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**AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) BOARD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023
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 Doug Richmond. The meeting was legally advertised. A quorum was present.

ROLL

ADRC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Richmond; Steven Balsiger; Rosemary Minnema; Kayla Wolff; Shelby Carter; Jolene Wheeler; Darlene Anderson-Prest; Vanessa Chapman; Connie Pease, Paul Zarnikow.

ADRC BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Adora Bilse.

HHS STAFF PRESENT: Sue Lynch; Jennifer Warnke; Brianne Williams.

OTHERS: Jessica Walter, Accounting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE November 16, 2023 AGENDA OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD.

Motion by Darlene Anderson-Prest, second by Connie Pease. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2024 85.21 Grant

Director Lynch presented the 2024 85.21 annual grant application that supports our transportation operations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE September 21, 2023, MINUTES OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD MEETING.

Motion by Steven Balsiger, second by Shelby Carter. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

No one from the public provided comments/concerns.

FINANCIAL REPORTS & COMPENSATORY TIME

Director Lynch presented the financial and compensatory time reports.

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ADVOCACY/EDUCATION

Director Lynch reported November is always National Family Caregiver Month. Family Caregivers are the backbone of our long-term care system. Director Lynch shared some statistics about Wisconsin Family Caregivers. Assistant Director Williams talked about doing some outreach in Portage and Wisconsin Dells at Senior living apartments.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Director Lynch reported we are working our way back up to pre-pandemic ride levels. In 2019 the ADRC provided a total of 2673 rides, in 2020 1500, 2021 1600, in 2022 down about 300 rides from 2021 and this year to date we are at 1500 ride for the year.

NOMINATION OF TRIP COUNCIL MEMBERS

Director Lynch stated TRIP Board Member Diana O'Neil gave her resignation and there are no current applicants for 2 positions.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

Director Lynch reported we are averaging about 654 meals a week which includes home delivered meals and congregate. We continue to try and add activities. In Poynette they have added activities such as pastels and pastries, western Wednesdays, and Game show Thursdays. There is still have the site manager position open for 3 days in Pardeeville and 2 days in Portage.

NUTRITION WAITLIST

Director Lynch reported no waitlist at this time due to ARPA funds, grants and donations.

PREVENTION PROGRAM

Assistant Director Williams reported Walk with Ease was a success. They received great feedback and are planning for sessions in the spring and fall of next year.

CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Director Lynch shared that there is availability in the caregiver respite programs. We have had two Caregiver Retreats this month with mental health speaker talking about guilt and grief.

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ELDER AND DISABILITY BENEFIT SPECIALIST

Assistant Director Williams reported Kathy, the Elder Benefits Specialist, is very busy with open enrollment with 194 people served so far. It is projected that the total served will be just shy of 300 people served. She has had appointment times in the Dells, Columbus, Lodi and in Portage. She has been trying to serve all of Columbia County. Our Disability Benefit Specialist currently has 53 open cases waiting for determination. She also had a review from her other supervisor at Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) and we were told she has one of the highest approval ratings for the people she supervises on initial application, which is 30%. Assistant Director Williams commended both Kathy and Nicki for the work they are doing.

DEMENTIA CARE SPECIALIST

Director Lynch reported we did Caregiver Retreats. We had approximately 24 in attendance in Portage and in Columbus approximately 10 caregivers were in attendance. Dementia Live is a mini simulation of what it's like to have dementia. Dementia Live is a very expensive program to administer and we are collaborating with St. Croix Hospice who has folks certified to run the program. Nellie has been there to provide dementia resources, information and doing all the appointment management. Portage Police Department sent 6 officers to the program. All Portage appointments were booked. Dementia Live will be in at Reach out Lodi Monday November 20th. There are still 11 spots available. Director Lynch discussed that Nellie is looking at ways to re-start the Memory Café in Portage due to increased demand.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Director Lynch reported one of the Social Workers has been out on medical leave for a few months and has been able to return to work. Caseloads are being evened out and referrals have remained busy with guardianships, which have often been very complicated. Sue Weaver, one of our APS Social Workers, applied to be on the upcoming APS training development committee and was selected. We are proud that her experience and expertise will help develop training for new workers across the state.

INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE REPORT

Assistant Director Williams reported since our last meeting in September Information and Assistant Specialists have received about 1100 calls. We are seeing an increased need in a few areas specifically with food, housing, and mental health. Each I&A specialist has a case load of about 20 that the state requires them to be helped within a 30-day period with long term care options. Independent Living Support Pilot Program, there are 100 slots available and 75 of those have been requested and together we have 35 of those processed. The pilot period to have everyone enrolled is March 31st.

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Revision to Columbia County Ordinance § 7.07-- ADRC Foot Clinic Fees

**MOTION: TO APPROVE REVISION TO COLUMBIA COUNTY ORDINANCE § 7.07--
ADRC FOOT CLINIC FEES**

Motion by Darlene Anderson-Prest, second by Kayla Wolff. Motion carried.

ADRC & DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Sue Lynch discussed the biennial budget for the bureau of Aging and Disability, which included a 5 million dollar a year increase to ADRCs. In Columbia County we are seeing a decrease. There is a no harm clause for the next two years. State aid for 2024 and 2025 will stay the same, in 2026 there will be a 5% reduction, and in 2027 there will be a 10% reduction.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will be on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Rooms 2 & 3, ADRC Entrance, of Health and Human Services at 111 East Mullett Street, Portage, WI 53901.

ADJOURNMENT


The meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Richmond at 10:13 a.m.

The Columbia County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will reconvene on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Rooms 2 & 3, ADRC Entrance of Health and Human Services, 111 East Mullett Street, Portage, WI 53901.

Respectfully Submitted,



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ADRC of Columbia County Board



Jennifer Warnke,
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cc: County Board Chair Chris Polzer
County Board 1st Vice Chair Denise Brusveen
County Board 2nd Vice Chair Matthew Rohrbeck