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**AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) BOARD
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL

ADRC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan Baumgartner; Susanna Bradley; Marilyn George Burton; Renae DeMott-McMahon; Sarah Lochner; Sharon Peterson; John Primrose; Teresa Sumnicht.

H&HS STAFF PRESENT: Matthew Bortz, Accounting; Kathleen Cummings; Ashley Jahn.

OTHERS: Darlene Anderson; Jolene Wheeler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MARCH 21, 2019 AGENDA OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD.

Motion by John Primrose, second by Sharon Peterson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 17, 2019 MINUTES OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD MEETING.

Motion by Marilyn George Burton, second by Renae DeMott-McMahon. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Teresa Sumnicht expressed disappointment at the departure of former Chair Kevin Kessler and voiced appreciation for his hard work, intelligence and dedication to the ADRC Board. Vice Chair Susanna Bradley reported former Chair Kevin Kessler was removed from the board by County Board Chair Vern Gove and that former Chair Kevin Kessler is under investigation.

REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS & COMPENSATORY TIME

ADRC Assistant Director Ashley Jahn presented the Finance Report and Compensatory Time Report to the Board.

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9:08am Susanna Bradley appointed Teresa Sumnicht to run the meeting and excused herself due to illness.

APPROVAL 2018 AGING PLAN UPDATES

Assistant Director Jahn reviewed areas of the 2018 aging plan the ADRC worked on for 2018.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE 2018 AGING PLAN UPDATES

Motion by John Primrose, second by Sharon Peterson. Motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported the ADRC continues to look for volunteer drivers as a few drivers have retired. The ADRC is looking at purchasing new vehicles in 2019, preferably with rear load capabilities to load wider wheelchairs.

ADVOCACY/EDUCATION UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported Alzheimer's Advocacy Day was in February 2019. Director Mulhern attended and was able to meet with Representative Dave Considine and with Senator Jon Erpenbach's aid Kelly to discuss the current Alzheimer's issues Columbia County is facing. One item discussed was: there are currently 1,195 people with Alzheimer's/Dementia diagnosis in Columbia County. There is hope to have the Dementia Care Specialists program statewide soon. Director Mulhern was able to attend the March 20th Disability Advocacy Day to advocate on behalf of the disabled population in Columbia County. May 14th is Aging Advocacy Day at the state capital. Registration is now open. Please contact Director Becky Mulhern or Assistant Director Jahn if interested in attending. AB1 is a new bill being presented for pre-existing conditions. The bill would provide limited protection for people if the affordable care act goes away. There continues to be an increase in durable medical fraud call, the ADRC encourages those who receive fraud calls to report them to the Attorney General.

NUTRITION PROGRAM UPDATE

Assistant Director Ashley Jahn reported the ADRC continues to seek out volunteers for driving home delivered meals. Both Pardeeville and Portage have new meal site managers. The ADRC sent out Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Nutrition Program. The RFP committee will meet and have updates at the next meeting. The current contract runs through the end of June. The contract will begin in July and run through June of 2021. The nutrition program was the recipient of a \$655 donation from a Women's Seminar, One Heart. The donation will be put towards the home delivered meals program.

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NUTRITION WAITLIST UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported that due to various and unexpected donations, the Nutrition Waitlist was not implemented. Suggestions were discussed on how to raise further funds in case the waitlist is implemented.

PREVENTION PROGRAM UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported the ADRC will be offering the Stepping-On Program on April 23rd. Powerful Tools for Caregivers begins June 14th. The much anticipated Yoga Program will begin at the end of April or May.

CAREGIVER PROGRAM UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported the spring Caregiver Retreat will be offered in April at the Kestrel Ridge Golf Course in Columbus. The ADRC continues to struggle 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

Assistant Director Jahn reported our Elderly Benefit Specialist (EBS) served 253 people during the 36 working days open enrollment period. The EBS worker is now meeting with clients who have questions now that open enrollment is closed. The Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS) worker attended a Transitions Fair in Lodi in December of 2018, and will attend additional fairs in February in both Portage and Wisconsin Dells.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported the ADRC is actively planning the Elder Abuse Awareness day, which is scheduled for June 19th, 2019. The day will include a speaker and a resource fair.

ADRC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Assistant Director Jahn reported the ADRC is continuing to finish up 2018 calendar year information to get statistics and ensure the ADRC is ready for 2019. 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. Surveys went out from DHS regarding the ADRC of Columbia County. Data received showed that 98% of the people were provided Information and Assistance, 55% heard about the ADRC from a family member or friend, and 56% of the people were met with in their own homes.

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NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will be on Thursday, May 16, 2019, 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Room 3 at Columbia County Health & Human Services.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:47 a.m.

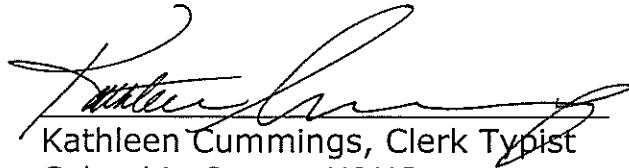
Motion by Marilyn George Burton, second by John Primrose. Motion carried.

The Columbia County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will reconvene on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Room 3 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