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**AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) BOARD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Eric Shimpach. The meeting was legally advertised. A quorum was present.

ROLL

ADRC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Darlene Anderson Prest; Allan Baumgartner; Shelby Carter; Renae DeMott-McMahon; Marilyn George Burton; Sarah Lochner; Sharon Peterson; Eric Shimpach; Teresa Sumnicht; Jolene Wheeler.

ADRC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Susanna Bradley.

H&HS STAFF PRESENT: Kathleen Cummings; Katie Day; Ashley Jahn; Becky Mulhern, Keara Young.

OTHERS: County Board Supervisor Tom Borgkvist; Jesica Lattimer, Accounting, Corporation Counsel Joe Ruf.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 21, 2019 MINUTES OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD MEETING.

Motion by Sharon Peterson, second by Marilyn George Burton. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS & COMPENSATORY TIME

Director Becky Mulhern presented the Finance Report and Compensatory Time Report to the Board. It was noted that due to being grant funded, the financial reports data is typically delayed by three months.

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UPDATE ON INCREASING HOURS FOR PART-TIME INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE SPECIALIST

Director Mulhern reported the Part-Time Information position has increased hours from .50% to .75%. This position is grant funded with the extended hours funded by monies that were previously used for give-a-ways.

ADVOCACY/EDUCATION UPDATE

Director Mulhern handed out Advocacy Updates from The Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) regarding the Older American's Act (OAA). Highlighting Title III funding increases to Home and Community Based Programs, Congregate Meals, Home-Delivered Meals and the National Family Caregiver Support Program. Director Mulhern passed out a flyer advertising Alzheimer's Day at the Capital, Tuesday, February 11, 2020 and a flyer advertising Disability Advocacy Day at the Capital, Tuesday, March 24, 2020. Director Mulhern also shared that Advocacy Day at the Capital is May 12, 2020. If any board member is interested in attending, please contact Director Mulhern. Four pieces of APS legislation that the ADRC has worked on have moved through their committees to the Assembly and are available for the full Assembly to vote on. The bills are: AB-479 Expediting Criminal Proceedings (Macco, John); AB-480 Crimes Against Elder Person (Macco, John); AB-481 Financial Exploitation (Macco, John); AB-482 Financial Exploitation with Securities (Macco, John). Director Mulhern will keep the board posted as the bills progress.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM DISCUSSION/UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported the ADRC is currently recruiting for paid medical drivers due to an increase in transportation requests. The ADRC received the 5310 grant. The grant submitted was for two vehicle and one was awarded. The monies will pay for 80% of the vehicle. The 85.21 grant for 2020 was submitted and approved. The monies from the 85.21 grant will purchase a new vehicle to replace an old vehicle. The ADRC is in the process of hiring a part-time Transportation Coordinator.

NUTRITION PROGRAM DISCUSSION/UPDATE

Assistant Director Ashley Jahn reported the ADRC continues to reach out to recruit volunteer drivers and/or assistance at meal sites. The Lodi Meal Site has proven to be successful and people from the public are attending. The ADRC is working on moving the Pardeeville Meal Site. The 2019 Holiday Food Drive was very successful. The food drive was held to gather food to provide meals for approximately 150 people who rely on the Home Delivered meal program. The 2019 Holiday Food Drive was able to put together 500 bags with the generous donations received. Each bag contained 3 meals and is intended for use when the Home Delivered Meal program is closed due to bad weather. The GWAAR Nutrition Review, which is a comprehensive review of the entire nutrition program, is being rescheduled due to GWAAR staff absences.

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Two new interns from Northwoods will be starting this month in the Nutrition Program. The ADRC is looking for members for the Nutrition Advisory Board.

NUTRITION WAITLIST UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported that due to various and generous donations, the Nutrition Waitlist has not been implemented.

PREVENTION PROGRAM UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported the ADRC will not have prevention classes until spring due to winter weather conditions.

CAREGIVER PROGRAM UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported the ADRC has many tools, resources, and products available to help caregivers. The ADRC encourages Columbia County caregivers to stop in to see if they can meet their needs.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported open enrollment is over. The Elder Benefits Specialist (EBS) has been very busy during this open enrollment period and this has brought a lot of people into the ADRC. The EBS served approximately 15 people per day, 5 days per week for 8 weeks for an approximate total of 600 people. The Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS) case note system is transitioning due to the year 2020, so she has been busy getting everything entered for this transition.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Columbia County is Wednesday, June 17, 2020 from 9:00AM – 12:00PM. A guest speaker will be present along with a Columbia County only Resource Fair.

ADRC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Mulhern reported the ADRC Information and Assistance (I&A) workers have new requirements and have to complete an e-learning options counseling training curriculum before February 29, 2020. They will also be completing a required Long-Term Care Functional Screen Test in May. The ADRC is working with The Division of Children and Families on a Relatives Raising Relative grant, which was received. The group will start in February or March. The ADRC was not awarded a Dementia Care Specialist. The ADRC will continue to seek support for Columbia County to receive a Dementia Care Specialist next year. The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide was reportedly not going to provide free tax assistance in Columbia and surrounding counties due to no volunteers stepping forward. However, a volunteer has agreed to help, therefore the ADRC will have a VERY LIMITED tax service this year.

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The ADRC will only serve county residents and will be available one day a week. The ADRC will continue to keep busy with writing grants, end of the year reports and outreach. Director Mulhern recently gave a presentation to the county board and will possibly share it with the ADRC Board in an upcoming meeting. Director Mulhern went over upcoming end of term board positions.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will be on Thursday, March 19, 2020, 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Room 2 at Columbia County Health & Human Services.

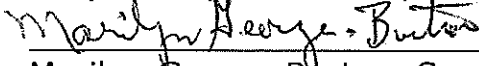
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:35 a.m.

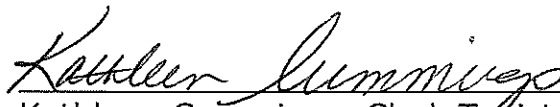
Motion by Jolene Wheeler, second by Sharon Peterson. Motion carried.

The Columbia County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will reconvene on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Room 2 at County Health & Human Services Building, located at 111 East Mullett Street, Portage, WI.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marilyn George Burton, Secretary
ADRC Board



Kathleen Cummings, Clerk Typist
Columbia County H&HS

cc: County Board Chair Vern Gove
County Board 1st Vice Chair Dan Drews
County Board 2nd Vice Chair James E. Foley