

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 8, 2012

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Bldg., Room 33

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

Members Absent: Donna Lohry and Deb Pahl

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

Others Present: Teresa Paulus, Public Health Department; Harold Singstock, County Board and Tom Otto

1. Public Comments:

- a. Public Health Department: In response to a question from the last meeting, Teresa Paulus informed the committee that Medical Assistance and Medicare will reimburse for treatment of the staph infection "MRSA." She said they are partnering with Human Services in providing a 12-week "Strong Bones" class for adults aged 55+ for a cost of \$15. They are also offering a class called "Living Well with Chronic Conditions."
- b. There were no other comments

2. Introductions:

Introductions were made of all those present.

3. Approve Minutes of the August 28, 2012 ADRC Public Meetings and the September 10, 2012 ADRC Meeting:

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

4. Regional Advisory Committee Status Follow-Up:

Mary Krueger said there was question as to when future regional meetings would be held. She was told by the Office of Resource Development that several options were proposed as part of the budget process. They will have more clarity when the Governor's budget is released in January or February.

5. Medicare Part D Open Enrollment Informational Update :

Mary Krueger said open enrollment for Medicare Part D (prescription drug coverage) starts on October 15 until December 7. Mary Beth Gehrke, Elder Benefit Specialist and Beth Schultz, Disability Benefit Specialist explained various aspects of the enrollment process. Mary Beth said the 2013 Medicare Handbook lists all of the available health plans, prescription plans, and special needs plans that are available in the state. She said the benefit specialists are available for anyone to meet and discuss any of the plan options or enrollment process issues. More information to find and compare plans can be found on the Medicare.gov Website or call (800) 633-4227. Any plan that has under-performed the past three years will have a warning on it, and anyone would need to call the plan instead of enrolling on-line. Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage Plan) is also included in the open enrollment. She said any changes that are made to a person's choice of coverage are effective January 1; but if someone is new to Medicare, enrollment is effective within a month of signing up. The benefit specialists give presentations about Medicare at various locations in the community. There are ten low-income subsidy plans for people who are eligible for Medicare and Medicaid that have a zero premium and a low cost share.

6. GWAAR Aging Network Conference Feedback:

Diane Egan, Deb Hogue, Ann Jungwirth, Donna Lohry, Rob Paterson and Claire Steger gave feedback on the recent GWAAR conference they attended. Claire attended an AARP session and learned how to be an effective advocate from a legislative perspective; Ann attended a session on how to be a more effective board member and learned that we should be trained in knowing our roles; Diane reported on a session on "time banking" for senior citizens where a list is made of each person's talents so they can be called upon to help someone and bank their time to be able to receive help in return at no cost. This concept gives people the resources that won't cost them anything but their service in return. Rob Paterson and Deb Hogue attended the session on Social Security which gave information on the possible changes to the program and its benefits.

7. Feedback/Recommendations: 2012 Public Meetings (ADRC/2013-2015 Aging Plan):

Mary Krueger reviewed the notes from the Public Meetings held in August. She said the Information & Referral Specialists for the ADRC can give options and the pros/cons for services that are provided by agencies, but they can't recommend specifically which service to choose. Ron Duerkop said staff gives the client information in doses so he/she can ask questions and make a final decision after a few meetings with staff.

Mark Weisensel said a study is planned with the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to find out the transportation needs for the rural areas of Oshkosh and northern Winnebago County.

Mary Krueger said it appears there is a need to hold a focus meeting with stakeholders and consumers to have dialogue and a question/answer period about particular topics that were discussed at the Public Meetings.

8. Committee Membership:

Mary Krueger said we will need to replace a committee member who is not able to complete his term due to job duties. The member did not represent any target group because he was also a County Board member. Mike Norton moved to recommend Harold Singstock as a committee member replacing the person; motion was seconded by Janice Dibble and carried. Mary said if we add any new members we may need to restructure the committee, since we must have a certain percentage of the members representing specific target groups. At a future meeting, the committee will discuss and consider increasing its size.

9. Reports:

- a. ADRC Manager – Mary Krueger informed the committee that an ADRC Conference will be held next year May 13-15 in Green Bay. She said a Family Care organization near Eau Claire is not renewing its contract, which leaves 2,700 members deciding on which long-term care option to choose. Mary said our ADRC staff recently participated in a virtual dementia tour through a Clarity Care facility.
- b. Marketing Outreach – Mark Weisensel reported that he participated in the annual Fall Festival at Park View Health Center. He gave an ADRC presentation for the Senior Citizens Tour of Homes and is scheduled to give a talk at the ALS Regional Support Group meeting and at a Visually Challenged Support Group meeting. There will be a medication review at the Oshkosh Senior Center on October 11.
- c. Lakeland Stakeholder Committee – Ginger Beuk said Lakeland Care District will no longer be doing their own billing, but it will be provided by WPS starting in January.
- d. Cerebral Palsy & ARC – Deb Hogue reminded committee members of the ARC fundraiser dinner and auction on October 12 with the proceeds going to ARC for their various activities offered to consumers. The ARC will soon be preparing a newsletter.
- e. Complaints/Grievances – There were none.

10. “Community Beat”:

Mike Norton said he learned at the last Wisconsin County Human Service Association meeting (WCHSA) that there is no planned expansion of Family Care in the next state budget.

11. Next Meeting: November 12, 2012:

With no further business, Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Ginger Beuk and carried at 5:50 p.m. The next meeting of the ADRC Committee will be held at 3:30 p.m., Monday, November 12, 2012 in Room 33 of the Oshkosh Human Services Building.

Respectfully submitted:
Dorothy De Grace, Recorder