

Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 4, 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, Larry Engel, Kevin Koester, Terry Berg and Dianna Louis

Members absent: Linda Symons

HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Linda Batten, Cindy Bromeland and Stephanie Ronnfeldt

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 May 7, 2025 Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:
Larry Engel made a motion to approve the May 7, 2025, Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee meeting minutes; Kevin Koester seconded. Motion Carried

4. Citizen Comments:

- David Scribbins shared a Thank You note sent to Terry Berg from Representative Tony Kurtz.
- Stephanie Ronnfeldt introduced herself as the new HHS Director and gave everyone a synopsis of background.

5. Approve New Committee Member:

- Roxanne discussed Diane Cox's letter of interest to be a board member.
- Larry Engel made a motion to approve Diane Cox as the new Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee member; Terry Berg seconded. Motion approved.
- Roxanne discussed next steps for approval.

6. Committee Education: Elder Abuse Awareness - Adult Protective Services

- Cindy Bromeland introduced herself as the APS Social Worker.
- Cindy reviewed the statics of her 2023 and 2024 cases. So far this year (2025), she has 83 referrals. She reported that a lot of her cases were abuse by family members or workers. Financial exploitation by a family member has been very high this year.
- Cindy reported that in 2024 she did 340 total investigations. (One person could have more than one investigation.)
- Cindy said a referral can be made to her by anyone. She explained the referral process and investigation process.
- Cindy reported that currently there are 79 protective placements.

7. Program Update: Aging Plan Update:

- Roxanne reported that we 6 months into the Aging Plan.
- Roxanne discussed most of the Advocacy outreach goals have already been met.
- Roxanne further reported that that here are a few things being worked on: Community gardens and home delivered meals for Rockbridge – and increase health promotion efforts.
- Roxanne reported that for the Caregiver Support goal there has not been any work on creating the new friendly callers program. This work will start later this year.

8. ADRC Update:

- Discussed upcoming events:
 - 3K/5K is next Thursday.
 - Darla, one of our bus drivers, is retiring. Additionally, one of our volunteer drivers – has started volunteering again.
 - A POA (Power of Attorney) Clinic will be held tonight at the community center. These are an activity of the Richland County Care Coalition. The next one will be 9/3.

- Sip & Swipe will be held 7/9 by Rose and Jaymie. (This is to help people understand that their smart phone can do more than call people.)
- Our bus drivers will have PAT (Passenger Assistance Training) on July 10th.
- Working on scheduling Bingocize to start in July
- Senior Farmers Market Voucher distribution will start on June 9th.
- Roxanne commented that so far, she is not seeing or hearing of the deep cuts to programs.

9. ADRC Budget Review:

- Roxanne reported that there is a new accounting system (Tyler). Because all the kinks haven't been worked out of this system, only half of the necessary information is showing in Tyler, so she has no budget review.
- Roxanne said from what she can see everything looks good.

10. Advocacy Update:

- Aging Advocacy Day went very well. There was a great turnout as a whole. Richland County had a total of 11 people go.
- Larry Engel commented that everything went smoothly.
- Larry said that Tony Kurtz took time off the House floor to meet.

11. Wisdom of the Elders: Terry Berg:

- Terry gave everyone a handout.
- Terry said that our society has lost respect for our elders while other societies look up to their elders.
- Terry also said that too often, the question is, "How much will it cost?"

12. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- None

13. Items for next meeting:

- No one had any ideas.

14. Schedule next Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting: July 2, 2025 at 1:00 pm in person and Teams.

15. Adjourn: Kevin Koester made a motion to adjourn, Terry Berg seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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