

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** October 14, 2019

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Neenah Human Services Building, Room008

**Members Present:** Paul Janty, Susan Locke, Claire Steger, Don Hansen, Mike Norton, Kate Pfaendtner, Jan Olson, Elizabeth Jones and Tanisha Alvarado via phone

**Members Excused:** Rob Paterson, Pete Christianson

**Staff Present:** Beth Roberts, Bryn Ceman, Rebecca Groleau, Heather Cherry and Julienne Gohde

**Others Present:** Alana Erickson, Winnebago County Health Department

Paul Janty called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

1. **Public Comments:** None
2. **Approve Minutes of the September 9, 2019 ADRC Committee Meetings:** Kate Pfaendtner motioned to approve, seconded by Claire Steger and approved by all.
3. **Review Resource Directory and information about facilities:** The most current information is available online...updated as soon as new information comes in. It is easily searchable online. Page 81 gives a description of different living situations; many agencies with many services, such as RCAC's, Adult Foster Care homes, Adult Family homes, CBRF's, Independent Living Apartments, and Nursing Homes.
4. **Emergency Protective Placement Facilities Update- Bryn:** Introduced Heather Cherry, new Adult Protective Service (APS) worker. Has previous experience having worked for county in MN for 15 years. Bryn's responsibilities are slightly different than Mark Weisensel's past position. She is responsible for student placements through universities. She is also responsible for different grant programs such as VNA, Advocap, GoTransit, Valley Transit plus many more that we help to support. She also facilitates outreach efforts. APS workers are hoping to continue to have meet and greet opportunities with the local healthcare systems. They have already met with Ascension. The resource directory came out about a month ago and they are busy getting them out into the community.

**5. Update on Dementia Program- Becca:** Everything is going well. The 6 week Powerful Tools for Caregivers class is ending. This 1 ½ hour class had about 21 in the first class (some wives brought their husbands) and ended with a solid 10 in the class. A few of the ladies are recommending a caregiver support group in the evening hours. They are working out details to see how they can get one started. The Oshkosh Memory Café had 21 participants and also the same turnout at the YMCA. The Spark Program at the Paine Art center also has great attendance with about 15 attending that program. Active Minds has not gotten started yet in Oshkosh. There is currently one in Appleton area. It is a 2 ½ hour program where the caregiver drops their loved one off for respite. They need 8 to start the class. There is a fee for this program. There is also a Memory Café at the Neenah and the Menasha libraries. Crisis for Dementia training started with the Oshkosh Police dept., Oshkosh Fire dept., and the county crisis supervisor (Doug Brey) in which they troubleshoot for dementia crisis calls. During ADRC business hours (8:00am- 4:30pm) the caregiver or police should call the ADRC for crisis. After business hours the calls will go to the crisis team. Purple Angel Training: There are about 8 trained in Oshkosh. Winneconne library is interested. Becca will do the training with them and build off of that. They are also looking to do a respite in Omro or Winneconne area. There is a great article in The Gerontologist explaining the differences on the three commonly used terms for Dementia facilities titled Dementia Friendly, Dementia Capable, and Dementia Positive: Concepts to Prepare for the Future by Shih-Yin Lin. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4553703/>

**6. Reports:**

- a. Manager Report – Beth Roberts
  - 1) Cancelled the Wheelchair Wash in Menasha. No one signed up for it. In the future, transportation for Neenah and Menasha residents will be provided for those wanting to attend the wash in Oshkosh.
  - 2) Beth will team with Mike Norton on Cultural Diversity on October 24<sup>th</sup> @3:00pm at OHS.
- b. Complaints / Grievances – Beth Roberts: None noted

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

Alana Erickson: Cory Sagehorn, who is instrumental in the Wellness Plus classes, is leaving to move to Indiana.

Kate Pfaendtner: How do we get adult day care started? The research has been done...now what do we do with it? It is ready to launch, but now what? Beth suggests a RFP (Request For Proposal) will have to be done.

Mike Norton: October 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00pm, after the Cultural Diversity Meeting, invited Marcelia Nicholson, Vice Chairman of Milwaukee County Board, to speak the issue of racism as a health issue. He also questioned how to get the younger generation to interact more with the older generation.

Paul Janty: Would like Beth to get stats on 1) population that is over 65 in Winnebago County and 2) the % that the ADRC has had contact with

Tanisha Alvarado: Looking for stats for the age group of under 65 needing help through the ADRC.

**8. Next Meeting – November 11, 2019 Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 033, Downstairs**

With no further business, Mike Norton motioned to adjourn and Elizabeth Jones seconded. Paul Janty adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Julienne Gohde, Recorder