

Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes July 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, Kevin Koester, Deanna Louis and Diane Cox
Members absent: Larry Engel
HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Jaymie Bruckner 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:** Linda Symons made a motion to approve the agenda; Deanna Louis seconded. Motion carried.
- 3. Approval of June 4, 2025 Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:** Deanna Louis made a motion to approve the June 4, 2025, Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee meeting minutes; Linda Symons seconded. Motion carried.
- 4. Citizen Comments:**
 - None
- 5. Welcome New Committee Member:**
 - Diane Cox introduced herself to the board. Additionally, she told everyone her background.
 - Deanna Louis introduced herself to the board as this was the first committee meeting that she was here in person.
- 6. Committee Education: Disability Pride Month**
 - Roxanne discussed July is Disability Pride Month. She also made handouts available to everyone which went through the history. It also included what resources were available in Richland County.
- 7. Program Update: DBS Update:**
 - Jaymie Bruckner (Disability Benefits Specialist) informed the board that she currently has 76 open cases and has appointments booked out for the next couple of weeks.
 - Jaymie reported it takes her one to three hours for an initial Disability application. Jaymie further stated that it could take one to three years from beginning to end.
 - Jaymie informed the committee that a Disability must be expected to last one year or more to be eligible. Jaymie reported many of her cases are for: mental health, stroke or cancer.
 - Jaymie said that she is receiving many calls from clients who are concerned about what is going to happen with Medicare/Medicaid.
- 8. ADRC Update:**
 - Discussed upcoming events:
 - Staff has been very busy. They are still trying to navigate the new program Peerplace.
 - On 6/12 a 3K/6K walk/run was held at Symons. 50 people attended; they ranged in age from 4 months to 87.
 - Bingocize will return on 7/12.
 - Working on the 5310 Operating grant for transportation. A public hearing will be held for this on 7/16.
 - Bus driver training will be held on 7/10. One bus driver is retiring at the end of August.
 - There is a new position for a Nutrition – on call position. This person would be called in case someone is sick.
 - Hope and Light conference will be held in Onalaska in August
 - Staff will be attending National Night out at the fairgrounds August 5th.
 - Roxanne will be meeting with GWAAR for an Aging Plan review.
- 9. ADRC Budget Review:**
 - Roxanne reported that because of a glitch with the new fiscal program (Tyler) the fiscal reports are wrong. They hope to have this corrected next month.

10. Advocacy Update: Status of advocacy efforts

- The Senate made more cuts to the budget bill including more cuts to Medicaid.

11. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- Diane Cox reported the Richland Center Senior Citizen group has expanded from 15 people to 35 people.
- They recently held a fundraiser at Culvers and will hold a brat stand on 7/25.

12. Items for next meeting:

- Advocacy

13. Schedule next Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting: August 6, 2025 at 1:00 pm in person and Teams.

14. Adjourn: Diane Cox made a motion to adjourn, Deanna Louis seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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