

Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 6, 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, Deanna Louis, Diane Cox and Linda Symons

Members absent:

HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Linda Batten, Cassie Sanders, Elizabeth Braun and Brandon Alexander

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 July 2, 2025 Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:** Larry Engel made a motion to approve the July 2, 2025, Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee meeting minutes; Deanna Louis seconded. Motion Carried
- 4. Citizen Comments:**
 - None
- 5. Committee Education: Loan Closet**
 - Brandon Alexander informed the committee that he is the main person for the loan closet.
 - Brandon handed out information explaining they rent out equipment, so people do not need to purchase items. This information had items listed that they rent out.
 - Brandon reported people bring in items to donate to the loan closet. Brandon inspects the items to be donated to ensure they are in good repair and safe to use.
 - Brandon reported that the loan closet will accept cash donations.
- 6. Program Update: ADRC Specialist Update:**
 - Cassie Sanders and Elizabeth Braun discussed the role of ADRC Specialists and that there are 3 ADRC Specialists and that along with their normal services they do a lot of outreach. Such as: National Night Out, POA (Power of Attorney) clinics and Senior Expo.
 - Cassie reported she is the Youth in Transition worker. Part of this is working with schools that serve Richland County. As part of this she is a member of CCOT (County Coalition on Transition) and will be attending registration at the high school with Jaymie Bruckner.
 - ADRC Specialists reported that they have done 61 enrollments to far this year. Last year 67 enrollments were completed all year, in comparison to what has been done for this year.
- 7. ADRC Update:**
 - Discussed upcoming and recent events:
 - Staff went to National Night out last night.
 - Fall Senior Expo will be held on 9/25, and staff will be there. The theme is: Carnival of Resources. Staff have won the best decorated booth at the last couple of Senior Expo's.
 - Planning meetings are starting to be held to have a Men's Shed in Richland County. They are hoping to have this at the Loyd Community Center. Juneau County Men's Shed has grown to 25 to 70 people.
 - The 5310 grant goes to County Board on 8/19. The transportation program applies for this each year to help ensure the sustainability of the bus program.
 - There are proposed changes to the DBS (Disability Benefit Specialist) position at the state level. They are looking to expand the age group of the DBS and decrease the age group of the EBS.
 - Currently there is a large need bus drivers and volunteer drivers.
- 8. ADRC Budget Review:**
 - Roxanne reported that the county has switched to new a new accounting system (Tyler) so there have been a few glitches with reports. Currently fiscal staff are working through these.

- Roxanne said that all areas of the ADRC budget are under budget and revenues are coming in as they should overall.

9. Advocacy Update:

- Roxanne said that there should be no major changes to Medicaid until 2027? The state is currently reviewing changes and what that means for programs in the state.
- Roxanne informed the committee that the state did approve extra funding for ADRC's. All counties must receive funds.

10. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- Diane Cox reported that the Richland Area Senior Citizens had a brat stand at Bindl's last month. Additionally, they had a share night at Culvers.
- Diane stated the group is a good socialization event that is held monthly at the Community Center.

11. Items for next meeting:

- Federal funding
- Home Health
- Advocacy for 2027

12. Schedule next Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting: September 3, 2025 at 1:00 pm in person and Teams.

13. Adjourn: Diane Cox made a motion to adjourn, Linda Symons seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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