

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 9, 2015

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Bldg., Room 33

Members Present: Debra Hogue, Eileen Leinweber, Donna Lohry, Mike Norton, Rob Paterson, Harold Singstock, and Claire Steger

Members Excused: Ginger Beuk

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

Others Present: Lori Duclon, Public Health Department; Larry Lautenschlager, County Board; Dave Vickman, Go Transit; and Tom Otto, interested citizen

Donna Lohry called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. Introductions:

Introductions were made.

2. Public Comments:

Lori Duclon reminded everyone that it's not too late to receive a flu vaccine.

3. Approve Minutes of the October 12, 2015 ADRC Meetings:

Mike Norton moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Rob Paterson and carried.

4. 2016 Para-Transit - Oshkosh:

Dave Vickman said the 2016 contract for non-ambulatory para-transit service within the city of Oshkosh has been awarded to Running, Inc. They are starting to work on the transition. Go Transit provides five different para-transit programs, and the remaining contracts will be bid next summer. Cabulance currently provides rural non-ambulatory para-transit rides. Several townships participate in the rural transportation program and pay half of the passenger fare, or \$6 for each one-way ride. Go Transit receives state and federal grants and money from Winnebago County to pay for part of the \$31 total fare. Individuals are limited to five round-trip rides per month. There is also a state operated Medicaid non-emergency medical transportation service in the area managed by MTM, Inc.

5. Supporting Positive Aging in Wisconsin:

Larry Lautenschlager presented a power point regarding "Positive Aging" from a workshop that he attended at a Wisconsin Counties Association Conference a few months ago. It showed that by the year 2040 nearly one out of four people in Wisconsin will be 65 years old.

Larry said the future in our communities will be determined by population and the choices we make. The longevity ratio between males and females is becoming more evenly spaced in Wisconsin. The power point gave both positive and negative reactions to the aging population, and it stated that we need to change our attitude on how we look at the elderly population. Larry handed out a livability score for Oshkosh based on information in 7 areas: 1) housing – affordability and access; 2) neighborhood – access to life, work and play; 3) transportation – safe and convenient options; 4) environment – clean air and water; 5) health – prevention, access, and quality; 6) engagement – civic and social involvement; and 7) opportunity – inclusion and possibilities. Oshkosh showed a score of 63 out of 100. More information can be viewed at aarp.org/livability-factsheets.

6. Respite:

Mary Krueger said the Long Term Care Council has indicated that caregiver respite is a statewide concern. They will be looking at mapping the system for current providers and funding mechanisms. Winnebago County is considering becoming a “Share the Care” station during the next year. The group will invite family members or friends of an individual who needs support to attend a meeting to discuss and coordinate how they can each help in providing the extra support or respite. We will be gathering information from our staff, Lakeland Care District and Community Care to see if they are aware of gaps in respite service.

7. Reports:

- a. Manager Report – Mary Krueger reported that we received the final draft of the ADRC contract from the state, and it is now going through a state review process. Some changes to the plan are: 1) we will need to start submitting more data to the state, so we will make changes to our database for collecting information and exporting it; 2) ADRC’s must have a more enhanced phone system where we can report different phone calls; 3) the state’s ADRC logo must be used; and 4) new materials must be approved by the state.

Mary reported that there will be a pilot site at Aurora Hospital for Care Transitions, and they will work with some patients to identify an advocate for their care. The ADRC will help by suggesting a pool of potential volunteers, or paying for short-term case management if necessary.

Mary said that the “Hub” will be starting up in the Oshkosh area as a collaboration of service-type organizations that offers information to individuals who are suddenly in need of financial and other help. It’s a place where individuals can receive assistance in putting together a self-sufficiency plan to get out of poverty.

Mary said the ADRC staff is starting to formalize the information assistance and options counseling with training.

Mary said we recently had two consumers complain about disability benefit specialist services. She said a staff person has been out on leave of absence, and as a result we reassigned some cases. One consumer was dissatisfied with the time lapse of service. The other consumer had been in the appeal stage of a denial of her application for Social Security. We contacted the attorney assigned to us, and we followed his recommendation of informing the consumer that we would help her with an initial application to Social Security. The consumer had been frustrated and was dissatisfied with our offer of service, and she filed a complaint.

- b. Committee Member Updates – Deb Hogue announced that Special Olympics of Oshkosh will host its 12th annual Holiday Cookie and Candy Sale on Saturday, November 21 at River Valley Church in Oshkosh.

Donna Lohry recently attended a Specialized Transportation Advocacy meeting where petitions were presented to change the bus stop location at Simeanna Apartments. The next step would be for the request to go before the Common Council.

8. **“Community Beat”**: There was none to report.
9. **Next Meeting – December 14, 2015**: The date of the next meeting was noted.

With no further business, Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Claire Steger and carried at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting of the ADRC Committee will be held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 14, 2015 at the Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 33.

Respectfully submitted: Dorothy De Grace, Recorder