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**AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) BOARD
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022
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 Tom Borgkvist. The meeting was legally advertised. A quorum was present.

ROLL

ADRC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan Baumgartner; Tom Borgkvist; Adaora Bilse; Sarah Lochner; Rosemary Minnema; Eric Shimpach; Jolene Wheeler, Kayla Wolff.

H&HS STAFF PRESENT: Kathleen Cummings; Heather Gove; Sue Lynch; Brienne Williams.

OTHERS: Jessica Walter, Accounting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MARCH 17, 2022 AGENDA OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD.

Motion by Eric Shimpach, second by Jolene Wheeler. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 20, 2021 MINUTES OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD MEETING.

Motion by Eric Shimpach, second by Sarah Lochner. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS & COMPENSATORY TIME

Director Sue Lynch presented the financial and compensatory reports.

ADRC BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Director Sue Lynch recommended Darlene Anderson-Prest, Danny Beard and Jolene Wheeler to the ADRC Board for three-year terms ending in April of 2025.

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MOTION: TO NOMINATE DARLENE ANDERSON-PREST, DANNY BEARD AND JOLENE WHEELER TO THE ADRC BOARD.

Motion by Eric Shimpach, second by Sarah Lochner. Motion carried.

TRIP MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Director Lynch recommended Dori Quist and Kendra Corning as potential The Ride Improvement Project (TRIP) Council members.

MOTION: TO NOMINATE DORI QUIST AND KENDRA CORNING AS BOARD MEMBERS OF THE TRIP COUNCIL

Motion by Eric Shimpach, second by Jolene Wheeler. Motion carried.

ADVOCACY/EDUCATION UPDATE

Assistant Director Brianne Williams shared upcoming advocacy information including: March 16th was Disability Advocacy Day held via an online forum; April 5th is the Spring Election; May 11th is Aging Advocacy Day also held as an online forum; May is also Older Americans Month; and June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The ADRC encourages volunteers to get involved and represent Columbia County on Aging Advocacy Day. Assistant Director Williams also shared the ADRC uses its Facebook page to educate and inform the county through social media. The page is titled: Aging & Disability Resource Center of Columbia County. The ADRC encourages Facebook users to like their page to stay current on the latest ADRC news.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Lynch shared the ADRC has returned to shared rides when situations arise and work. The required mask mandate for federal transportation programs was extended to April 18th. The ADRC currently has 14 drivers with 3 drivers dedicated to the Home Delivered Meal program. This number is down by 4 drivers from this time last year. Total rides, as compared to a year ago are down by 100. Due to Trust Overages, The ADRC is looking to purchase additional vehicles this year. The ADRC is also looking to possibly install winch systems into existing vans to assist drivers when loading passengers. Discussion was held clarifying data and inquiring about the rise in gasoline costs and its impact on the transportation program.

NUTRITION PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Lynch shared the nutrition program is down about 500 meals to date for this year versus last. Director Lynch plans on covering the Nutrition Program duties when the Health Promotions Coordinator is out on leave. Director Lynch also shared the Pardeeville and Lodi locations each need additional volunteer drivers. Director Lynch will be meeting soon with the Pardeeville Village Board to discuss use of the new Senior Center.

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NUTRITION WAITLIST UPDATE

Director Lynch reported the waitlist has been activated, but the ADRC has still been able to accommodate the needs of those requesting meals. Discussion ensued regarding how to better accommodate the needs of the aging community as the number exceeds what the ADRC can handle.

PREVENTION PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Lynch reported the ADRC will hold prevention programs when the Health Promotions Coordinator returns from leave in July. There has been a volunteer who is willing to become trained in the Stepping On program as a facilitator. The ADRC continues to seek program facilitators to train for additional prevention programs.

CAREGIVER PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Lynch reported she has been reaching out to new Supportive Home Care agencies to increase the pool of available caregivers. The ADRC has three programs: homemaker/chore where there doesn't need to be an identified caregiver being relieved of duties, NFCSP and AFCSP. Currently IIIB serves 6 with funds for 10. NFCSP serves 4 with funds for 6. AFCSP serves 3 with funds for 5. Consumers have been identified for each of the open slots, and a waitlist will begin for any additional inquiries.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST UPDATE

Assistant Director Williams reported that she has been assisting as interim Elder Benefit Specialist as the position is currently vacant. She has been helping consumers with Medicare Advantage plan changes and new retirees navigate Medicare Supplement plans. It is the ADRC goal that the EBS program is to provide information through presentations. For example, a 'Welcome to Medicare' presentation that people can attend in person throughout the county during non-open enrollment season. The new Disability Benefit Specialist has helped 28 new consumers and is doing outreach in the Wisconsin Dells and Columbus areas. She is also reaching out to high schools to help transitioning students with disabilities by giving them and their parents resources for independent living.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES UPDATE

Director Lynch shared the Adult Protective Service (APS) continues to remain busy. The June World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is being planned. There are additional funds available that will be used to advertise the event. The ADRC is hoping to do some educational events throughout the county including possibly in Lodi, Columbus, and Portage with the theme of advanced care planning to help educate consumers of the benefits and need for planning ahead.

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INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Assistant Director Williams shared the Information and Assistance program is fully staffed. The program has seen an increase in 54 cases in comparison to last year. This has increased the work load of each staff member by about 13 cases. There has also been an increase in calls up over 450 vs this time last year. The expressed goals of each of these workers is to help as many people as possible with available resources. The ADRC has been developing timelines for cases to be open and creating good partnerships with Managed Care Organizations (MCO) and Individualized Care (ICA) focusing on communication to keep relationships' strong.

ADRC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Lynch reported there has been a recent additional 9 volunteers willing to help the ADRC with 2 that are fully onboarded. The ADRC recognizes volunteers at least quarterly to show appreciation for their services. Currently the ADRC has openings for the Elderly Benefit Specialist position, the Transportation Coordinator position. The Marketing and Outreach position has a new employee starting March 28th and the part-time Dementia Care Specialist position has a prospective candidate going through the screening process. Director Lynch recognized that this would be the last meeting for Chair Borgkvast and thanked him for his service to the board and to Columbia County.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will be on Thursday, May 19, 2022, 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

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:54 A.M.

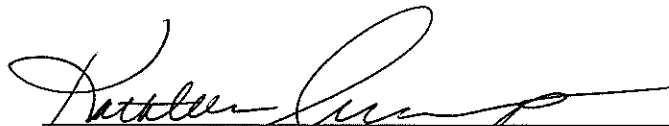
Motion by Eric Shimpach, second by Adaora Bilse. Motion carried.

The Columbia County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will reconvene on Thursday, May 19, 2022, 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,



Sarah Lochner, Secretary
ADRC Board



Kathleen Cummings, Clerk Typist
Columbia County H&HS

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