

## **Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes May 7, 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 and Dianna Louis  
**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; Linda Symons seconded. Motion carried.
- 3. Approval of April 2, 2025, Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:**  
Larry Engel made a motion to approve the April 2, 2025, Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee meeting minutes; Linda Symons seconded. Motion Carried
- 4. Citizen Comments:**
  - Terry Berg told the committee that the June meeting will be his last. He is resigning as a committee member.
- 5. Welcome New Committee Member:**
  - Dianna Louis introduced herself to the committee.
  - Everyone, in attendance. introduced themselves to Dianna.
- 6. Committee Education: Older American Act Month/ADRC Month:**
  - Roxanne discussed that May is Older American and ADRC month.
  - Roxanne went reviewed things covered under the Older American Act. This Act can assist people 60 and over.
  - Roxanne said that Wisconsin is #1 in the country for fall related deaths. This shows an increased need for Health Promotion falls prevention programs.
  - Roxanne discussed the need to ensure that their Federal legislatures understand how any negative changes in funding affects individuals in our community.
  - Roxanne informed the board that \$113,000 of funding, from the Older American Act, comes into Richland County for aging programs including: nutrition, Health Promotion, Title IIIB, and National Family Caregiver Support funding.
- 7. Program Update: EBS Update:**
  - Rose Welsh reported that she has been in this position for a year.
  - Rose informed the committee that with all the changes to Social Security staffing it is becoming more difficult for her to assist people. Additionally, it is more difficult for individuals to sign up for Social Security when they are ready to retire.
  - Rose reports that, on average, she receives six new referrals per week.
  - Rose stated that she will be facilitating a Sip and Swipe class to help people understand how their smartphone can be used other than as a phone.
- 8. ADRC Update:**
  - Discussed upcoming events:
    - Staff is very busy.
    - Senior Expo was represented by ADRC staff in April. ADRC won the best table decorated area.
    - Wellness Stride will be May 22. Tony Kurtz and Sarah Keyeski have been invited to attend.
    - ADRC staff will be on the radio May 22 to promote ADRC and Older Americans Month.
    - June will be the start of Senior Farmers Market Voucher distribution. The vouchers went from \$45 last year to \$25 this year.
    - Several ADRC personnel went to Loyd last month to build relationships and explain their programs.

- Pam Kul-Berg - Dementia Care Specialist, will do a presentation at the Health and Human Services all agency meeting on 5/27.
- 48 volunteers attended the Volunteer Luncheon on April 29.

**9. ADRC Budget Review:**

- Roxanne handed out the ADRC Budget update. Additionally, she had it up on the screen. She reported that May will be a 3 pay roll month so next month's budget report will be closer to budget.
- Roxanne reported that we should be receiving the 85.21 grant funding any day.
- Roxanne reported that all programs are under budget.

**10. Advocacy Update:**

- Roxanne let everyone know that the bus for Aging Advocacy Day will be leaving at 7:30.
- She reported that she, Tanya and Rose would be going to Aging Advocacy Day.
- Roxanne said there has always been a struggle for Nutrition program funding. Due to a lack of federal and state funding tax levy in the program has increased to over \$120,000.

**11. Wisdom of the Elders: Terry Berg:**

- Terry read some of the questions and responses about elders.

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

- None

**13. Items for next meeting:** Follow up from Advocacy Day.

**14. Schedule next Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting:** June 4, 2025 at 1:00 pm in person and Teams.

**15. Adjourn:** Kevin Koester made a motion to adjourn, Linda Symons seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten  
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