

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 14, 2014

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Bldg., Room 33

Members Present: Ginger Beuk, Debra Hogue, Ann Jungwirth, Eileen Leinweber, Donna Lohry, Mike Norton, Rob Paterson, Harold Singstock, and Claire Steger

Staff Present: Mary Krueger, Ron Duerkop, Mark Weisensel, Louise Percival, Beth Kienert and Dorothy De Grace

Others Present: Tom Otto and Chuck Hodge, interested citizens; Cindy Draws and student intern, Public Health; and Mark Ziemer, Oshkosh Senior Services

Donna Lohry called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. Public Comments:

There were no comments.

2. Introductions:

Introductions were made.

3. Approve Minutes of the June 9, 2014 ADRC Meeting:

Rob Paterson moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Ginger Beuk and carried.

4. ADRC in Action:

Louise Percival is an Information & Assistance (I & A) specialist for the ADRC. She explained one of the cases she is working on. A daughter had contacted the ADRC because she had concerns about her elderly parents being able to stay in their own apartment. Her mother was the caregiver of her father who had many medical issues. Louise met with all three of them and discussed services that could be offered to help them. A complete assessment was done on the father, and Louise gave them options regarding respite for the mother. The couple met the criteria for the National Family Caregiver Support Program. Louise discussed with the family that Family Care services could be pursued in the future. The mother was reluctant at first to meet with someone from the ADRC, but she became more confident after the first meeting.

5. Aging Friendly Community:

Mark Ziemer explained that the Oshkosh Committee on Aging is planning to bring a study regarding “aging-friendly” communities to Oshkosh. The focus of the study is to identify the needs and gaps in services offered to the aging population in our community. Mark invited committee members to participate in the study and attend the first informational meeting on August 7 at the Oshkosh Senior Center from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

6. Summary of Proposed ADRC Contract Changes for 2015:

Mary Krueger distributed a list of the following suggested changes from the state for the 2015 ADRC Contract: 1) develop a written plan for marketing, outreach and public education which must be reviewed by the ADRC Committee and submitted as part of our ADRC annual update; 2) clarify the role of the ADRC in working with the Income Maintenance consortia to facilitate Medicaid eligibility determination; 3) align the contract language with revised disenrollment process and forms; 4) include language that disability benefit specialists or elder benefit specialists may not also perform duties of an information & referral (I & A) specialist; 5) re-title and change language clarifying the requirements of I & A staff also apply to options counseling staff, as well as other language changes; 6) add the word “formal” before the word “complaints” for clarification; and 7) do miscellaneous cleanup of wording in the contract.

7. Reports:

- a. ADRC Manager Report – Mary Krueger invited committee members to a regional listening session on Friday, July 18 in Green Bay regarding the state’s proposed Dementia Care System Redesign plan. Mary said that at the recent Long Term Care (LTC) Advisory Council meeting the annual report was presented. It stated that over 53,000 people enrolled in LTC programs statewide; about 75% of them are enrolled in Family Care with the largest percentage being frail elderly individuals; and 16% are enrolled in the IRIS program with the largest percentage having developmental disabilities. In Winnebago County about 41% of people in the LTC programs are elderly; 38% have developmental disabilities; and 21% have physical disabilities. Of these, 70% are in Lakeland Care District and 30% are in IRIS. The report states that most people want to live in their own home. Also included is a program policy stating that the IRIS and Family Care programs need to look at the most integrated setting for people. This year the state is eliminating the option for people who are in IRIS to be able to live in a CBRF or 3-4 person certified home because those are regulated settings, but IRIS is a self-directed service. There will be a focus on supporting people in their natural environment. Mary said the complete report can be viewed online.

Mary reported that the group from the Transportation Plunge and the group from the recent transportation study are working to collaborate on each other’s ideas and recommendations. The two area volunteer transportation groups (Making the Ride Happen and the Winnebago County Volunteer Transportation program) will also be meeting to do some collaborating, and the Domestic Abuse Shelter and Advocap will do some brainstorming. We will explore with municipalities the possibility of increasing their contribution for rural transportation and the county helping to increase the capacity of rural transportation. We will explore the option of a rural bus route instead of a demand response route. An advocacy organization is starting in Winnebago County.

Mary reported that a Care Transition group has been meeting to brainstorm regarding what can be done to improve the transition process of people moving from a hospital setting back home or from one assisted living facility to another. They also discussed creating an advocacy team to help people that might not have an advocate when they are discharged from a facility. They will focus on roundtable discussions to look at resources, community education, roles and responsibilities.

- b. Committee Member Updates – A committee member shared a summary of his experience in going through an informal appeal with the Long Term Care District due to some of his services being discontinued. He said there had been a misinterpretation by both Family Care and himself with the functional screening process. The result of an informal conference between himself, his three advocates and Family Care representatives was that his services were reinstated.
- c. Complaints/Grievances – Mary said there were no complaints.

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

9. Next Meeting: August 11, 2014:

With no further business, Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Rob Paterson and carried at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting of the ADRC Committee will be held at 3:30 p.m., Monday, August 11, 2014 in Room 33 of the Oshkosh Human Services Building.

Respectfully submitted:
Dorothy De Grace, Recorder