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

ROLL

ADRC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan Baumgartner; Susanna Bradley; Shelby Carter; Marilyn George Burton; Eric Shimpach; Jolene Wheeler; Sarah Lochner.

ADRC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Darlene Anderson Prest; Renae DeMott-McMahon; Sharon Peterson; Teresa Sumnicht.

H&HS STAFF PRESENT: Kathleen Cummings; Becky Mulhern; Dawn Woodard.

OTHERS: County Board Supervisor Nancy Long; Jesica Lattimer, Accounting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion by Susanna Bradley, second by Marilyn George Burton. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 MINUTES OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD MEETING.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS & COMPENSATORY TIME

Director Becky Mulhern presented the Finance Report and Compensatory Time Report to the Board. It was noted that due to being grant funded, the financial reports data is typically delayed by three months.

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ADVOCACY/EDUCATION UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported H.R. 4334, the Dignity in Aging Act of 2019, which reauthorizes the Older Americans Act and its programs and services, passed the full House of Representatives October 29 unanimously by voice vote. Four elder abuse bills were recently released. These bills include:

- o AB 479/SB 430 - Expediting criminal proceedings when a victim or witness is an elder person and preserving the testimony of a crime victim/witness who is an elder person,
- o AB 480/SB 427 - Increased penalties for crimes against elder persons,
- o AB 481/SB 429 - Financial exploitation of vulnerable adults, and
- o AB 482/SB 428 - Financial exploitation of vulnerable adults with securities accounts.

Last week the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety held a hearing on AB 480, AB 481 and AB 482. On Thursday, November 21, the Assembly Committee on Judiciary will hold a public hearing on AB 479. Governor Evers vetoed bill AAB76 in its entirety. This bill would have reduced the required training for Wisconsin's certified nurse aides (CNAs) by nearly 40%. Alzheimer's Advocacy Day at the Capital is Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Aging Advocacy Day at the Capital is May 12, 2020. Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Columbia County is Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported the ADRC is currently recruiting for paid medical drivers due to an increase in transportation requests. The new bariatric rear loading wheelchair vehicles should be delivered by early December. The purchase and conversion took a full 16 weeks.

RECOMMEND APPOINTMENTS TO TRIP – THE RIDE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Director Mulhern reported the interest of Jerry Thompson and Donna Hill in joining the TRIP Committee. Jerry Thompson is a current ADRC Driver and Donna Hill is a current ADRC Rider.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF JERRY THOMSON AND DONNA HILL TO THE TRIP (THE RIDE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM) COMMITTEE.

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

NUTRITION WAITLIST UPDATE

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

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PREVENTION PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported the ADRC will not have prevention classes until spring due to winter weather conditions.

Current classes being offered again next year are:

- Powerful Tools for Caregivers,
- Living Well with Chronic Conditions,
- Health Living with Diabetes,
- Stepping On.

New prevention classes that will be offered if volunteer leaders can be found are:

- Healthy Living with Chronic Pain,
- Mind Over Matter,
- Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder,
- Walk with Ease.

The second session of the Yoga Project is starting to wrap up. Due to the large success of the program, the ADRC is looking to continue Yoga classes on a smaller scale.

CAREGIVER PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported the ADRC held another successful caregiver retreat in Portage this month. It was the first time being offered in the new ADRC building and participants really enjoyed the retreat. The ADRC collaborated with UW Madison to hold a Dementia Friends Training in October at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Portage. The intent is to offer this program again in the Spring at the ADRC.

BENEFIT SPECIALIST UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported open enrollment started October 15, 2019 and runs through December 7, 2019. The Elder Benefits Specialist has been very busy during this open enrollment period and this has brought a lot of people into the ADRC. The Medicare plan finder has been changed online making it difficult for people to find the right Part D.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES UPDATE

Director Mulhern reported the ADRC Adult Protective Services (APS) staff attended the statewide APS conference in October and reported it was the best conference in years.

ADRC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Mulhern introduced Shelby Carter as the newest ADRC Board member. The ADRC worked hard alongside 13 other counties to put on the Regional Veterans Resource Fair Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at the Alliant Energy Center. Columbia County had over 25 veterans registered and overall over 400 veterans attended. The Resource Fair was a great collaboration with Columbia County's Veteran's Service office.

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The ADRC 2019–2020 GWAAR Budget was submitted to the State. The GWAAR Budget is completed with the Accounting Department. The ADRC recently co-applied for a Relatives Raising Relative grant with the Division of Children & Families. Notice of awards will go out soon and the if awarded, a new support/group program will begin. The ADRC applied for a Dementia Care Specialist grant and should know by the end of the year if the grant has been awarded. The ADRC is now selling Ensure Clear, which comes in apple and berry flavors. Due to the shortage of local volunteer leaders, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will not be providing free tax assistance in Columbia, Marquette, and Sauk Counties for Tax Year 2019. The ADRC is looking for a local volunteer that would wish to join Tax-Aide as a leader. The ADRC continues to keep busy writing grants, working on end of year reports and outreach.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will be on Thursday, January 16, 2020, 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Room 2 at Columbia County Health & Human Services.

2020 Meeting dates:

- March 19, 2019, 9:00–10:00am, Room 2
- May 21, 2019, 9:00–10:00am, Room 2
- July 15, 2019, 9:00–10:00am, Room 2
- September 17, 2019, 9:00–10:00am, Room 2
- November 19, 2019, 9:00-10:00am, Room 2

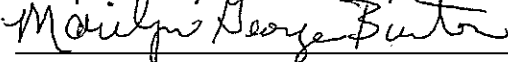
ADJOURNMENT


MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:35 a.m.

Motion by Marilyn George Burton, second by Sarah Lochner. Motion carried.

The Columbia County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board will reconvene on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Room 2 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