

**Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes
November 9, 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, Linda Symons and Angela Metz

Members absent: Julie Post-Kast/Cervantes and Jodi Hines

HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Pam Kul-Berg and Linda Batten

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. Danielle Rudersdorf made a motion to approve the agenda; Linda Symons seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of October 12, 2022 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

- Julie Fleming made a motion to approve the October 12, 2022 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Virginia Wiedenfeld seconded. Motion carried.

4. Program Update: Caregiver Programs

- Roxanne explained to the board that the ADRC receives funding from GWAAR (Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources) for NFCSP (National Family Caregiver Support Program).
- Roxanne told the board that NFCSP would pay for services such as respite, personal care, chore and supplemental services. There are requirements that need to be met. It can potentially pay for services for grandparents who are caring for children under 18.
- Roxanne said that we have received \$11,078 from GWAAR for this program. There is a 25% match. She said so far this year, 18 families have been helped with this program.
- Roxanne told the board that AFCSP (Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program) the Care Recipient must have a diagnosis of dementia or Alzheimer's. This program will pay for services such as respite, personal care and supplemental services.
- Roxanne said that we have an allocation \$11,561 from the state for this program.
- Pam Kul-Berg said that many programs are offered for caregivers. Such as Caregiver Support Group and Powerful Tools for Caregivers.
- David Scribbins commented that Caregiver burnout is a very common thing. He said most caregivers work with multiple people.

5. Board Education: Project Lifesaver

- Roxanne said that Project Lifesaver has been in Richland County for 2 years. She thought it started in January of 2021.
- Roxanne told the board that a person must be a Richland County resident, have cognitive impairment and wanders. This person would wear a transmitter on their wrist or ankle and it does not matter if the transmitter gets wet. If a person becomes missing law enforcement can triangulate the lost person's position to hopefully find them in minutes/hours instead of days.
- Roxanne said that interested people must call the ADRC to get the process started. The initial fee is \$350.00 and there is funding if someone cannot afford this. (Inclusa, My Choice, Children's' Unit and contributions help fund the program.)
- Roxanne informed the board that Lauren Moe trains the Sheriff's Department and the Richland Center Police Department.

6. ADRC Update:

- Roxanne told the board that the Agency has dropped the mask mandate because the transmission rate in Richland County is low. Should it go back to high, masks would be required. If staff wants a consumer to wear a mask, they will need to. Additionally, when Public Health is having their Immunization clinics (usually Wednesday afternoons) everyone in the public areas will need to wear a mask.
- Roxanne reported that "Grandpa and Lucy" would be at the Lone Rock Community Center on 11/15 at 7:00.
- Roxanne reported that a Caregiver Bootcamp would be held at Solders Grove library November 17th.
- Roxanne shared that on 11/1 a Dementia Live event was held at the Community Center and some Health and Human Services staff were trained.

- Roxanne reported to the board that we offered transportation on 11/8 to the polls and that in October the bus did a quality of life trip to Oakwood and then to Bob's Riverside for lunch.
- Roxanne told the board, in the first 2 weeks of Medicare Part D, there has been 52 people who returned paperwork.
- Roxanne told the board that Karn Schauf and Pam Kul-Berg will be providing Powerful Tools for Caregivers.
- Roxanne reported the ADRC has seen a large increase in contacts.

.7. Advocacy: updates

- Roxanne reported that there was good attendance for the last Health and Human Services/Veterans Meeting. People are very concerned about the possible cuts.
- Roxanne said there are ongoing conversations with community members, stakeholders and the legislature regarding the budget, cuts and lack of increased tax levy.
- Larry Engel shared the need for more tax levy will probably go to referendum and would like everyone to share information with the public. Larry also said he believes the tightness of the budget is a trickle down from the state budget.
- Roxanne told the board that there is a required match by the county for different programs at Health and Human Services.
- Roxanne asked the board to continue having conversations on this issue.

8. ADRC Budget Review:

- Roxanne reported that usage of the ADRC budget is at 77.2% utilization and the Aging budget is at 67.9% utilization. She sees no problem with either budget.

9. Discuss 2023 COAD meeting structure:

- Roxanne suggested that in January we go to a hybrid meeting. You can attend either by ZOOM or in person.
- Everyone liked this idea.

10. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- Roxanne spoke with Jodi Hines and she had no updates.
- Angela Metz reported that the hospital is no longer requiring masks if you are vaccinated. However, if you are unvaccinated masks are required.
- Angela also said the hospital has quite a few staff vacancies.
- Angela said the hospital is having three new physicians, a Gynecologist and a Podiatrist starting soon. She also said the hospital is continuing to have traveling nurses.
- Carolyn Denman commented that she was very impressed with the visiting nurse staff at Pine Valley.

11. Citizen Comments:

- David Scribbins warned everyone that there continues to be phishing scams and to be vigilant of these.

12. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

13. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Virginia Wiedenfeld; Julie Fleming seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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