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**AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) BOARD
THURSDAY, January 18, 2024
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 Doug Richmond. The meeting was legally advertised. A quorum was present.

ROLL

ADRC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Richmond; Steven Balsiger; Rosemary Minnema; Kayla Wolff; Shelby Carter; Jolene Wheeler; Darlene Anderson-Prest; Vanessa Chapman; Connie Pease, Paul Zarnikow.

ADRC BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

HHS STAFF PRESENT: Sue Lynch; Jennifer Warnke;

OTHERS: Jessica Walter, Accounting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE January 18, 2024, AGENDA OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD.

Motion by, Steve Balsiger second by Connie Pease. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE November 16, 2023, MINUTES OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD MEETING.

Motion by Connie Pease, second by Rosemary Minnema. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

No one from the public provided comments/concerns.

FINANCIAL REPORTS & COMPENSATORY TIME

Director Lynch presented the financial and compensatory time reports.

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ADVOCACY/EDUCATION

Director Lynch shared that the Spring elections are on April 2nd. Director Lynch also shared that May 14th is Aging Advocacy Day. If people are interested in attending, they should reach out to the ADRC.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Director Lynch reported We had a total of 72 declined rides for 2023. 1757 rides were given in 2023 and that is up 450 rides from 2022. We are still waiting on the Bariatric Van that was awarded to us in 2023. The 85.21 Grant awarded us a rear load van for the year 2024.

NOMINATION OF TRIP COUNCIL MEMBERS

Applicant – Amanda Wakeman – Columbus Library Director- She was excited to be considered as a member, she sees firsthand, the issue with the aging community has with transportation, especially in rural areas and would like to be on the frontlines to help with the issues.

Applicant – Cody Ducette – Has spent 20+ years as the Cambria fire and EMS Chief and is currently the EMS training Captain for the Portage Fire Department. He was a Village of Cambria trustee for 14 years and sat on the State of Wisconsin EMS subcommittee. He was also the EMS supervisor at Divine Savior and Aspirus Divine Savior for many, many years.

Motion by Steve Balsiger, second by Rosemary Minnema. Motion carried.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

Director Lynch reported end of year numbers for both Congregate and Home Delivered meals.

NUTRITION WAITLIST

Director Lynch reported no waitlist at this time due to ARPA funds, grants, and donations.

PREVENTION PROGRAM

Director Lynch shared this spring we will be offering Walk with Ease and Strong Bodies in Portage, and Mind Over Matter and Stepping on will be held at Reach Out Lodi. All these programs will also be offered in the fall at different locations. Director Lynch also discussed the current effort to recruit volunteer health promotion program volunteers who can facilitate classes and help expand capacity.

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CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Director Lynch shared she is working on building relationships with providers and clinics. Director Lynch also shared current availability in both the National and Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support programs.

ELDER AND DISABILITY BENEFIT SPECIALIST

Director Lynch reported end of year numbers and the monetary impact for both the Elder Benefit Specialist and Disability Specialist.

DEMENTIA CARE SPECIALIST

Director Lynch reported Nellie our Dementia Care Specialist will be starting a Memory Café with the help of a generous donation. Nellie and one of our Information and Assistance Specialist will also be doing a memory screening in Portage March 18th and in Lodi April 4th. We have been in contact with the Remember Project to discuss dates and times for mid-July.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Director Lynch reported they are still working on year-end reports. Planning for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in June will begin later this month.

INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE REPORT

Director Lynch reported in 2023 Information and Assistance has had fewer calls but the have been longer in length. Independent living Support Pilot Program (ILSP) has 75 out of the 100 spots filled.

ADRC & DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Sue Lynch reported we received some generous donations to various ADRC programs at the end of 2023. Director Lynch also updated the board that Adora Bilse has resigned from the board. Director Lynch also shared staffing and coverage needs for the future and some success stories reported by staff.

Board Member Nomination

Director Sue Lynch reported Rita Woelffer Burmania reached out with interest in becoming a Board member. Rita is a Home Health nurse with professional and personal experience with the disabled population and resides in Columbia County.

Motion by Steve Balsiger, second by Jolene Wheeler. Motion carried.

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NEXT MEETING DATE

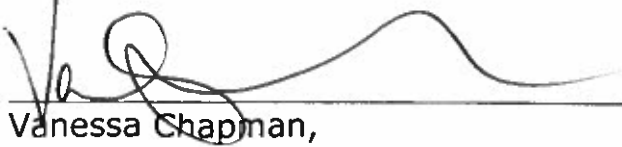
The next meeting of the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will be on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Rooms 2 & 3, ADRC Entrance, of Health and Human Services at 111 East Mullett Street, Portage, WI 53901.

ADJOURNMENT

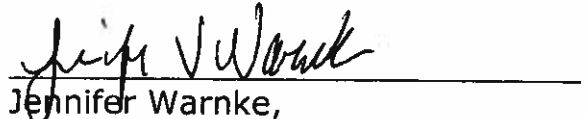
The meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Richmond at 10:07 a.m.

The Columbia County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will reconvene on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Rooms 2 & 3, ADRC Entrance of Health and Human Services. 111 East Mullett Street, Portage, WI 53901.

Respectfully Submitted,



Vanessa Chapman,
Secretary
ADRC of Columbia County Board



Jennifer Warnke,
Receptionist
ADRC of Columbia County

cc: County Board Chair Chris Polzer
County Board 1st Vice Chair Denise Brusveen
County Board 2nd Vice Chair Matthew Rohrbeck