

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 10, 2012

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Bldg., Room 33

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

Members Absent: Janice Dibble and Deb Pahl

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

Others Present: Lori Duclon, Public Health Department and Tom Otto

1. Public Comments:

- a. Public Health Department: Lori Duclon said they are busy doing testing for pertussis/whooping cough, and she said that people should remember to have their tetanus/pertussis vaccine. She said they are getting more referrals now that the merger of the health departments is complete.
- b. There were no other comments

2. Introductions:

Introductions were made of all those present.

3. Approve Minutes of the July 9, 2012 ADRC Meeting:

Mike Norton moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Ann Jungwirth and carried.

4. Summary Report: Regional Long Term Care Advisory Committee

Mary Krueger gave an overview of the summary report which is a compilation of the key observations and recommendations from the LTC Advisory Committee meetings held in April and May. In referring to the Aging & Disability Resource Centers, she noted that the services which have been most helpful were: 1) one stop shop; 2) friendly, helpful, accessible service; 3) available to everyone regardless of income; 4) benefit specialists; and 5) programming provided in concert with the ADRC. The issues/challenges with ADRC's are: 1) getting the word out about ADRC services; 2) capacity to meet the demand for services; and 3) serving people with disabilities. Suggestions for improving services are: 1) increase ADRC outreach activities; 2) enhance the services provided; 3) improve communication technology; 4) improve coordination with income maintenance; and 5) increase funding for ADRC's. Mary said some ADRC's don't have the money or the staff to respond to the demand. In some cases benefit specialists held group sessions to explain different benefits, rather than one-on-one. The report suggested enhancing services by having ADRC's provide short-term case management for people who are leaving nursing homes or hospitals to make the transition easier and avoid readmission.

5. 2012-2013 ADRC Resource Directory Feedback :

Mary Krueger asked committee members for feedback after their review of the Resource Directory. Mary explained that the directory is comprised of resources for seniors and people with disabilities. It was pulled together by a group of staff, and there is a process in place to make changes or add new information. Mark Weisensel said the Northwestern asked agencies to purchase ads for the directory for a cost of approximately \$500-\$600 each. Basically the sale of ads and volume of resources determine the font size for the typed information. We included some money to increase the size of the font and add more pages. We plan to request an even larger font when the new directory is printed for 2013. Beth Biesinger will take suggestions for changes to the group of staff members who will have them ready for the next printing. Donna Lohry suggested we ask all printers in the area to bid on the job and also solicit ads for the next directory.

6. GWAAR Aging Network Conference:

Mary Krueger invited committee members to the 2012 Wisconsin Aging Network Conference for September 20 and 21.

7. Feedback: 2012 Public Meeting (ADRC/20-13-2015 Aging Plan)

Donna Lohry asked for comments from the ADRC public meetings. Mike Norton asked for an explanation of the process when someone calls the ADRC for transportation. Beth Biesinger said that after getting information from the individual, various resources and options for a ride are given. Donna Lohry suggested that we should have a fund in our budget to help people that don't qualify for specialized transportation for various reasons. Deb Hogue suggested that the public meetings be changed so that every other year the sessions are held at the opposite end of the county from the previous year's session. Deb said she has heard that Family Care is taking bus passes away from people who in the past rode the bus to work or to other activities. The reasoning is that transportation is offered at the group home; but this makes it difficult if a group home is short-staffed. Deb said Family Care no longer pays for individuals to attend a summer program offered by Cerebral Palsy & ARC. Family Care now considers the program as being respite and they feel respite isn't needed since there is staff coverage at group homes. Donna Lohry suggested the committee should send a letter to the Board members of Lakeland Care District after we summarize the issues being brought forth from the Public Forum.

8. Reports:

- a. ADRC Manager – Mary Krueger reported that five members of the committee whose terms were up have been reappointed for another three year term ending in 2015. We will need to replace one member of the committee with someone who would represent the right population. Mary said 50% of the committee must be at least 50 years old.

- b. Marketing Outreach – Mark Weisensel reported that he staffed an ADRC booth at Senior Citizens Day at the Winnebago County Fair. He spoke at the opening ceremonies of the Fox Cities Senior Olympics, and he spoke at the Advocap Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet. He will participate in the annual Fall Festival at Park View Health Center. Mark said there will be another free medication review and consultation on September 13 at the Oshkosh Senior Center. On September 27 he will give a presentation at the Senior Living Home Tour, which is for any interested citizen. There will be two Strong Bones classes offered this fall – one in the Oshkosh area and one in Menasha.
- c. Lakeland Stakeholder Committee – Ginger Beuk had no report.
- d. Cerebral Palsy & ARC – Deb Hogue said ARC employees are considering preparing a newsletter. Their program committee has started meeting, and they would like more people to join. They’ve started offering activities twice a month for children under age 18. The remaining programs offered are for any adults belonging to Cerebral Palsy & ARC. The ARC will host a fundraiser dinner and live auction on October 12 at the Oshkosh Convention Center. Information can be found on their website.
- e. Complaints/Grievances – There were none.

9. “Community Beat”:

Pete Christianson said the Lion’s Club medical locker has been very busy for the last month, and they could use more donated wheelchairs. They are partnering with a Veterans group at King to repair power chairs. Pete said someone he knows shared with him that a hospital will no longer receive Medical Assistance or Medicare as payment for any person who is diagnosed with a staff infection called “MRSA”. Lori Duclon will check into the reason for this.

10. Next Meeting: October 8, 2012:

With no further business, Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Rob Paterson and carried at 5:40 p.m. The next meeting of the ADRC Committee will be held at 3:30 p.m., Monday, October 8, 2012 in Room 33 of the Oshkosh Human Services Building.

Respectfully submitted:
Dorothy De Grace, Recorder