

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 11, 2013

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Bldg., Room 33

Members Present: Peter Christianson, Janice Dibble, Diane Egan, Debra Hogue, Ann Jungwirth, Donna Lohry, Mike Norton, Rob Paterson, Harold Singstock, and Claire Steger

Members Excused: Ginger Beuk and Deb Pahl

Staff Present: Mary Krueger, Ron Duerkop, Mark Weisensel, Dona McEssey and Dorothy De Grace

Others Present: Starr Burke, TMG; Lori Duclon, Public Health Department; Tom Otto, interested citizen

1. Public Comments:

- a. Lori Duclon distributed information regarding a falls prevention program and strong bones program, which are both evidence-based programs. Lori said since September of last year they have been working in collaboration with the Oshkosh Fire Department to do fall risk assessments. Of the 64 victims that fell, 47 agreed to accept a visit from the Health Department to complete a fall risk assessment. Referrals to a physician were made for eight of the victims for medication or nutrition review, physical therapy, or cognitive evaluation. Lori said they received a \$3,500 grant for falls prevention and will use some of it for preparing a resource guide for providers.
- b. There were no comments.

2. Introductions:

Introductions were made.

3. Approve Minutes of the January 14, 2013 ADRC Meeting:

Mike Norton moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Ann Jungwirth and carried.

- 4. IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct) Program:** Starr Burke works for The Management Group (TMG), which is a contracted consulting agency for the IRIS program. They offer a call center and administrative support to the participants in the IRIS program. She said IRIS is a fully self-determined model of long term care. The participants in the program have the authority and flexibility to hire a provider for support and service and the authority to direct their funding how they choose. Some people look within their own community to use the support and services that already exists. A person has to meet financial and functional eligibility to be in the program, since it is a Medicaid waiver program. This is determined by the ADRC, and then a referral is made to IRIS if the person qualifies.

Starr Burke said they offer listening sessions for participants in counties across the state to find out what's working for them or find out things that IRIS could be doing better. This year the sessions will be held in July. Starr said IRIS is meant to compliment an existing way of life; not replace it. She said participants can request an adjustment to their allocation if they have a change in needs. There are nearly 8,000 total participants in the program, with 264 active participants in Winnebago County. There are seven IRIS consultants for Winnebago County and one orientation consultant.

5. Coming of Age in Aging America:

Mary Krueger presented two videos showing that some communities are starting to look at the aging of their population and how their infrastructure might be changed to meet their needs so they can age in place. Mark Weisensel said we will be doing a rural transportation study this year for Winnebago County which will show us the transportation concerns and needs of the elderly and disabled.

6. Reports:

- a. ADRC Manager – Mary Krueger said we are going to have a new ADRC Resource Directory ready by approximately September 1. They are working with a new company, “44 North.”
- b. Marketing Outreach – Mark Weisensel gave an update on his upcoming presentations regarding the ADRC. He will present to the Larsen/Winchester Lions Club; Appleton Medical Center's care management staff; Board of Directors for Cerebral Palsy & ARC; a Resource Fair at Neenah High School; staff and residents of Omro Care Center; and Assisi Homes of Neenah.
- c. Committee Member Updates – Donna Lohry referred to a letter that she received from Secretary Dennis Smith of the Department of Health Services in response to the ADRC committee's letter to him which included a list of things that we would like considered in the request for proposal (RFP) for non-emergency medical transportation. His letter explained the changes that were included in the RFP. We will send a follow-up letter to local legislators and Secretary Smith after the RFP's have been received by them.

Mike Norton said he and Rob Paterson attended a presentation on “Introduction to Consumer Rights in the Family Care and IRIS Programs.” Information on the appeal process with Family Care was given, along with other topics of interest.

- d. Complaints/Grievances – there were none to report.

7. “Community Beat”: There was no information.

8. Next Meeting: March 11, 2013:

With no further business, Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Ann Jungwirth and carried at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting of the ADRC Committee will be held at 3:30 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2013 in Room 33 of the Oshkosh Human Services Building.

Respectfully submitted:
Dorothy De Grace, Recorder