

**Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2022**

The Commission on Aging and Disability met via ZOOM.

Members present: David Scribbins, Danielle Rudersdorf, Sandra Kramer, Larry Engel, Virginia Wiedenfeld, Julie Fleming, Carolyn Denman and Linda Symons
Members absent: Julie Post-Kast/Cervantes, Angela Metz and Jodi Hines
HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, John Grothjan, Tricia Clements, Kayla Williams, Cassie Sanders and Linda Batten
Others present:

1. Call Meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by David Scribbins

2. Posting and Agenda: Linda Batten verified the agenda was posted properly. Sandra Kramer made a motion to approve the agenda; Danielle Rudersdorf seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of September 14, 2022 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

- Danielle Rudersdorf made a motion to approve the September 14, 2022 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

4. Program Update: Benefit Specialist State 2021 Summary

- Kayla Williams gave a summary of her role as a Disability Benefit Specialist.
- Kayla discussed she works with people who are 18 to 59 years of age.
- Kayla went on to say, she currently has 54 open clients and 57 open cases. Kayla reported she has closed 63 cases.
- Kayla informed the board the application process for Social Security Disability could take 12 to 14 months. If someone should receive a denial, they have 60 days to appeal. It could then be another 12 to 14 months.
- Kayla reported she receives from different places. (Examples: Information and Assistance, Youth in Transition and people call her directly.)
- Kayla reminded the board that Open Enrollment for Part D is October 15 to December 7. For 2023 there 23 plans. Seven of which are Extra Help eligible. One plan will not be available next year.
- Kayla discussed that insulin would be covered. However, there will be a \$35.00 copay. Extra steps are needed and the website is not up-to-date.
- Julie Fleming asked what kind of benefits there are available for people 18-59. Kayla discussed there is SSD (Social Security Disability), state benefits, Transportation, Badgercare and Foodshare.

5. Board Education: Youth in Transition Process Improvement

- Cassie Sanders informed the board there has been a Process Improvement Project in place since last year to increase the number of referrals.
- Cassie said she has been meeting with schools and churches. She reports she has met with most of the six different schools that serve Richland County.
- Cassie informed the board that she assisted with hosting a transition night event. Independent Living, DVR and CCOT and a few families attended via ZOOM.
- Cassie reported she will continue to do outreach including sending surveys to schools, attending CCOT meetings and advocating for another transition night.
- Cassie discussed her goal as the Youth in Transition worker is to ensure families understand what programs are available to students who are leaving school.

6. ADRC Update:

- Roxanne reported that Part D starts October 15 and staff are receiving their annual training for this.
- Roxanne reported continued partnership with Symons for different programs. (Strong bodies, Walk with ease, Tai Chi, PALS, SAIL) Her hope is to add water aerobics.
- Roxanne informed the board that there would be a caregiver boot camp in November. (Crawford and Vernon counties will also be a part of this boot camp.)
- Roxanne said that on 11/15 a play, Grandpa and Lucy, is being held in Lone Rock at the library at 7:00 pm.
- Roxanne also said that Dementia Live would be at the Community Center on November 1.
- Roxanne informed the board that this afternoon there will be a public hearing for the 85.21 grant.

- Roxanne reported there will be a quality of life trip on 10/18 to Oakwood and then Wisconsin Riverside for lunch. We will also have transportation to the polls on November 8.

.7. Advocacy: Aging programs

- Roxanne discussed the need to advocate for Aging Programs.
- Tricia Clements reported what the budget asks are out to 2027.
- Roxanne reported concerns regarding any further cuts to the Nutrition programs levy. Expenses continue to rise while funding and donations have not increased.
- Roxanne informed the board that her projection for this year is that the program will be \$37,000 under funded. Fortunately, there are Older Americans Act ARPA funds that will fill the gap.
- Roxanne reports that funding from GWAAR has stayed nearly flat since 2013.
- Roxanne did a comparison of our Nutrition program tax levy funding with three other counties of comparable size. The graphs show that the other counties put in significantly more tax levy. Additionally, the other counties offer home delivered meals throughout their counties.
- Roxanne reported the Rockbridge meal site is fully volunteer and they serve Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Cazenovia – Germantown only serve on Wednesday.
- Larry Engel discussed outreach options so the public is aware of the need for funding.
- Roxanne looked at the numbers for Richland County. Richland County is a poor county. About 39% of the population is 60 or over, or disabled. Of those who are over 65, 15% live in poverty.
- Roxanne discussed Return on Investment for ADRC services, for every \$1 spent for ADRC in the county, there is a savings of \$4.56 for individuals. The state average is \$2.48.

8. ADRC Budget Review:

- Roxanne reported that Aging Programs are at 60% utilization. At this time of the year, it should be 75% utilization. ADRC programs are at 70% utilization. She expects both to be right on target.

9. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- None

10. Citizen Comments:

- Sandra Kramer reported the 40 and 8 Pancake breakfast would be November 6, starting at 7:00. Sandra further stated that Steak Feed is November 19, starting at 4:00.
- Sandra reported that the donkeys went to Pine Valley and Schmitt. She said one person from each facility, wants his or her own donkey. Next year, the donkeys have been invited to Sauk County.

11. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

12. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Virginia Wiedenfeld; Julie Fleming seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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