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**AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) BOARD
THURSDAY, MAY 20, 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; Danny Beard; Tom Borgkvist; Shelby Carter; Sarah Lochner; Karen Schluter; Eric Shimpach; Jolene Wheeler.

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

OTHERS: Cathy Karls, Accounting; Marilyn George-Burton.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Sarah Lochner volunteered to fill the secretary position vacated by Marilyn George-Burton. Chair Borgkvist appointed Sarah Lochner to the secretary position.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MAY 20, 2021 AGENDA OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD.

Motion by Eric Shimpach, second by Shelby Carter. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS & COMPENSATORY TIME

Director Sue Lynch presented the financial and compensatory reports.

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APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF APPOINTMENT OF NEW ADRC BOARD MEMBERS

Director Lynch explained that as per the ADRC Bylaws, Marilyn George Burton's and Sharon Peterson's terms as board members expired as of April 2021. Director Lynch recognized both individuals for their service and commitment to the oversight and improvement of services to the County's older adults and individuals with disabilities. Director Lynch shared that both Sharon and Marilyn have been active members of the Nutrition Advisory Counsel and expressed hope that they would continue to serve the nutrition program as community representatives. Director Lynch shared information on two community members who have showed interest in becoming ADRC Board members: Kayla Wolff an occupational therapist from Aspirus Divine Savior who would represent individuals with physical disabilities and Adaora Bilse the transitions coordinator for 17-21 year olds for the Lodi School District who would represent the development disabilities target population.

MOTION: TO RECOMMEND THE APPOINTMENT OF KAYLA WOLFF AND ADAORA BILSE AS ADRC BOARD MEMBERS.

Motion by Eric Shimpach, second by Danny Beard. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Eric Shimpach expressed gratitude to the former board members and reminded the board that outgoing board members could serve on the ADRC Board in the future following a break in service per the ADRC Bylaws.

ADVOCACY/EDUCATION UPDATE

Director Lynch shared that Aging Advocacy Day was May 12th. Serena Robson the Elderly Benefit Specialist (EBS) worker, was able to participate and share stories from her work at Columbia County. The ADRC would like to see a larger presence from Columbia County next year and have already begun discussing recruitment strategies.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Lynch shared that the ADRC continues to provide single rider services due to the pandemic. Federal requirements mandate that riders and drivers continue to mask through September 13th, 2021. Also, the ADRC continues to only provide medical appointment transportation at this time. Quarter one of 2021 saw the ADRC providing 380 rides to medical appointments. Rides within Portage continue to be the ADRC's largest destination at nearly 60%, with Madison and Baraboo accounting for approximately 30%.

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NUTRITION PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Lynch shared that the ADRC needs meal site managers in Lodi, Poynette and Columbus. The ADRC is also in need of Home Delivered Meal drivers in Pardeeville and Portage. These shortfalls cause strain on the current ADRC staff. Director Lynch and Assistant Director Jahn shared information on hours and duties the meal site managers perform to allow board members to share that information with potential employees. The ADRC has received positive feedback from meal participants regarding the new contract with Feil's. The ADRC served 12,713 meals from January through April in 2020, and this year has served 14,754 meals from January through April, an increase of 2,041 meals. Last year the ADRC served 41,135 meals total for the year. Assistant Director Ashley Jahn shared that the ADRC will begin to distribute Senior Farmers Market Vouchers in the second full week of June. The ADRC will also issue vouchers in Portage on June 7th at the ADRC, from 1-2:30; June 8th in Columbus at the Senior Center from 1-2:30; June 14th at the WI Dells Library from 1-2:30; and June 15th in Poynette at the City Hall Parking lot from 1-2:30. Undistributed vouchers will be available after June 15th from the ADRC directly. Senior Farmers Market Vouchers are available to individuals that are 60 and older, or 55 years old and Native American and have an income that is at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. The ADRC has 218 vouchers for distribution this year to Columbia County residents, an increase over 2020. The ADRC has begun to reach out to Public Health and is working with the Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) to develop a plan on how to resume congregate dining safely in our community. At this time a handful of congregate dining sites have started to re-open up in the state with approved plans.

