

## **Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes February 5, 2024**

The Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee met via ZOOM or in person in Conference rooms A/B of the Community Services Building, 221 W. Seminary St., Richland Center.

**Members present:** David Scribbins, Linda Symons, Larry Engel, Kevin Koester, Terry Berg

**Members absent:**

**HHS Staff present:** Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Tricia Clements and Linda Batten

**Others present:** None

1. **Call Meeting to Order: Aging/ADRC Advisory Meeting** was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by David Scribbins.
2. **Approval of Posting and Agenda:** Kevin Koester made a motion to approve the agenda; Linda Symons seconded. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of December 4, 2024 Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:** Linda Symons made a motion to approve the December 4, 2024 Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee meeting minutes; Larry Engel seconded. Motion carried.
4. **Citizen Comments:**
  - None
5. **Board Education: Caregiver Data**
  - Roxanne reported she worked with the state on getting data together. However, this data is statewide as there isn't enough data from Richland County/Southwest Wisconsin.
  - Roxanne reviewed a PowerPoint of caregiver data. Richland County's current number of people over 60 is 30% and is expected to be 35% by 2030.
  - Larry Engel suggested that there should be a tool to get more caregivers such as Friends of the ADRC and that we have the state demographer come in and speak to the group about caregivers.
  - Larry Engel suggested that next month we work on a list and agenda for a potential meeting.
6. **Program Update: Transportation Update**
  - Roxanne reported that volunteers drove 186,037 miles in 2024 and that there was an overall 3% increase in trips in 2024.
7. **ADRC Update:**
  - Roxanne reported a lot of effort is being put in on Advocacy efforts.
  - Roxanne reported that DBS (Disability Benefit Specialist) has a caseload of 80 cases and that the EBS (Elder Benefit Specialist) completed her first open enrollment season.
  - Roxanne informed the board that the ADRC personnel did the PIT (Point in Time) count and found 18 homeless individuals. Four were unhoused.
8. **Advocacy: Potential Medicaid Changes:**
  - Roxanne informed the board that she, Ingrid Hanson and Gina (Juneau – ADRC manager) met with Derrick Van Orden's office to make him aware of how the potential cuts to Medicare/Medicaid will affect people and programs.
  - Roxanne asked that people call their congress person (both state and Federal level) and advocate for Older American Act, no cuts to Medicaid, caregivers and Meal on Wheels among other programs. People need to be clear on what needs are.
  - Roxanne reported she went to the Viola meeting held by Representative Kurtz as well.
9. **ADRC Budget Review:**
  - Roxanne reviewed the 2024 budget. All programs except Transportation are under budget. Transportation is at 118%. However, she projects that Transportation will have a surplus as when there are increased in services provided there is generally an increase in revenue as well.
  - Roxanne said that the 2025 budget looks good so far.

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

- None

**11. Schedule next Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting:** March 5, 2025 at 1:00 pm in person and Zoom.

**12. Adjourn:** Larry Engel made a motion to adjourn, Kevin Koester seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten  
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