

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 13, 2014

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Bldg., Room 33

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

Members Absent: Ann Jungwirth and Donna Lohry

Staff Present: Mary Krueger, Ron Duerkop, Mark Weisensel, Nicole Zemlock and Dorothy De Grace

Others Present: Larry Lautenschlager, Human Services Board; Lori Duclon, Public Health Department; Charles Hodge and Tom Otto, interested citizens

Mary Krueger called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. Public Comments:

- a. Charles Hodge said he was made aware that the Pick N Save store at Jackson Street is making efforts to have the bus stop put back into the parking lot where it was previously located.
- b. Tom Otto said he submitted an editorial to the Northwestern newspaper regarding the issues with several Oshkosh bus stops that were recently brought to the attention of this committee.

2. Introductions:

Introductions were made.

3. Approve Minutes of the December 9, 2013 ADRC Meeting:

Mike Norton moved for approval of these minutes; seconded by Ginger Beuk and carried.

- 4. ADRC in Action:** Nicole Zemlock is an ADRC specialist in the Neenah Human Services office. She explained how she was able to help a middle-aged client who needed adult protective services. The client had a mental health diagnosis which included a possible diagnosis of mild retardation. The client needed more care than she could receive at home, so she was temporarily placed at Summit House and then a nursing home for 30 days until a more permanent placement could be determined. Nicole said she worked with the state in determining eligibility for the client's enrollment in Family Care, and the client moved into an adult family home. The client was approved to receive SSI-E (supplemental security income-exceptional expense).

5. ADRC Outreach:

- a. Video Clips – Mark Weisensel showed two videos that he assisted in preparing for our ADRC website. The first video is four minutes in length and consists of interviews with staff of the ADRC. It shows the location of both ADRC offices, and it gives an overview of the services and referrals to outside resources that are explained by the Information & Assistance Specialists. It also includes information about the services of the Elder Benefit Specialists and Disability Benefit Specialists. There is no charge for any of the information or referrals that are given. The second video is eight minutes in length and consists of interviews with consumer family members giving their positive perspective of the services they received from the ADRC.
- b. Suggestions by ADRC Committee for 2014 – Mike Norton suggested putting the videos on the local OCAT channel for viewing and also to present at a County Board meeting. He would like to see it shown to people in the Neenah/Menasha and rural areas. Eileen Leinweber suggested including them on Facebook and presenting them as part of a “Learning in Retirement” lecture.

Eileen Leinweber had created a one-page medical history outline that anyone could use when visiting a doctor or as needed in determining functional capability. A copy will be forwarded to committee members, and Mark Weisensel will consider using it as a handout for his presentations.

6. Reports:

- a. ADRC Manager – Mary Krueger said an ADRC Specialist recently retired, and we have hired someone to replace her. Mary said we have a new voice recognition phone system at the county. Mary mentioned that there has been talk that a Memory Café will be started in the Oshkosh area for informal socialization for people in early stage dementia and their family members. It would be facilitated by a trained volunteer. We will see about our role as an ADRC.

Mary Krueger said a Health Care Transitions Committee continues to meet. There will be a public meeting to gather input from individuals in the community that have gone through a transition from a care facility or from people that work in that field. The meeting will be held on February 13 from 8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. at the Oshkosh Senior Center.

Mary Krueger said the state is looking at a dementia care system redesign to change the way people with dementia are supported in Wisconsin. They hope to have a plan designed by February which will look at dementia as being a long term care issue, not necessarily a mental health issue.

Mary Krueger said we saw a lot fewer people at the ADRC than we anticipated who had questions regarding sign-up for insurance through the Marketplace. Our two part-time employees will continue helping people with this through the end of March.

Mary Krueger said she and Mark Weisensel met with the Director and Deputy Director of Valley Transit to talk about what makes the transportation program work for them. They also talked about the specialized transportation program. Valley Transit had used grant money to purchase a computer system that has the capability to tell how many people get on or off the bus at any stop. They said whenever they make any changes to a bus route it is difficult for some people but beneficial to others. Mary said she and Mark plan to meet with a Go Transit official and the Oshkosh City Manager in the near future regarding transportation issues. Mark Weisensel said there is a follow-up meeting regarding the Transportation Summit scheduled for Thursday, January 30 at 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 33 of the Oshkosh Human Services building.

- b. Committee Member Updates – Rob Paterson said he talked with the Assistant City Manager who told him that they are trying to work with Pick N Save regarding the bus stop. Rob said he talked with the City Mayor and with the assistant manager of Pick N Save regarding snow removal from the sidewalk at the current bus stop. They each said the other person was responsible for removing the snow.

Mike Norton said that Doug Gieryn, Director of Public Health contacted the City Manager during the recent cold temperatures for approval to keep the warming shelter open longer. He did receive approval.

Ginger Beuk said she participated with a group from Lakeland's Board in getting legislators to work on a program for people with developmental disabilities. They invited Representative Gordon Hintz and Senator Rick Gudex to see what her job is and why it's so important to disabled individuals that can hold a regular job and for them to seek funding for it.

Ginger Beuk said Senator Gudex and Representative Hintz were contacted by constituents about the issues with the bus system in Oshkosh.

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

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

8. **Next Meeting: February 10, 2014:**

With no further business, Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Ginger Beuk and carried at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting of the ADRC Committee will be held at 3:30 p.m., Monday, February 10, 2014 in Room 33 of the Oshkosh Human Services Building.

Respectfully submitted:
Dorothy De Grace, Recorder