

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** December 14, 2015

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Oshkosh Human Services Bldg., Room 33

**Members Present:** Ginger Beuk, Debra Hogue, Donna Lohry, Mike Norton, Rob Paterson, Harold Singstock, and Claire Steger

**Members Excused:** Eileen Leinweber

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

**Others Present:** Lori Duclon, Public Health Department; Larry Lautenschlager, County Board; Steve Komp, Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh; 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:**

Steve Komp said he is present today as an advocate to the individuals who signed a petition to have the bus stop at Simeanna Apartments reinstated.

**3. Approve Minutes of the November 9, 2015 ADRC Meetings:**

Ginger Beuk moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Rob Paterson and carried.

**4. Senior Care:**

Joan Jaworski is an ADRC elder benefit specialist and she works with people aged 60 and over. Joan explained that Senior Care is a state of Wisconsin income-based drug program. It can take the place of a Medicare Part D drug plan, or it can be used if a person's drug expenses go into the donut hole with Part D. It is considered a creditable drug coverage program for people over age 65, but it isn't available for people that have Medicare Disability. There is an annual enrollment fee of \$30 per person. A person can sign up for Senior Care at any time during the year. A fairly new change to the program is that the person's prescribing doctor must also accept Medicaid as payment.

**5. Transportation Stop (Simeanna Apartments) Update:**

Mark Weisensel explained that the bus route that previously went into the Simeanna Apartment Complex and Bethel Home currently stops on the west side of North Eagle Street. Over 200 signatures were presented to the Oshkosh Transit Advisory Board to return the route back to the previous stops, but the Board voted not to approve the request. The East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and Go Transit will look at routes that either serve or could serve various assisted living and other facilities to see what can be done regarding transportation as part of its Transit Development Plan for 2016.

**6. Transportation Advocacy Group:**

Tom Otto said the Transportation Advocacy Group will have its next meeting on January 7 where they will discuss the transportation issues at the various assisted living facilities. They will also discuss the \$6 co-pay for rides to seniors in the town of Algoma.

**7. Reports:**

- a. Manager Report – Mary Krueger reported on the following: the Long Term Care Advisory Council met in November and reported that the final ADRC contract is now at the state level for review by legal counsel – included is a plan that statewide ADRC’s will be more consistent in their reporting; ADRC’s across the state will use a new logo for signage and marketing; hours of operation are to be available for consumers; the phone system should be able to track all calls where possible; there must be well-publicized e-mail addresses; the regional quality specialists will need to have access to ADRC data; b) in the new state budget, Community Options Program (COP) funding was reallocated for adult behavioral health services and the remainder for children’s COP services; there is still concern about the new model of Family Care with the integration of behavioral health services; a corporate guardian fee committee has been studying guardianship fees across the state and will soon make recommendations to the courts regarding the fees; the LTC meeting discussed ways of supporting family care givers; the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Advisory Council reported that about 30% of eligible people use that service, but the MTM company gets paid on a per eligible member basis.
- b. Committee Member Updates – Ginger Beuk reported that she was the keynote speaker at the recent Self-Determination Conference. She gave a retrospect of what life was like before the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) act was passed and what it’s like now with all the changes.

**8. “Community Beat”: There was none to report.**

**9. Next Meeting – January 11, 2016: The date of the next meeting was noted.**

With no further business, Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Ginger Beuk and carried at 4:20 p.m. The next meeting of the ADRC Committee will be held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 11, 2016 at the Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 33.

Respectfully submitted: Dorothy De Grace, Recorder