

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 8, 2020

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: VIRTUAL- ZOOM MEETING

Members Present: Paul Janty, Susan Locke, Harold Singstock, Claire Steger, Pete Christianson, Kate Pfaendtner, Rob Paterson, Elizabeth Jones, Don Hansen, Michael Norton

Members Excused: Tanisha Alvarado, Jan Olson

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

Others Present: Alana Erickson

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

1. Public Comments:

No public comments given.

2. Approve Minutes of the May 11, 2020 ADRC Meeting:

Pete Christianson motioned to approve the minutes; Kate Pfaendtner seconded and the minutes were approved. Rob Paterson noted later in the meeting that there was a typographical error on page 3, line 7. The word “geeing” should be “getting”. The minutes will be revised.

3. COVID 19 Operations Update- Beth, Brian and Bryn:

Brian Nagler shared that most of the ADRC staff, roughly about 60%, are still continuing to working from home. They are continuing to get the work done. He hasn't heard of any changes to the long-term care functional screen and the options counseling part of enrolling clients into Family Care or Iris, as staff can continue to take verbal signatures. The ADRC staff is receiving support from the economic support department in a timely manner for completing the medial assistance part of the application. No staff have been infected with COVID yet. If a staff member might have been in contact with someone who did test

positive, they will work from home for 14 days. Data for the State export was pulled and the data is down this month, ~998 lines of data compared to the normal 1300-1400 lines. Mike inquired the productivity of the staff...Brian stated that they have stayed productive by working on different projects in the office, for example: looking at the website and making it more user friendly, regrouping to educate attorneys to help their clients with medical assistance, and staff are looking more internally on their performance goals and working towards those.

Bryn Ceman shared a similar update. The APS staff is busy with a number of cases. The staff are all in the office, by choice, and it is working out well for them. June 15th is World Elder Abuse Day. Pictures will be posted on the day of the event and Bryn is sending out weekly reminders on how to identify elder abuse and what to do with acquired information and where to go with it. Pinwheels will be displayed at both Oshkosh and Neenah Human Service buildings on that day as a visual symbol to indicate the number of people that have experienced neglect or abuse. The Disability Benefits specialists are completing appointments telephonically. They are keeping busy and 3 out of 4 are working full time from home. The Elder Benefits Specialists will be holding a virtual "Welcome to Medicare" workshop. They hosted a professional virtual panel presentation for the Oshkosh community to remind the more professional audience that we are still here and able to complete enrollments. The first ADRC newsletter was released in June.

Rebecca Groleau shared that the Memory Cafes are being held virtually. The next Memory Café will feature The Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra playing on Zoom. Virtual bingo is being held every other Tuesday with prizes. Every Thursday Rebecca holds a virtual support group. Rebecca gave out the new ADRC newsletter in caregiver bags in June and shared with networking groups, and plans to continue to do this each month. The newsletter will feature a special article each month explaining what the staff positions are and what do they do, highlight a staff member, ADRC calendar of events, jokes, and a recipe. The YMCA is continuing their memory café. Rebecca is planning on motivational speakers in the upcoming months. The Fire Escape put together art kits which Rebecca delivered to clients, painted them together over zoom, picked them up and brought to back to the store for the kiln and then delivered them back to the clients again. The clients really enjoyed this project!

Beth Roberts shared that there is no specific date for opening up the Human Service building as long as we are continuing to meet the client's needs.

Alana Erickson shared that the cases of COVID 19 have tripled since the Safer at Home order was released. The staff is very over capacity at this time. COVID 19 is spreading very quickly through the college age population, which is of concern because many of them work at the nursing homes and in the restaurants. In the past 2 weeks they have hired and trained 9 new contact tracers, adding to the current staff of 12 Public Health nurses and 3 retired nurses. The Public Health Department has no authority to mandate face masks in public.

4. Respite Statistics- Beth:

For the first 1/3 of the year, the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) allocated \$116,000 to 53 different people and for the Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program (AFCSP) \$50,500 was authorized for 21 people.

5. Senior Center Updates- Bryn:

Joann, the coordinator of Wellness plus, is offering classes virtually. The Oshkosh Senior Center is completing virtual programming options to include their exercise classes on the Oshkosh Media channel. They are offering a tax program for those that were previously signed up. Participants will drop off their information at the Senior Center, tax accountants will prepare their taxes for them and participants will pick up at a later date. The Oshkosh Senior Center will offer a volunteer appreciation drive up on June 18th as a way to thank the volunteers with a goodie bag! Their newsletter distribution went from 300 to now 1800 during the COVID 19 pandemic. The Oshkosh Senior Center has a very detailed 5 step plan for reopening based on the active and reported cases of COVID 19. We are still in phase 1. Phase 2 will allow for minimal occupancy, but still social distancing and face masks will be required, and classes capped at 10. The Menasha Senior Center is largely going to be following what the Oshkosh Senior Center will be doing. They don't expect to have anything open until fall at the earliest. No updates to share from the Omro Senior Center.

6. Reports:

a. Manager Report – Beth Roberts

The ADRC did not get the Riding in the Moment grant to look at a study on horseback riding and horse care for people with dementia, but will continue to do this anyway without the grant.

The entrance of parking lot on Washington Street will be closed due to construction in the lower level of the building. It will open probably around July 6th.

Looking for ideas for next agenda. Beth shared list of ideas from the past. Paul suggested the topic be food insecurities, Harold would like to hear from the Governor's Dementia task force. Beth will check in to see

b. Complaints / Grievances – Beth Roberts

None noted at this time

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

Pete Christianson shared that the Lion’s Locker is now open again on a limited basis during the regular times. Please be accompanied by a staff member to come in and wear a mask! They are receiving more items than they are giving out. They are cleaning items with bleach and water and letting it sit for a few days before being distributed.

Elizabeth Jones thanked everyone for the work that they are doing.

Mike Norton questioned if we could look at the different types of ADRC’s...possibly in the fall. The County board is coming forth with an ordinance change to give the Health Officer additional authority during a pandemic. Communicate with County Board Members your support for this ordinance change. Mike is still pushing for his idea of a lending closet in Oshkosh. Beth stated that Parkview is not willing to talk about it at this time. Mike is wondering how he can help with this idea. He asked Beth if she can check with facilities.

Rob Paterson accepted the position of chairman of the Specialized Transportation Committee.

Paul Janty shared that a letter was drafted to the County Executive, Mark Harris, to have Operation Lifesaver program available for people in the jurisdiction of the sheriff’s department. As of Thursday morning, of this week, they will be speaking about feasible logistics. Paul also shared that he read that there are folks in this State that are on SSI but not eligible for unemployment compensation. He is wondering if Beth can get the statistics on this and how we can help them.

8. Next Meeting – July 13, 2020 VIRTUAL

With no further business, Paul Janty adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Julienne Gohde, Recorder