

## Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes August 10, 2022

The Commission on Aging and Disability met via ZOOM.

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

**Members absent:** Julie Post-Kast/Cervantes, Carolyn Denman and Linda Symons

**HHS Staff present:** Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Karla Scott 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; Virginia Wiedenfeld seconded. Motion carried.

**3. Approval of July 13, 2022 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:**

- Sandra Kramer made a motion to approve the July 13, 2022 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Julie Fleming seconded. Motion carried.

**4. Board Education: Transportation Options**

- Roxanne walked the board through how to look up our transportation services online. (Go to the main Richland County website – click on Health and Human Services in the department drop down. Then click on Aging, Disability, & Resource Center on the left hand side. Click on Transportation Services on the left hand side. This will give you a page with all of the transportation services for Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eagle County – Richland Center office.
- Roxanne went through all of our bus routes, grocery delivery and grocery routes and explained each to the board.
- Roxanne also explained our driver escort service that takes people to and from medical appointments.
- Roxanne gave the names of other transportation providers in our area.

**5. ADRC Restructuring:**

- Roxanne said she is looking at cleaning up the language for going forward with the proposal to go to a three county region for the County Board meeting. This is what she has: Motion to approve the restructuring of the ADRC by dissolving the ADRC of Eagle Country four-county region (as is currently structured) and authorize the new entity to re-apply to the Office of Resources Center Development (ORDC) as a three-county region named the “ADRC of Eagle Country” with Juneau, Richland, and Crawford as the cooperating counties, and forward this recommendation on to the County Board for approval.
- Moreover, this action authorizes Juneau County to continue as the fiscal agent of the ADRC of Eagle Country Region and gives authority for Health & Human Services Director Tricia Clements to sign all documents and contracts related to the restructuring, which would be effective January 1, 2023.
- Roxanne asked the board for approval of this.
- Larry Engel made a motion to approve; Virginia Wiedenfeld seconded. Motion approved.

**6. Program Update: Lending Library**

- Karla Scott told the board that she has many duties; among them is keeping up with the Lending Library in the ADRC. People can sign out items for 30 days at no cost.
- Karla gave the board examples of what is in the Lending Library. Books, DVD’s, Caregiver information, dementia information, information on Estate Planning and nutrition just to name a few.
- Karla asked the board for recommendations of other things they would like to see in the library.

**.7. Advocacy: Food Pantry change in policy:**

- Roxanne told the board that she was made aware of a potential change at the Food Pantry. They are looking at limiting the number of times an individual can receive food each month.

- Roxanne went on to say, that she has drafted a letter to the Food Pantry asking them to reconsider. (She read the letter for the board.)
- Much discussion was held about the Food Pantry changing its policy. Everyone agreed that there would always be a small percentage of people that abuse the system. However, they did not want anyone denied food.
- Larry Engel said he would rather Roxanne have a face-to-face with the Food Pantry board first before sending the letter.
- Sandra Kramer asked that the Food Pantry holding off on this policy.
- Larry Engel made a motion to have the letter sent after Roxanne speaks with Jerry Bowers; Danielle Rudersdorf seconded. Motion carried.

#### **8. ADRC update:**

- Roxanne reported to the board that the ADRC has seen an increase in traffic.
- Roxanne said the play (Fortune Cookies), at the Phoenix Center, was well attended and that there was a lot of community discussion after it.
- Roxanne told the board that she is working on a transportation billboard for October, November and December.
- Roxanne said that a Caregiver Job Fair would be held on 8/31 from 11:00 to 3:00. This will be at the Community Center. Booths are free to companies interested. Roxanne and Pam Kul-Berg will be on WRCO 8/26 to promote this job fair.
- Roxanne told the board that Joanne Welsh and Kayla Williams would be on WRCO on 8/23 to talk about Medicare Part D season.
- Roxanne said that she attended a Dementia Care Summit yesterday and she was very impressed. She said it was a great networking event.

#### **9. ADRC Budget Review:**

- Roxanne said the ADRC budget (\$398,171) is at 55.4% utilization and the Aging budget (\$343,000) is at 45.8% utilization.

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

- Angela Metz reported that the hospital recently went to a new electronic health record system. There was quite a bit of training first. Danielle Rudersdorf said that the new system is even an adjustment for patients.
- Angela further said that two new physicians would be starting in the fall.
- Angela said that the hospital has been on diversion status. There have been times when they have not been able to have any admissions.
- Angela said that because of staffing issues, the hospital has been employing traveling RN's. They usually stay for a three-month stint.

#### **11. Citizen Comments:**

- Virginia Wiedenfeld told the board that the County Fair is still looking for volunteers for the front gate.

#### **12. Schedule Next Meeting:**

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

#### **13. Adjourn:**

- Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Sandra Kramer; Danielle Rudersdorf and Angela Metz seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten

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