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**AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) BOARD
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 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 Chair Eric Shimpach. The meeting was legally advertised. A quorum was present.

ROLL

ADRC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Darlene Anderson-Prest; Allan Baumgartner; Susanna Bradley; Renae DeMott-McMahon; Sarah Lochner; Sharon Peterson; Eric Shimpach; Teresa Sumnicht; Jolene Wheeler.

EXCUSED ADRC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Marilyn George-Burton; John Primrose.

H&HS STAFF PRESENT: Kathleen Cummings; Ashley Jahn; Jessica Latimer; Becky Mulhern; Jade Ripp.

PUBLIC HEARING on 5310 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT APPLICATION

The public hearing on 5310 Department of Transportation Grant Application opened at 9:03 a.m.

No one from the public spoke or was present.

Public Hearing on 5310 Department of Transportation Grant Application closed at 9:41 am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JULY 18, 2019 AGENDA OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD.

Motion by Teresa Sumnicht, second by Jolene Wheeler. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion by Renae DeMott-McMahon, second by Sharon Peterson. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Renae DeMott-McMahon expressed concern that the ADRC does not offer meals to Residents who are disabled who are under the age of 60. Director Becky Mulhern explained funding for the home delivered meals is provided by the Older American Act and therefore is not offered free to people with disabilities, but they are able to order & purchase meals at cost.

FINANCIAL REPORTS & COMPENSATORY TIME

Director Mulhern presented the Finance Report and Compensatory Time Report to the Board. It was noted that due to being Grant funded the financial reports are always three months behind real time. There was discussion on the HHS Transfer that was listed on the Financial Status Report. Director Mulhern reported that the comp report will be decreasing next time due to an employee being out on FMLA.

ADVOCACY/EDUCATION UPDATE

Director Mulhern shared the July 2019 Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) Advocacy Brief. The Advocacy Brief had information on how the 2019-2021 state budget, recently signed into law, affects the older adult population. Director Mulhern briefly discussed changes such as: an increase in funding for the Board on Aging and Long-Term Care, Direct Care Workforce Support, a SeniorCare Prescription Drug Assistance Program, 9 additional state funded Dementia Care Specialists and an increase in Transportation funding. With the increase in state funded Dementia Care Specialists, Director Mulhern hopes Columbia County will be one of the nine funded positions filled this year. A discussion was held about the Dementia Care Specialists potential job duties. Director Mulhern shared the Wisconsin Rural Partners will be meeting in Pardeeville on August 28th for a Small Community Forum and Resource Fair.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported the ADRC continues to look for volunteer drivers. The ADRC is considering assigning drivers to either Home Delivered Meal Routes or Medical Rides, as many of the drivers prefer one or the other. The two new bariatric vans have not yet arrived. The Car-Fit class has been canceled for the fall.

NUTRITION PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported Divine Savior Hospital has canceled their Meals on Wheels program as of July 15th. Consequently, the ADRC has had an increase in requests for home delivered meals. The ADRC is looking for drivers or volunteers to help with this increase. There was discussion that Divine Savior Hospital did not contact their volunteer drivers and it was suggested that the ADRC reach out to the local churches to make them aware of this change.

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NUTRITION PROGRAM UPDATE CONTINUED

Assistant Director Ashley Jahn reported the ADRC is looking for a meal site manager for the Lodi location. The new food vendor Sauk City Catering, LLC started on July 1st and the ADRC has received a lot of positive feedback on the change. The ADRC is looking to add a new meal site location for Lodi and is in meetings with a Columbus restaurant regarding a meal site restaurant model.

NUTRITION WAITLIST UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported that due to various and generous donations, the Nutrition Waitlist has not been implemented.

PREVENTION PROGRAM UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported the ADRC will be holding a Stepping On (Falls Prevention) program at the Health and Human Services (HHS) building in September. The Health Living with Diabetes Class will be starting soon, and still has room for more participants. A Powerful Tools for Caregivers class started on June 14th. The Yoga program has started at the ADRC. The program filled quickly and has a waitlist. There has been a lot of positive feedback from participants.

CAREGIVER PROGRAM UPDATE

Assistant Director Jahn reported the ADRC will be holding a Caregiver Retreat in November in Portage. In September the ADRC, collaborating with UW Madison, will put on a Dementia Friends Training course. There will be an additional Dementia Friends Training at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Tuesday, October 29th at 1:00pm.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported SeniorCare has been extended for another 10 years. The Elderly Benefit Specialist (EBS) is working with clients who have questions regarding Medicare benefits. The ADRC will be hosting a Simple Will and Power of Attorney session for people age 60 or older with an income below poverty level. The Program will help draft a basic will, POA for finances, an OPOA for healthcare and an Authorization for Final Distribution if desired. The program will be August 22nd from 8:30 – 1:30 and is being run by the GWAAR Elder Law & Advocacy Center. The Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS) is reaching out to local schools to discuss transitions for young adults turning 18.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported the ADRC held a very successful Elder Abuse Awareness event in June with over 65 people in attendance. There will be a statewide APS conference in October that APS staff will attend. The ADRC will be without one APS worker for one to two months starting in July.

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ADRC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Mulhern introduced the new part-time Information and Assistance (I&A) Specialist Jade Ripp who started in June. The ADRC is currently hiring a new Receptionist and Transportation Coordinator. Director Mulhern encouraged everyone to sign up to receive the Grapevine Newsletter and to share it with friends. The Alzheimer's and Dementia Walk will be held September 8th on the Levy in Portage and the ADRC will have a team. The ADRC will have representatives at the annual National Night Out in Columbus and Lodi on August 6th. The ADRC is working with 13 other counties to put on a Regional Veterans Resource Fair, Tuesday November 19th at the Alliant Energy Center. The ADRC will be at the Celebration of Freedom event at the Columbia County Fairgrounds on September 7th. Senior Farmer's Market Vouchers have been distributed to all remote locations and are now available to be picked up at the ADRC. Vouchers are available to anyone aged 60 or older who is a resident of Columbia County and has a household income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. The ADRC received a total of 217 vouchers and have already distributed 200. If there is a need, the ADRC may request additional vouchers. The ADRC portion of the budget process was completed for 2020. John Primrose has resigned from the ADRC Board due to health issues. Director Mulhern recommended Shelby Carter, who meets the elderly target group and has voiced interest in being on the ADRC Board previously this year to fill his position. The recommendation will be passed on to the HHS Board and the County Board.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will be on Thursday, September 19, 2019, 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Room 3 at Columbia County Health & Human Services.

ADJOURNMENT


MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:00 a.m.

Motion by Allan Baumgartner, second by Jolene Wheeler. Motion carried.

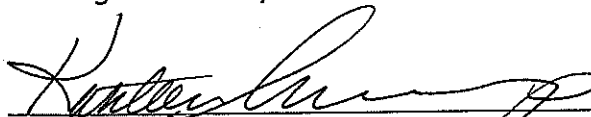
The Columbia County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will reconvene on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Room 3 at County Health & Human Services Building, located at 111 East Mullett Street, Portage, WI.

Chair Shimpach appointed Sarah Lochner Acting Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sarah Lochner, Acting 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