NUTRITION WAITLIST UPDATE

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

PREVENTION PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Lynch reported that the ADRC has partnered with Riverwood Eagles Nest in WI Dells and two Stepping On leaders from Greenfield Rehab to do a class June 8-July 27. Recruitment is continuing in order for this class to happen. The ADRC has a Stepping On workshop scheduled for September 13 - October 25 in Portage and has sufficient participation to proceed.

CAREGIVER PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Lynch reported the ADRC still has availability in the National Family Caregiver Support program and the Homemaker/IIIB program to serve more consumers, and continues to provide updates to I&A to best serve consumers needing respite-based services. Director Lynch also shared it has been harder to find providers due to the caregiver shortage throughout our area, as well as nationally.

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The Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program currently has a waitlist but the ADRC works to find other ways to serve those on the waitlist.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST UPDATE

Director Lynch reported the ADRC has hired Eliza White Pentony for the Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS) position. Eliza will be starting June 1 and will be participating in the DBS Basic Training June 8-11th. The ADRC is still recruiting for the EBS position. Serena Robson, the current EBS, accepted the Information and Assistance (I&A) position vacated when Jade Ripp left March 24th. Serena has continued to provide EBS and DBS coverage for the ADRC and will be transitioning into her I&A role mid-June. The EBS position requirements have recently been changed to attract a larger pool of candidates. Discussion was held if the change in education requirements will compromise the position effectiveness. The state can issue a waiver of education requirement if proper training is taken and with the knowledge that an attorney is assigned to each county to assist the EBS worker. Director Lynch shared a story of how Serena helped a community member in need of assistance.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES UPDATE

Director Lynch informed the board that the ADRC has transitioned after-hours services to North West Connections (NWC) as of May 3rd. The ADRC has been reaching out to assisted living and in-home supportive home care providers to develop formal contractual relationships with them to provide emergency protective placement services, and continues to recruit additional providers for ADRC crisis services. The first quarter of 2021 has seen a total of 66 Adult Protective Services cases with 12 being guardian related either new or successor guardianships. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 16th. Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, the ADRC has elected to do an informational event for the Home Delivered Meals participants who will receive a series of information packets including information on scams and healthcare decision-making.

ADRC REPORT

Director Lynch shared two stories of assistance the ADRC has made in the last few months to community members through the Information and Assistance (I&A) positions. One with applying for publicly funded long-term care services and one with short-term assistance, as requested by the consumer. The ADRC saw a total of 1,649 calls come into I&A during the first quarter of 2021. The majority of the calls came directly from individuals asking for information for themselves, with calls from agency/service providers and families being almost equal in percentage behind self-referral. The majority of the calls were related to publicly funded programs and services.

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ADRC Director's Report

Director Lynch reported the Governor has proclaimed May as both ADRC month and Older Americans Month. Both proclamations were presented at the County Board of Supervisors meeting last night and were accepted. The ADRC continues to work on gathering feedback for the 2022-2024 Aging Plan. Surveys were conducted at vaccine clinics, HDM participants, the Grapevine, Senior Housing and sent to local medical clinics. COVID-19 prevented any in-person forums. The ADRC is awaiting clarification from GWAAR if draft goals require public comment, and has set aside June 24th at the Columbus Senior Center from 2:30 to 3:30 for this. If public comment is not required at this stage, the time will be used for ADRC outreach and information sharing. Draft goals will be submitted to GWAAR by July 23. GWAAR will provide feedback which will guide the completion of the ADRC's formal Aging Plan, and then will come before both this Board for approval and public comment before its final due date in November.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will be on Thursday, July 15, 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

THE MEETING WAS FORMALLY ADJOURNED BY CHAIR BORGKVIST AT 9:43 AM.

The Columbia County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will reconvene on Thursday, July 15, 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,



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 Bob Koch

