

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 12, 2019

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 33

Members Present: Paul Janty, Susan Locke, Harold Singstock, Claire Steger, Pete Christianson, Rob Paterson, Tanisha Alvarado and Jan Olson

Members Excused: Kate Pfaendtner, Elizabeth Jones

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

Others Present: Lori Duclon, Winnebago County Health Department

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

1. **Public Comments:** None made. Introductions were made around the table
2. **Approve Minutes of the July 8, 2019 ADRC Meetings:** Susan Locke motioned to approve and Pete Christianson seconded the motion.
3. **New ADRC Staff:**

Bryn Ceman is the new ADRC Program Supervisor for three teams: the Elderly Benefit Specialist, Disability Benefit Specialist, and Adult Protective Services teams, replacing Mark Weisensel. Her prior experience includes working with the elderly aging population as well as adults with developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injury. She has worked with a managed care organization in different positions for the past decade.

Sydney Wienke is the new ADRC Specialist replacing Linda Camp. She came from Southern Care Hospice in Fond du Lac with experience and background in hospice.
4. **Mental Health Service/History- Peter and Paul:**

Paul Janty gave us a history on the State of Wisconsin perspective on Mental Health. In 1850, mental health services started in an organized way. Mendota is authorized, however due to legislature not being organized, doesn't open until 1857. Winnebago was authorized in 1870 and opened in 1873. The state divided up the state and Mendota received patients

from the southern 1/3 of the state and Winnebago received patients from the northern 2/3 of the state. In 1939, the state says that mental health services splits to a division of mental hygiene and very much institution based at this time. In 1972 the Lessard decision was reached and stated that the State as a provider can no longer involuntarily commit someone. The State wanted to get out of mental health service provider business and the Winnebago inpatient population goes from 800 to 300. In the 1980's, Winnebago contracted with the State Hospital and provided primary care to primarily adults. At the same time, adolescents are separated from adults. The State has tried to close services to adolescents on 4 separate occasion unsuccessfully. In 2009, they make a shift and have all of the civil side of mental health will be at Winnebago, no matter what part of Wisconsin the patient is coming from. In 1990 there were around 600 admissions per year. Now in 2019, there are around 3800 admissions per year. There is a substantial amount of services provided at Winnebago Mental Health.

Pete Christianson reported from the clinical standpoint. He worked in the mental health services for about 40 years starting in the early 1960s. At that time it was a violent business. The medicines that were available at that time had bad side effects to the point that the clients did not take them. He was trained on several holds and positions for restraining patients. Community mental health clinics and programs were started for all the clients that were out in the community on medications. The general population did not want the mental health clients to be in the same waiting area as them. They needed to enter through the back door and be taken care of elsewhere. In 1983, he had around 40 patients to take care of per day. Then the State started a CSP program which involved a lot of paperwork. He was now seeing 16 patients per day due to the heavy amount of paperwork. The State then started a program that offered extra money if they would be taken care of in the community, for example bringing the patient to the hospital or McDonald's. Pete felt that he was being used and had enough. More medications came out, but needed special lab work from the medical company that supplied the medications prior to injections. Patients would take the medication and it was great compared to how it used to be. The State has never provided adequate funds for the mentally ill.

5. Emergency Protective Placement Facilities Update- Brian:

No real changes to the facilities. Brian had a training with Bryn Ceman on Adult Protective Services. There were 2 emergency placements last Thursday, one being placed at Elder Lodge in Neenah. The incorrect information that was given from the lead nurse from Mercy Hospital prior to this placement, opened the eyes of the ADRC that more education needs to be completed with the Emergency Department staff.

6. Menasha Wheelchair Wash Update- Beth

The next Wheelchair Wash will be held at the Menasha Senior Center on September 28th from 10:00am-1:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Beth. Posters are almost finished!

7. Committee appointments= Pete, Susan, Mike

Susan Locke is being reappointed for her 2nd term. Mike Norton will be coming back on the board. Pete Christianson will be reappointed for his 2nd term. Don Hansen will be a newly appointed member.

8. Reports:

a. **Manager Report- Beth Roberts**

Beth went to a Director's meeting. The State will not be reallocating ADRC funds at this time.

Beth is putting together a committee to talk about diversity as many cultures are underserved in the community. The committee is looking to brainstorm for what is next. They have been told to not hold an event and invite and expect them to come to you...you need to go to them on their terms...for example, hold an event at a church that a group you are targeting already attends.

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

Lori Duclon- Winnebago County Public Health Dept. notified the committee of the "Time of Your Life" expo, October 1st from 9:00am-2:00pm at the Oshkosh Convention Center. There will be 8 different breakout sessions and Frankie Moscato will provide the musical entertainment. "Building a Better You while Maintaining a Healthy Balance" an annual fall prevention event will be held at UW Fox Valley Communication Arts Center on August 27th. There is a new schedule that was passed around for the Evidence Based Classes.

Tanisha Alvarado will need to attend the next few meetings via phone.

Harold Singstock voiced his concern about the importance of having health insurance.

Paul Janty would like a presentation on fall reductions.

10. Next Meeting – September 9, 2019 Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 033, Downstairs. PLEASE BRING YOUR ADRC MANNUAL ALONG!!!

With no further business, Paul Janty adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Julienne Gohde, Recorder