grievances – There were none. Mary Krueger said our staff will be meeting with two people from the Quality Team of Lakeland Care District to go through their complaint/grievance procedure.

7. “Community Beat”:

Mike Norton reported that at the last meeting of the Human Services Board there was a presentation on an adaptive aid communication device for an I-Pad used by a child with autism. He asked how a person would apply for one of these adaptive devices and how much money does the county have set aside for this in the future. Mary Krueger responded that there is no money set aside specifically for electronic devices, but each individual has a service coordinator who would make a decision as part of a planning team usually consisting of the service coordinator, individual, parent, teacher, and therapist.

8. Next Meeting: May 14, 2012:

With no further business, Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Rob Paterson and carried at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting of the ADRC Committee will be held at 3:30 p.m., Monday, May 14, 2012 in Room 33 of the Oshkosh Human Services Building.

Respectfully submitted:
Dorothy De Grace, Recorder