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**AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) BOARD
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chair Tom Borgkvist. The meeting was legally advertised. A quorum was present.

ROLL

ADRC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Darlene Anderson-Prest, Allan Baumgartner; Tom Borgkvist; Marilyn George-Burton; Sharon Peterson; Karen Schluter; Eric Shimpach; Jolene Wheeler.

H&HS STAFF PRESENT: Kathleen Cummings; Heather Gove; Ashley Jahn.

OTHERS: Cathy Karls, Accounting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MARCH 18, 2021 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 NOVEMBER 19, 2020 MINUTES OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD MEETING.

Motion by Eric Shimpach, second by Sharon Peterson. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS & COMPENSATORY TIME

Assistant Comptroller Cathy Karls gave the Financial Report. Assistant Director Ashley Jahn gave the Compensatory Time Report.

ADVOCACY/EDUCATION UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported the president signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 (H.R. 1319) into law. The \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package includes a historic \$1.434 billion in emergency funding for Older Americans Act (OAA) programs.

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ADVOCACY/EDUCATION UPDATE CONTINUED

The ARPA funding will help support critical OAA services and provide resources to support the aging network's work to assist with vaccination efforts and provide social connections for homebound older adults. The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is awaiting the OAA program funds which will then be allocated to states and then on to local programs. Details regarding the implementation timeline will be shared as more information becomes available.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM DISCUSSION/UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported the transportation program is currently only providing medical transport, including COVID-19 vaccine appointments. The transportation program also is only transporting one passenger at a time due to the pandemic. The 5310 grant awarded vehicle from the 2019 – 2020 application is scheduled to arrive at the ADRC this week. The ADRC was awarded a new rear loading van from the 2020 – 2021 grant application. The drivers must follow pandemic protocol such as wearing masks, using hand sanitizer and scheduling regular decontamination of vehicles per requirements by the state of Wisconsin. The ADRC is looking for additional drivers for the transportation program.

NUTRITION PROGRAM DISCUSSION/UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported the nutrition program is currently delivering 200 meals across Columbia County daily, except in the Pardeeville area which is operating on an every other day program due to lack of drivers. The ADRC worked with the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) to create a program to meet the needs of the Pardeeville area which includes phone contact with each person on their off day. Meals are also available to be picked up if desired. The ADRC put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Nutrition Program and awarded the contract to Feil's Catering. Feil's will start delivering meals for the ADRC nutrition program on April 1st. The ADRC commends Sauk City Catering for their excellent service to the Columbia County Nutrition Program since 2019. The ADRC has been sending cards, puzzles, and books to participants of the nutrition program as a way to help fight depression brought on by isolation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The state of Wisconsin and GWAAR will work together to comprise a plan to open congregate meal sites hopefully later this year.

NUTRITION WAITLIST UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported the waitlist has not been implemented at this time.

PREVENTION PROGRAM UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported the prevention programs Stepping On and Caring for the Care Giver are being planned for later this year with limited class sizes and social distancing.

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CAREGIVER PROGRAM UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported the ADRC has partnered with the Division of Children and Families to create a Relatives Raising Relatives Support Group. The next meeting will be March 31st at the Health and Human Services Building at 111 East Mullet Street in Portage at 5:00 pm.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported long time Disability Benefit Specialist employee Brenda WelshMcClean retired after 39 years of service to the county. Currently, Elder Benefit Specialist Serena Robson, along with supervising attorneys, are helping support the vacant position until a new employee is hired.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported June 16th, 2021 is the date for the annual ADRC World Elder Abuse Day in Columbia County. The event will be virtual again this year. The Adult Protective Services (APS) program is working on an afterhours plan as currently APS social workers are on call. Scams continue to change and grow targeting the elderly. Most current scams reported request money in order to send COVID-19 relief stimulus checks.

ADRC REPORT

Assistant Director Jahn reported the new ADRC Director Sue Lynch will start on Monday March 22nd. The ADRC Board meetings have temporarily been relocated due to the Division of Health's COVID-19 Vaccine clinics held each Thursday at the Health and Human Services Building. Health and Human Services Director Heather Gove commended Assistant Director Jahn on a job well done leading the ADRC over the last several months.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will be on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the John Roche Community Room of the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 E. Cook Street, Portage, WI 53901.

ADJOURNMENT

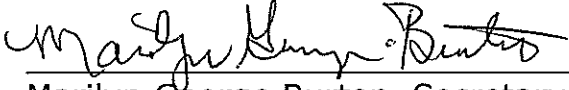
MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:22 a.m.

Motion by Eric Shimpach, second by Marilyn George Burton. Motion carried.

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The Columbia County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will reconvene on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the John Roche Community Room of the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 E. Cook Street, Portage, WI 53901.

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 James E. Foley
County Board 2nd Bob Koch