

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 11, 2021

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: VIRTUAL- Zoom meeting

Members Present: Paul Janty, Harold Singstock, Kate Pfaendtner, Rob Paterson, Tanisha Alvarado, Jan Olson, Elizabeth Jones, Don Hansen, Michael Norton, Pete Christianson, Susan Locke

Members Excused: Claire Steger, Nicole Neuhoff

Staff Present: Beth Roberts, Brian Nagler, Bryn Ceman and Julienne Gohde

Others Present: Larry Lautenschlager, Alana Erickson

Paul Janty called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. Public Comments:

No public comments given at this time.

2. Approve Minutes of the December 14th, 2020 ADRC Meetings:

Kate Pfaendtner motioned to approve the minutes as written; Rob Paterson seconded the motion and was approved by all.

3. 2021 Focus- Beth/ Paul/ All:

There are a lot of needs for people in our community. Beth inquired if there are any special topics that the committee would like to focus on in 2021. Mike is wondering if we are getting our community prepared for the upcoming aging population that is increasing at a large rate in the future. Mike brought up housing issues for the elderly, such as those growing out of 2 story houses and needing ranch homes or assisted living, how do we keep elderly couples in this area? Don Hansen is concerned about the voices of the elderly not being heard. Most committees are made up of a younger population making the decisions and not involving the elderly population. Liz Jones suggested that someone reaches out to the area technical colleges to design a certificate program to support older populations and

meet the needs of the communities. Liz also brought up the need for internet connection skills for now and for the future, as times have now changed with telehealth appointments and such since the COVID pandemic and will likely be this way in the future. Beth also mentioned, as a goal, how do we help people have a voice to get the help for what they need? Brian agreed with the above-mentioned ideas. People need to feel that they have a voice at every age that they are in. He also mentioned the staffing crisis for supportive home care agencies.

4. Route 10- Bryn:

Former transportation committee members, Nick and Adam, worked on a transportation survey. The goal is to identify what is most important to people, for example areas of efficiency, location destination. From this data they are looking for a RFP (Request for Proposal) to identify what a pilot would look like for what they are now calling the "Freeway Flyer". This is an opportunity for Oshkosh to be a pilot and be part of the decision making from the ground up on how this new route will connect Oshkosh to the northern part of Winnebago County. The survey will help dictate where the stops on the route will be. The hope is to identify the greatest need and wait times in between transfers. This is trying to improve what was put in place years ago for connecting ridership throughout the county.

5. Update and discussion on legislators in March- Beth/All

Beth is looking at having legislators join the March meeting. So far, the only confirmation is from Senator Fein. The committee suggested to also invite Gordan Hintz, Leigh Snodgrass and Rachel Cabral-Guevara. Beth will reach out to these three legislators. Beth suggested that the committee discuss ideas at the February meeting as to what topics they would like the legislators to speak on.

6. Oshkosh Area Age Friendly Community- Bryn

Bryn shared a presentation on the Oshkosh & Surrounding Area Age-Friendly Community, partnering with AARP. This is a decision from the agency that this is worthwhile for our community. Bryn put together an application to AARP with a proclamation from the Mayor of the City of Oshkosh supporting an Age Friendly community. At the end of last year, we were granted membership to this network of other age-friendly communities not only locally but also nationwide and globally. The purpose is making sure that older adult voices are heard and intergeneration opportunities to approve our communities.

Bryn is busy making presentations to the community. These are awareness opportunities to alert the community of a survey will be sent out electronically in mass quantities so that they don't think that it is junk mail or a scam. The purpose of the survey is to advance efforts to help people live easily and comfortably in their homes and communities, and it encourages older residents to take an active role and have their voices heard. The survey will be made available in paper or electronic form to be made available to community residents 50 years old and above. The AARP Survey focus areas include: Your home and community, Homes, Public Building and Spaces, Transportation, Health and Wellness, Social Participation,

Inclusion and Education Opportunities, Volunteering and Civic Engagement, Job Opportunities, Community Information, and Demographics. These focus areas were drawn from "Livability Indicators", which go into factoring a rating for each community that can be found by entering a ZIP code for the area of interest.

