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**AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) BOARD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair Kevin Kessler. The meeting was legally advertised. A quorum was present.

ROLL

ADRC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan Baumgartner; Susanna Bradley; Marilyn George Burton; Kevin Kessler; Sarah Lochner; Sharon Peterson; John Primrose; Teresa Sumnicht.

ADRC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Renae DeMott-McMahon

H&HS STAFF PRESENT: Jessica Lattimer, Accounting; Kathleen Cummings; Ashley Jahn; Becky Mulhern, Dawn Woodard.

OTHERS: Jolene Wheeler, Darlene Anderson, Shelby Carter

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 17, 2019 AGENDA OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD.

Motion by Susanna Bradley, second by Sharon Peterson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 15, 2018 MINUTES OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD MEETING.

Motion by John Primrose, second by Renae DeMott-McMahon. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS & COMPENSATORY TIME

ADRC Director Becky Mulhern presented the Finance Report and Compensatory Time Report to the Board.

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TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATE

ADRC Director Mulhern reported the 5310 van arrived at the end of 2018 had a vinyl ADRC wrap and is in service. The 85.21 Grant was submitted to the WisDOT and was accepted for 2019.

ADVOCACY/EDUCATION UPDATE

ADRC Director Mulhern reported Aging Advocacy Day will be May 14, 2019. Anyone interested in attending should let Director Mulhern know. Registration opens in February and ends in April. Disability Advocacy Day is Wednesday March 20th, 2019. Registration will open February 1, 2019 and no walk-ins will be accepted. Disability Advocacy Day is designed to connect the public with their legislators to discuss issues that matter most. Alzheimer's Advocacy Day is in February of 2019. With the new leadership at the State Capital, the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network's issues continue to have bipartisan support in the areas of Direct Care Work-force Support, Elder Benefit Specialist Support, Family Caregiver Support, Healthy Aging Grant, Long Term Care Investment Savings Plan, Social Isolation & Loneliness Study and Transportation Support. The partial federal government shutdown does not affect the Older Americans Act or many other aging programs. Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare are considered mandatory instead of discretionary and will not be affected. SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs), could be affected as the shutdown continues. SNAP funding is currently guaranteed for February but not March. The SNAP program does effect the ADRC nutrition programs: Home Delivered Meals and Congregate Meals. A new bill, AB1, is being presented for pre-existing conditions. This bill would provide limited protection for people if the affordable care act discontinues. Durable Medical Equipment fraud calls have been increasing. Callers request Medicare information. It should be noted that Medicare communication is always through letters.

NUTRITION PROGRAM UPDATE

ADRC Assistant Director Ashley Jahn reported the ADRC continues to seek out volunteers for driving home delivered meals. There are currently Meal Site Manager positions available. The ADRC sent out Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Nutrition Program. The RFP due date is January 31st and once all RFPs are returned a review committee will process the proposals. If you would like to serve on the RFP review committee, please let the ADRC know. Due to generous donors, three Blizzard Meals each were delivered to all home delivered meal participants this past week. The Blizzard Meals will be used on days when driving is too hazardous to deliver meals. Greater Wisconsin Area on Aging Resources (GWAAR) granted approval for the ADRC's 2019 – 2021 Columbia County Aging Plan and Budget.

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NUTRITION WAITLIST UPDATE

ADRC Assistant Director Jahn reported that due to various and unexpected donations, the Nutrition Waitlist was not implemented.

PREVENTION PROGRAM UPDATE

ADRC Assistant Director Jahn reported the ADRC is not offering any prevention classes at this time due to the unpredictability of Wisconsin winters. Prevention classes will resume in the spring.

CAREGIVER PROGRAM UPDATE

ADRC Assistant Director Jahn reported a spring Caregiver Retreat is being planned for April in Columbus. The ADRC has been struggling to find caregiver agencies with enough staff to provide service to consumers. This is especially troublesome in the more rural areas of the county.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST UPDATE

ADRC Assistant Director Jahn reported our Elderly Benefit Specialist (EBS) served 253 people during the 36 working day open enrollment period. The EBS worker was in Columbus every Tuesday during open enrollment. The Disabled Benefit Specialist DBS worker recently attended a Transitions Fair in Lodi in December of 2018, and will be attending additional fairs in February in both Portage and Wisconsin Dells. The Transitions Fair are to help transition disabled children to adulthood.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES UPDATE

ADRC Director Mulhern reported Jessica Trudell, Managing Attorney for Guardianship Support Center through the GWAAR Elder Law and Advocacy Center spoke at one of the ADRC's largest APS-I Team meetings. Ms. Trudell spoke with the group about Supported Decision Making in Wisconsin. Supported Decision Making is similar to having an advocate versus having a legal guardian. The next APS I-Team meeting will be on February 20th at 8:30AM at Health and Human Services. The ADRC is back to full staff of Adult Protective Service (APS) workers as one worker returned from medical leave.

ADRC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ADRC Director Mulhern reported the ADRC is finishing up bookwork for the 2018 calendar year. The ADRC met with all Managed Care Organizations (MCO's) and IRIS agencies in December to ensure that communication was flowing freely and to address any issues. In 2018 the ADRC attended 37 different outreach events and reached approximately 1,832 community members.

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ADRC DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONTINUED Surveys went out from the Department of Human Services regarding the ADRC of Columbia County and some of the data received showed that the primary age group served is 60-90 with most having physical disabilities, 98% of the people who came in to the ADRC for Information and Assistance (IA), 55% heard about the ADRC from a family member or friend and 56% of the people served were met with in their own home. The ADRC Facebook page will be moving to a sub-category location of the Columbia County Facebook page. The ADRC will have a short-term student intern following IA Specialists and APS workers and will be with the ADRC from February through June.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will be on Thursday, March 21, 2019, 9:00 a.m. at Columbia County Health & Human Services in Meeting Room 2.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Chair Kessler advised the board that although the agenda is typically repetitive, topics can be added either at this time or before the next meeting. To add a topic please contact ADRC Director Mulhern or Assistant Director Jahn.

RECOGNITION

Chair Kessler recognized and thanked ADRC Director Mulhern and Assistant Director Jahn on their leadership carrying the ADRC forward successfully for Columbia County.

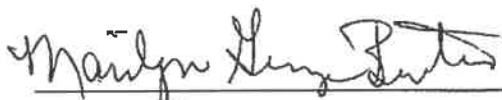
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:41 a.m.

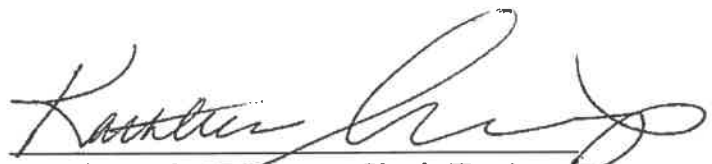
Motion by Sharon Peterson, second by Marilyn George Burton. Motion carried.

The Columbia County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will reconvene on Thursday, March 21, 2019 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