

**Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 2022**

The Commission on Aging and Disability met via ZOOM.

**Members present:** Larry Engel, David Scribbins, Angela Metz, Danielle Rudersdorf, Sandra Kramer, Carolyn Denman, Virginia Wiedenfeld, Jodi Hines, Julie Fleming and Linda Symons

**Members absent:** Julie Post-Kast

**HHS Staff present:** Cassie Sanders, Karn Schauf, Tricia Clements, Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber and Linda Batten

**Others present:**

**1. Call Meeting to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by David Scribbins

**2. Posting and Agenda:** Linda Batten verified the agenda was posted properly. Sandra Kramer added an action to the agenda to dissolving the 4 county region. Sandra Kramer made a motion to approve the agenda; Danielle Rudersdorf seconded. Motion carried.

**3. Approval of June 8, 2022 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:**

- Sandra Kramer made a motion to approve the June 8, 2022 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Danielle Rudersdorf seconded. Motion carried.

**4. Regional ADRC updates: John Grothjan Regional Director:**

- John Grothjan was not able to make the meeting. Roxanne filled in for him.
- Roxanne said that Sauk County was having discussions on whether or not they should still be in the region. Because of this, the other three counties have been discussing whether they should form their own region.
- Roxanne further stated that the four counties (Sauk, Richland, Crawford and Juneau) have been a region since 2010.
- Sandra Kramer asked why Sauk wants to leave the region.
- Roxanne said she thinks it is because they feel that they will get more money. She said that Sauk puts in more tax levy. However, we cannot do that.
- Roxanne informed the board that her calculations show that with a three county region there would be \$80,000 more.
- Larry Engel said that it makes sense to step away because of them with them constantly saying they want to get out of the region.
- Larry Engel made a motion to stay in a three county region; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.
- After further discussion an amendment was made to the motion to reflect the following, Move to allow Health & Human Services Director, Tricia Clements along with the ADRC Manager, Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, to work with the ADRC of Eagle Country's Regional office to potentially dissolve the four county region and be a part of an application for a three county Region with the Regional office to continue to be housed as a department of Juneau County. If deemed appropriate further move to approve HHS Director, Tricia Clements to sign all necessary paperwork related for the process.
- Larry Engel amended the original motion to the above; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

**5. Board Education: Schmitt Woodland Hills Adult Day Care**

- Ellen from Schmitt was not on the ZOOM call.

**6. Program Update: I & A update**

- Karn Schauf said that she, Cassie Sanders and Nichole Gaudette were all Information and Assistance people and they see people that have various questions. They will assist people via ZOOM, phone or in-person.
- Karn said they feel things are back to normal. If they see people in person, masks are required.
- Karn informed the board that during COVID, renewals for Food Share were waived. However, she has heard that renewals will start-up again in the next couple of months.
- Karn reminded the board that the Suicide Hotline goes into effect 7/16. You will need to put an area code in front of a phone number even if it is local.
- Cassie Sanders said that in addition to her Information and Assistance duties, she handles YIT (Youth in Transition). This program is for kids moving into adults.
- Cassie informed the board that she is working with and making schools aware that she is here to help kids.
- Cassie gave an example of the different programs that can help a kid 17 ½.

#### **.7. ADRC update:**

- Roxanne informed the board that the ADRC is seeing more contacts.
- Roxanne told the board that on August 3, there would be a play (Fortune Cookies) at the Phoenix Center. At 5:00 will be a meal (lasagna and salad), 6:00 is the play and immediately after that is a community discussion.
- Roxanne said that in late June Richland County Care Coalition had a forum with breakout sessions. July 21 will be a follow-up meeting and in August, there will be a public event.
- Roxanne reported that a Dementia Live event is planned for Health and Human Services for new employees and any other employees who would like to attend.
- Roxanne said that the Transportation program keeps growing.

#### **8. ADRC Budget Review:**

- Roxanne reported that the ADRC budget is at 46.2% utilization. This is a little under budget. The Aging budget is at 38% utilization. She is projecting a Transportation surplus this year of \$5927.

#### **9. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:**

- Jodi Hines reported that Schmitt is making a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) class available to the public and to Schmitt employees.
- Jodi further reported that Schmitt is sponsoring a golf outing July 21 in Viroqua.
- Jodi said that Schmitt is talking about having a Dementia Wing. They are doing strategic planning at this time.
- Angela Metz said that the hospital started a new health record program in July.

#### **10. Citizen Comments:**

- Sandra Kramer reported that in June the donkeys went to Pine Valley, Schmitt and Our House. She said that at all facilities the people were excited to see them. She said the donkeys light up the residents' days.
- Sandra said that the commands in all organizations at the American Legion are changing.
- Larry Engel said because of the status of finances in the county, the positive message of finances needs to get out to the public.
- Roxanne talked about ROI (Return on Investment) for the ADRC. For every dollar spent on the ADRC, over \$2.00 is saved.
- It was suggested that she put these numbers on the Facebook page, in the paper and be on the Morning Show.
- Tricia Clements introduced herself to the board and told about her background. She said she was the ADRC manager in Vernon County before coming to Health and Human Service.

#### **11. Schedule Next Meeting:**

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

#### **12. Adjourn:**

- Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Sandra Kramer; Julie Fleming seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten  
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