

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY
AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, January 8, 2024

TIME OF MEETING: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE OF MEETING: Oshkosh Human Services Building. Room 033, 220 Washington Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901

Members Present: Kate Pfaendtner, Harold Singstock, Elizabeth Jones, Rob Paterson, Tanisha Alvarado, Sue Ertmer, Michael Robinson, Jim Ponzer, Jim Lauer, Jan Olson

Members Excused: N/A.

Staff Present: Beth Roberts, Nicole Davis-Dawald, Brian Nagler, Lori Duclon (Public Health)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Kate Pfaendtner

1. **Public Comments:** No public comments.
2. **Approve Minutes of the December 11, 2023, ADRC Committee Meeting:** **Jim Ponzer** made a motion to approve the November minutes, motion seconded by **Michael Robinson**. Minutes approved by committee.
3. **Local Committees on Aging- All:** The City of Oshkosh combined some of their committees and dissolved others, one of which was the Committee on Aging. **Kate Pfaendtner** asked if cities are required to have a committee on aging. **Jim Ponzer** replied that he was told they did not need one if they do not receive federal funding. **Beth Roberts** explained that the county receives federal Older American Act funding so is required to have a committee. This ADRC committee is also the county's Committee on Aging.

Jim Lauer shared information about the Menasha Committee on Aging. There are 8 members appointed by the mayor and they meet the 2nd Friday of every month 1:30-2:30. One of the issues that affects attendance is transportation. Two of the members are interested in attending these ADRC/Committee on Aging meetings, probably virtually. Jim said he will plan to attend their meetings as well as the Neenah meetings.

Beth Roberts reported the City of Omro does not have a Committee on Aging, but has a Community Center that offers activities. They will be opening their new site in April.

Jan Olson reported that Winneconne also does not have a Committee on Aging, but has a Senior Center.

4. **Advertising/Promotion Ideas – All:** The following ideas were suggested:
 - Sending information to parishes for their bulletins and newsletters
 - An article about grandparents raising grandkids
 - The Elks newsletter
 - Brochures at Social Security
 - Brochures or a handout to people who receive home delivered meals
- **Special Activities – Beth Roberts:** Beth and Nicole **Davis Dawald** shared information on various type of activities done by the ADRC of Winnebago that are in addition to the Scope of Services. These include the following:

- Wheelchair Wash
- Free Memory Care Respite
- Cultural Cooking at the YMCA
- Leaf raking event
- Caregiver conferences
- Open House
- Elder Abuse event
- Virtual Dementia
- Falls Prevention

5. **Reports - Committee Member Updates:**

Nicole Davis-Dawald – shared Adult Protective Services statistics. There were over 800 referrals in 2023, which is over 200 more than 2022. It equates to an average of about 25 referrals per staff per month.

Brian Nagler – Brian reported 45 Family Care & IRIS enrollments and 58 unduplicated functional screens in December. He shared that a new staff has replaced someone who retired. The staff was working at the Outagamie County ADRC.

Beth Roberts: Next month will be a presentation on the Falls Prevention Program being implemented with the ADRC, Public Health, Fire Department, Rebuilding Together, Oshkosh Senior Center and Ascension. There will be legislators attending the March meeting so committee members should be prepared at the February meeting to discuss what they would like to cover at the March meeting.

Tanisha Alvarado – will be joining the Winnebago Land Housing Coalition.

Kate Pfaendtner – No updates to report.

Rob Paterson – asked about the date for the Specialized Transportation meeting in February.

Michael Robinson – No updates to report.

Jim Ponzer – No updates to report.

Harold Singstock – asked about law enforcement's involvement with financial abuse investigations and whether the supervisor helps direct staff when to stop working on a case.

Jim Lauer – said there were 88 people who attended the Senior School. He also said the Neenah Committee on Aging may want to attend Virtual Dementia.

Liz Jones – No updates to report.

6. **Community Beat:**

Lori Duclon – shared that there will be more trainers for Stepping On classes so they can be offered in other parts of the county. She also provided an explanation about Evidence Based Classes. She said the flu vaccination was a good match and that RSV, Covid and flue numbers are up.

Kate Pfaendtner adjourned the meeting at 4:34.

Next meeting: February 12, 2024