

Commission on Aging and Disability Board Meeting Minutes May 13, 2015

The Commission on Aging and Disability met in conference room A/B in the Community Services Building at 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581

Members present: Steven Boomfield, Carol Clausius, Belinda Granger, Larry Jewell, Paul Kinney, James Lewis, Marie Rakow, Cindy Riley and David Scribbins
HHS Staff present: Jodi Carlile, Linda Symons and Angela Porter
Others present: None

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

2. Posting and Agenda: Linda Symons verified the agenda was posted properly. Paul Kinney made a motion to approve the agenda; Marie Rakow seconded. Motion carried.

3. Election of Commission on Aging and Disability Board Officers:

- The Committee on Committee's has not filled the County Board positions on the COAD board. Election of officers will be postponed until the positions have been filled.

4. Approval of April 08, 2015 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

Carol Clausius made a motion to approve the April 8, 2015 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Marie Rakow seconded. Motion carried.

5. Citizen Comments

- Belinda Granger introduced herself to the board and the COAD board introduced themselves.
- Linda Symons reported GWAAR approved the 2014 Aging Plan self assessment.
- Linda Symons distributed copies of the May issue of the Friends and Family newsletter
- Paul Kinney asked if anything new has been decided with Senior Care. Becky Dahl stated this is expected to go through but there could be a higher premium.
- Thank you to Linda Symons for all her support and leadership for the COAD.
 - Becky added that her leadership has also been instrumental across the region.
 - Marie Rakow said she was instrumental in helping get the taxi started with the city.

6. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations

- None

7. Disability Benefit Specialist Quarterly Report

- Jodi Carlile, Disability Benefit Specialist gave an overview of the program. The program provides assistance to people between the age of 18 and 59 regarding disability application and claims.
- In 2014 there were 13,875 cases opened statewide and 13,352 open cases closed.
- In 2014 there was estimated impact of \$77,695,056 statewide with an average of \$971,188 per Disability Benefit Specialist. There are 88 DBS positions statewide.
- The monetary impact consists of 83% federal, 15% state and 2% other funds (charity care cases, etc)
- 7 of the last 10 customers assisted by the Richland County DBS were approved for benefits. Those 7 had 86 combined years of employment.
- Largest age group served in 2014 are those between the ages of 50-59.
- Carol Clausius asked if DBS customers are required to go on health plans through the Affordable Care Act. Jodi Carlile stated that for the people she has been working with ACA has allowed them to go to the doctor and get documentation of what is happening with them. This gives the person the documentation needed to secure disability status.
- Marie Rakow asked how the state budget will impact the DBS position. There was discussion about how this could impact residents locally. i.e. there will probably still be a DBS but it could be located regionally or at a state wide call center.

8. Richland Center Pedestrian Safety Discussion

- David Scribbins and Steven Boomfield do not have anything to add at this time.

9. Advocacy

- Becky Dahl, Regional ADRC Manager updated Commission members on the status of Aging and Disability Resource Centers in the biennial budget. Summary follows:
Counties would lose their first right of refusal if budget passes as is. There is strong indication that a regional state wide model with no governing boards is a favored approach. Also, Family Care language includes changing the model to include acute and primary care. ContinuUs does only long term care. What the state is looking at would be an insurance company model and deleting the IRIS program because self-directed support is already included in Family Care language. The language in the budget came as a surprise, even within the state staff. ADRCs and other advocacy organizations mobilized an education effort and started meeting with legislators and letting the customers know how the budget will impact their service. The Wisconsin ADRC is ranked fourth in the nation for its effectiveness and efficiency. Wisconsin is 8th in the nation for long term care. Becky started working with ADRC directors across the state to educate/advocate for ADRC's and Long Term Care at the state. Stories were collected from people across the state and sent to legislators. Listening sessions were held across the state that were well attended by ADRC interested constituents.
- Becky Dahl met with 26 different legislators to educate them about what an ADRC does.
- Resolutions have been passed by County Boards across the state supporting keeping ADRCs as they are. She shared and distributed a resolution map indicating resolution status.
 - Blue passed by county boards
 - Diamonds passed by local boards moving to county
 - L means it had Long Term Care as part of the resolution
 - Grey on the agenda for this month.
- Over the next two years ADRCs will need to examine their efficiency, effectiveness, and ability to operate under a business model if the budget language is removed. If it is not removed ADRCs will most likely remain as they are through most of the next two years.
- Becky Dahl the ADRC response has been a positive process of building stronger relationships with legislators. This has not become a smear or distasteful campaign.
- Becky distributed 2015 Joint Assembly Resolution 35 sponsored by Nick Milroy which is written to recognize May as Older Americans month. While other recognitions have passed committee this one has not. The Joint Assembly meets today and Nick Milroy will try one more time to get the State's recognition for Older Americans. Should Commission wish to voice their opinion on this matter a call to Robin Voss (888-534-0063) or to Jim Steineke (888-534-0005) is needed.

10. Board Education:

- Linda Symons distributed a paper describing how ADRC's work and reviewed the process for a person coming into or calling one of the ADRC's. Each county and tribe in Wisconsin has an ADRC.

11. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms A & B of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581

12. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until June 10, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. made by Paul Kinney; second by Steven Boomfield. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Porter,
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