

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 11, 2013

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Bldg., Room 33

Members Present: Ginger Beuk, Diane Egan, Debra Hogue, Eileen Lienweber, Donna Lohry, Mike Norton, Rob Paterson, Harold Singstock, and Claire Steger

Members Excused: Peter Christianson, Ann Jungwirth, and Deb Pahl

Staff Present: Mary Krueger, Ron Duerkop, Mark Weisensel, Joan Jaworski, Julie Nicks and Dorothy De Grace

Others Present: Lori Duclon, Public Health Department; Chuck Hodge and Tom Otto, visitors

1. Public Comments:

There were no comments.

2. Introductions:

Introductions were made.

3. Approve Minutes of the October 14, 2013 ADRC Meeting:

Mike Norton moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Ginger Beuk and carried.

4. ADRC in Action:

This agenda item will not be addressed today.

5. Medicare Part D – Plan Finder:

Joan Jaworski and Julie Nicks explained how to use the Medicare plan finder on the Medicare.gov website. Joan concentrated on how to add drug coverage for those who have Medicare. She demonstrated the step-by-step process for obtaining drug coverage. She suggested that a person should note the drug list I.D. number for future use when going back into the program. Most plans have a \$310 deductible, and then the plan covers about 75% of the drug costs. For 2014, if a person spends \$2,850 for drug costs in a year, he/she will then be in a coverage gap (donut hole). The plan doesn't cover your drugs during that period of time, but discounts are available from drug companies. If a person pays a total out-of-pocket cost of \$4,550 in a year's time, he/she would go into the catastrophic coverage until the end of the year. Joan said the donut hole will be eliminated in the year 2020, but a person would then have a 25% co-pay for all medications.

Joan said a person must sign up for drug coverage during the enrollment period of October 15 through December 7 or be charged 1% penalty of the average Part D premium per month. She said a person should be aware of any restrictions that a drug plan has, such as requiring prior authorization or quantity limits. Joan said there is a website called "needymeds.org" for low-income individuals to apply for discounted drugs from pharmaceutical companies. Claire Steger informed everyone of a website "Pharmstore.com" which is a Canadian pharmacy that has reduced drug costs. She said the website "GoodRX.com" lists local pharmacies that have the cheapest cost for your drug.

6. Transportation – Follow-Up:

Donna Lohry informed committee members that the Go Transit buses are being routed into the Mercy Medical Center and Aurora hospital lots again. There was discussion regarding what seems to be inefficiencies and incompetence in the work of dispatchers for Oshkosh Cabulance and Dial-a-Ride. Tom Otto said the majority of the drivers are very dedicated and safety conscious. Mark Weisensel pointed out that we contract with the city of Oshkosh who contracts with Oshkosh City Cab and Cabulance. The county receives .60 cents on the dollar more in federal money for every dollar that we put in for the contract. Mark said committee members are welcome to attend the Transportation planning meeting on Tuesday, November 12 starting at 10:00 a.m.

Mark Weisensel explained the \$1 convenience fee that Go Transit initiated on January 1, 2013. The fee is charged for rides that are scheduled less than 24 hours in advance with Oshkosh Cabulance and Dial-a-Ride. It is not charged for hospital and medical-related return trips. Mark said that as a result of this fee, more individuals are calling 24 hours ahead to schedule a ride.

Mark Weisensel invited committee members to a Winnebago County Specialized Transportation Study Summit on Tuesday, December 3 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Oshkosh. Mark said a study was done through a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The results of the study, which included surveys and interviews conducted by two consultants and the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, will be presented at the Summit and will be part of the 2014-2018 Coordinated Transportation Plan. There will be an evaluation of the specialized transportation system with a focus on the transportation needs in the rural areas.

7. Reports:

- a. Committee Member Updates: Mary Krueger reminded everyone that the Part D sign up is only for people who are on Medicare and are not affected by the Affordable Care Act sign up. She said we have hired three application counselors who help people with questions regarding the Affordable Care Act sign up. People have not been successful with the on-line application process. Mary informed the committee that all 72 counties now offer ADRC services. We will be able to access public service announcements that were made regarding the services. We will include them on our website and hope to put it on local radio and TV. Mary said our agency is using some funding for marketing by preparing a video about our ADRC.

Mary said the state is planning a summit to pull together people from different entities as it relates to serving people with dementia. We will see what we can do to obtain grant funding to provide this service. We will be focusing more on care transitions as people move from long term care facilities or other health facilities back home.

Mary said a national I & R Day (Information and Referral) is set for Saturday, November 16.

Mary Krueger said we are looking for several new committee members to replace members who have retired or resigned.

- b. Outreach-Marketing: Mark Weisensel said he had the honor of attending and speaking at the Retired Volunteer Program Banquet on October 30. He also spoke and set up a booth regarding the ADRC at a faith-based conference on October 31. He will speak at the Affinity Visiting Nurse Association's monthly staff meeting on Friday, October 15. Mark said the Elder Benefit Specialists and the Information & Referral Specialists are now conducting outreach four times per month at the Oshkosh Senior Center and two times per month at the Menasha Senior Center and the Winneconne Town Hall. They have also been presenting at various housing facilities in the Neenah area for the elderly and disabled.
- c. Committee Member Updates: Ginger Beuk said she recently attended a self-determination conference at Wisconsin Dells. She learned at the conference that transportation is a statewide issue. She said she started attending Partners in Policymaking for individuals with developmental disabilities, which is a six-part class that meets once a month in Madison.
- d. Complaints/Grievances: There were none to report.

8. **“Community Beat”**: There was no report.

9. **Next Meeting: December 9, 2013 at Oshkosh Human Service Building:**

With no further business, Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Ginger Beuk and carried at 5:10 p.m. The next meeting of the ADRC Committee will be held at 3:30 p.m., Monday, December 9, 2013 at the Oshkosh Human Services Building, Rm. 33.

Respectfully submitted:
Dorothy De Grace, Recorder