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**AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) BOARD
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board was called to order at 8:58 a.m. by Vice Chair Susanna Bradley. Vice Chair Bradley introduced newly appointed County Board Supervisor Eric Shimpach who has been appointed to the ADRC Board as Chairman. Chair Shimpach took over running the meeting at 9:00 a.m. 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; Eric Shimpach; Teresa Sumnicht.

H&HS STAFF PRESENT: Deidre Gavinski; Becky Mulhern.

OTHERS: Darlene Anderson-Prest; Jolene Wheeler; Sharon Wilcox.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MAY 16, 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 MARCH 21, 2019 MINUTES OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD MEETING.

Motion by Theresa Sumnicht, second by John Primrose. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Sharon Wilcox of the State Aging Advisory Commission and volunteer at the Sauk County ADRC commented she is impressed with Becky Mulhern and her staff when she sees them at different events. The ADRC was well represented while attending state Aging Advocacy day.

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APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF APPOINTMENT OF NEW ADRC BOARD MEMBERS

Director Mulhern introduced recommending ADRC Board Members Jolene Wheeler: Representative of People with Intellectual Disabilities, replacing Kurt Rinde whose term expired, and Darlene Anderson-Prest: Representative of the Elderly, replacing Julie Krahn who no longer works or lives in Columbia County.

MOTION: TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF JOLENE WHEELER AND DARLENE ANDERSON-PREST AS ADRC BOARD MEMBERS.

Motion by Susanna Bradley, second by Eric Shimpach. Motion carried.

APPROVE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Director Mulhern gave a report on the annual Volunteer Appreciation event in April recognizing 110 volunteers whom the ADRC could not function without. The recognition was read and discussion ensued about the value of the volunteers.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION.

Motion by Susanna Bradley, second by Eric Shimpach. Motion carried.

APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF ACCEPTING NEW MEAL SITE RFP PROVIDER

Director Mulhern reported the Request for Proposals (RFP) were sent out in January due to the current contract ending in June. Gani Ahmeti did submit a proposal. He currently does a restaurant model for Sauk County. He is familiar with the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) and ADRC requirements. If approved Gani Ahmeti's contract would begin in July.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE NEW RFP PROVIDER FOR THE MEALS PROGRAM.

Motion by Theresa Sumnicht, second by Renae DeMott McMahon. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGE ADRC MONTH OF MAY PROCLAMATION

Director Mulhern reported Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers has declared May ADRC month. The proclamation was read by Director Mulhern.

DEMENTIA CARE SPECIALIST PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

Director Mulhern explained the Dementia Care Specialist position. The state is proposing in the budget to fund Dementia Care Specialist positions in all ADRC's. A job description and a wage study will be completed by the ADRC so upon passing, the position can be advertised.

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ADVOCACY/EDUCATION UPDATE

Director Mulhern shared the ADRC staff has been attending advocacy days this Spring including Alzheimer's in February, Disability in March, Transportation also in March and Aging Advocacy in May at the state capitol. Key Issues for the Wisconsin Aging Advocates was handed out and reviewed regarding issues that were discussed at the capital at Aging Advocacy Day.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported the ADRC continues to look for volunteer drivers. The ADRC is looking at purchasing two new vehicles in 2019, preferably with rear load capabilities to load wider Bariatric wheelchairs. In the new budget the state is looking to increase the 85.21 funding each year of the biennium for a 20% total increase. The ADRC will try for the 5310 grant going forward every other year.

NUTRITION PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported the ADRC continues to seek volunteers for delivering home delivered meals and assisting at meal sites. The ADRC does have openings for Meal Site Manager Positions.

NUTRITION WAITLIST UPDATE

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

PREVENTION PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported the ADRC had the Stepping On (Falls Prevention) program at the Health and Human Services (HHS) building on April 23rd. Powerful Tools for Caregivers will start on June 14th and the Yoga program will be start in June. The Yoga program is research based and the ADRC will be working with the University of Wisconsin to hold the classes.

CAREGIVER PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported the spring Caregiver Retreat in Columbus was a great success. The ADRC received generous donations from the community to make the retreat possible.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported the Elderly Benefit Specialist (EBS) is working with clients who have questions regarding Medicare benefits. An event is being planned in August to help people preparing wills and power of attorney documents.

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BENEFIT SPECIALIST UPDATE CONTINUED

It will be sponsored by GWAAR and will be done by attorneys who volunteer their time to the law in advocacy center. The event will be held at the HHS building. The Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS) worker continues to reach out to local schools to assist with the transition from young adult to adulthood assisting with social security applications and resources.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported the ADRC is actively planning the Elder Abuse Awareness day, which is scheduled for June 19th at the HHS. The day will include a speaker presenting on senior health scams and there will be a Columbia County only resource fair.

ADRC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Mulhern reminded everyone to sign up for the Grapevine newsletter which goes out every other month and is available on-line. There will be a Small Community Forum and Resource Fair in August 28th at the Pardeeville Village Hall put on by the Wisconsin Rural Partners. The ADRC will have Senior Farmer's Market Vouchers at the Columbus Meal Site June 4th, Portage Meal Site June 6th, Poynette Meal Site June 7th, Wisconsin Dells Library 12th and after that they will be available at the ADRC office. The Senior Farmer's Market Vouchers are for those 60 and older who are at or below the federal poverty level. One voucher per household. The ADRC is down one of the I & A staff positions. Interviews have started and the position will hopefully be filled in June. The ADRC began the 2020 budget process in March and will finish in July.

NEXT MEETING DATE

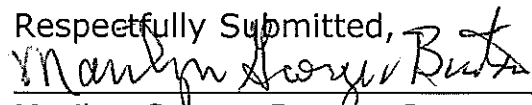
The next meeting of the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will be on Thursday, July 18, 2019, 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Room 3 at Columbia County Health & Human Services.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:14 a.m.

Motion by Allan Baumgartner, second by Marilyn George Burton. Motion carried.

The Columbia County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will reconvene on Thursday, July 18, 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


Deidre Gavinski, Marketing and Outreach Coordinator
Columbia County ADRC

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