There are four steps to the Program Cycle. The first step has already been completed by submitting the application for acceptance in the AARP Network. We are at the very beginning phase of Step 2 which is Planning (Years 1-2). This phase includes a baseline assessment of the Oshkosh & Surrounding Area Community age-friendliness. This phase also includes developing and identifying indicators based on the assessment. Phase 3 is Implementation and Evaluation (Years 3-5) which includes submitting action plan to AARP for recommendation by the World Health Organization (WHO) and implement the action plan and measure progress. The final step (4) is Continuous Cycle of Improvement (Year 5+). This step is based on long-term plans or initiatives and the workgroup will decide to continue with the AARP Age-Friendly membership.

7. Update on Vaccinations- Alana Erickson:

Alana shared links with the committee (See below) that can be found on the Winnebago County Public Health Department website that show what tiers people will fall into for when they will be eligible for the vaccine. We are still in phase 1a which means that health care personnel and long-term care facility residents are receiving vaccinations. The goal is by next week to be moving to the EMS, Police and Fire personnel. Wisconsin is a bit behind on the distribution guessing from availability due to population. There have not been vaccinations of residents of long-term care yet. There is a vaccine survey to fill out on the health department website to complete if vaccinations will not be available from your employer. There is no waiting list available for the public at this time. If your healthcare provider does not have a waiting list for you, there is a website, endtherona.com, where people can sign up to be notified when vaccinations are available in their area. The health department is working on building confidence in the vaccine with the public. Once people receive the vaccine, there is not enough data to confirm if they are still a potential carrier or not, so they will still need to wear a mask and keep the 6-foot distance, until we have herd community.

Mike inquired if the health department is getting any funding from the federal government to help with outreach about the vaccine. Mike stated that the County has a surplus and the Human Service Department is receiving \$300,000 + and Mike would like to suggest use of some of this funding for education of COVID vaccination. Alana doesn't believe funding is an issue at this time. The big push on communication will be needed at a later time to target groups that had not received the vaccine.

Links that Alana Shared:

[WCHD's Vaccine Webpage](#) includes descriptions of process, phases and where to find further details/information from DHS & CDC.

- Sign up for updates on general vaccine availability unique to your demographics – visit www.endtherona.com (website is managed by pharmacies/box stores in WI)

- Phase 1a Individuals that live (or work) in Winnebago Cty that are not connected to a vaccine entity (i.e. occupational health nurse working at a factory) should submit this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3MMQ82B>.
- Wisconsin DHS COVID Vaccine Data will be updated on Tuesdays: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-data.htm>

8. Reports:

- a. Manager Report – Beth Roberts

Brian updated the committee about the position changes in the department since Cindy Pischke's retirement. Rebecca Groleau, Dementia Care Specialist, is moving into the open I&A position. Alisa Richetti is moving from an I&A position into the Dementia Care Specialist. Sharon Schneckenberg is moving back into the Neenah office. There is currently one opening in the ADRC and the posting will be up this week.

- b. Complaints / Grievances – Beth Roberts

No complaints or grievances shared at this time.

9. “Community Beat” – Sharing of Compliments / Complaints from Community, Consumers, Providers – Committee Members

Tanisha Alvarado shared her passion for the housing solutions for those that are older and for those with disabilities.

Harold Singstock brought up 2 issues: 1) Education is needed for people to have stronger financial situations. People are not planning for the future. 2) What is our relationship and communication with the Oshkosh Committee on Aging? What are the responsibilities of each group?

Mike Norton would like to have a resolution approved by the Human Service Board or ADRC board and moved on to the County Board for the Connect with Tech program. Mike inquired if the ADRC would help if someone needs a wheelchair if their's was suddenly lost? Pete Christianson stated that the Lion's would love to help and give them one for free! Mike also wanted to thank the ADRC staff members on how helpful they are. He is appreciative on how friendly and helpful we are to work with the public.

Liz Jones shared an update about the face masks with the clear inserts. She was able to have a shipment of masks which she is waiting to be delivered and inquired who needed them (Pete and Mike, and Alana). She will get 2 masks to each of them. Susan Locke would also like to get some masks too.

10. Next Meeting – February 8, 2021 VIRTUAL- ZOOM

With no further business, Paul Janty adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.
Respectfully submitted: Julienne Gohde, Recorder