

Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2025

The Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee met via Teams 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: None
HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber 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; Larry Engel seconded. Motion carried.
- 3. Approval of March 5, 2025 Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:** Kevin Koester made a motion to approve the March 5, 2025, with changes, Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee meeting minutes; Linda Symons seconded. Motion Carried
- 4. Citizen Comments:**
 - Kevin discussed emails regarding the closure of ACL.
 - David stated that the legislature needs to be more transparent. David also discussed he received a hand written thank you from Tony Kurtz.
 - Larry Engel discussed a new Emergency Mental Health program through Gundersen.
- 5. Approve New Committee Member:** Chairman David Scribbins read letters of interest for the open committee position. Motion to approve Deanna Lewis representing unspecified client groups made by Kevin Koester, seconded by Larry Engel. Motion carried.
- 6. Board Education: Volunteerism:**
 - Roxanne reviewed handouts provided to committee members on the benefits of volunteerism.
 - Roxanne discussed ADRC opportunities such as the volunteer driver escort program which pays drivers the federal IRS rate and reimburses some meal costs. Also reviewed opportunities as home delivered meal drivers which can be reimbursed .51 per mile (state rate). No one has utilized this for the home-delivered meals but it is available. Roxanne further discussed opportunities to work with Benefit Specialists during Medicare open enrollment.
- 7. Program Update: Dementia Care Specialist:** Pam Kul-Berg Dementia Care Specialist for Richland and Crawford counties reviewed her program with the committee.
 - Discussed she had 16 new referrals in 2024 and continues to work with numerous other families ongoing.
 - Provides numerous programs such as Dementia Live, Boost Your Brain and Memory, Caregiver Boot Camp, offers three different support groups, trains local law enforcement, EMS, HHS, Hospital staff, and individual families on being Dementia Capable.
 - Provides memory screens and had one outreach event at the Rockbridge meal site.
 - Part of the local Care Coalition and Crisis Team.
 - Assisted in the creation and facilitation of the Bringing Hope and Light to Dementia event held in August. The next event will be held in La Crosse in August.
- 8. ADRC Update:**
 - Discussed upcoming events:
 - Staff continue to be very busy. Starting a process improvement project changing walk-in hours to 9:00-4:30. This will give intake staff time to get organized and get documentation in the system timely.
 - Aging Advocacy Day, May 14th, have 9 people signed up to go and will have a bus available for transportation.
 - 3K/5K Wellness Stride May 22nd. Those over 60 and under 11 are free. People must register by 5/2 to get a shirt. Otherwise can sign up anytime up until the time of the event.
 - POA Clinic held on 3/26 had 12 people attend, the next one will be on June 4th from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm at the Community Center.

- Met with a group of people at the Loyd Community Center to discuss programs and events available. Hoping to build a relationship to hold some events there to ensure more rural people are included.
- Continuing to do a lot of advocacy. Roxanne and Gina (Juneau director) attend and spoke at a Town Hall meeting in Viroqua. Regional Managers continue to meet with state and federal legislators.
- Roxanne, Linda and Tanya were on the Morning Show discussing volunteer month and nutrition month.
- Roxanne will be on the Morning Show with Symons Recreation to promote Older Americans Month and ADRC Month's 3K/5K Wellness Stride which is a family fun intergenerational event.
- Tricia Clements, HHS Director, has been chosen to be the next County Administrator, starting 4/21.

9. Aging Advocacy Day Registration:

- Aging Advocacy day will be 5/14. Last day to register is April 28th. A bus has been reserved to take people to the capital. Generally, we leave the ADRC at 7:30. This year's objectives include ADRC funding, Nutrition funding, Direct Care workforce shortages and Healthy Aging. Community members are able to have asks. ADRC staff cannot lobby so they will be there to educate on programs.

10. ADRC Budget Review:

- County switched over to Tyler for their accounting in February.
- Roxanne reported on current budget status. It is early in the year, so far, all ADRC programs are operating under budget. Revenues are starting to come in. Total budget for the ADRC is \$1,143,485 of which 19.97% (\$228,326) has been utilized.

11. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations: None this month

12. Items for next meeting: Wisdom of the Elder – Part 2, Terry Berg

13. Schedule next Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting: May 7, 2025 at 1:00 pm in person and Teams.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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