

Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 3, 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: 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:** Diane Cox made a motion to approve the agenda; Larry Engel seconded. Motion carried.
- 3. Approval of August 6, 2025 Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:** Kevin Koester made a motion to approve the August 6, 2025, Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee meeting minutes; Deanna Louis seconded. Motion Carried
- 4. Citizen Comments:**
None
- 5. New Committee member discussion:**
 - Roxanne talked about the number of committee members and how the County Board reduced the number last year. It has passed to get one more committee member to represent people 60, which will bring the total committee members to seven.
 - Roxanne told the board that she will advertise for this position. Additionally, she will reach out to Schmitt, Pine Valley and the hospital and see if they are interested.
- 6. Committee Education: Men's Shed**
 - Roxanne reported she and Pam Kul-Berg went to the Loyd Community Center to discuss having a Men's Shed there. A planning committee has been formed.
 - It was determined that the Men's Shed will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The kickoff date is tentatively March 11, 2026. Loyd will provide the food for the first meeting.
- 7. Program Update: Health Promotion**
 - Roxanne reviewed the current offerings for Health Promotion classes including Bingocize, Strong Bodies and Tai Chi. These programs continue to be very popular.
- 8. ADRC Update:**
 - Discussed upcoming events:
 - The Caregiver Coalition which includes ADRC staff, Schmitt Woodland Hills staff, Inclusa staff are hosting a POA for healthcare clinic tonight, September 3rd, at HHS. All slots have been filled for the clinic. There will be one more in December.
 - Medicare part D Open Enrollment is October 15-December 7.
 - The nutrition program received an extra \$5,000 for congregate dining revitalization. Tanya and Roxanne met with the Phoenix Center to plan a weekly Rise and Dine offering. This breakfast offering will be available every Friday in September from 8 am-10 am for individuals over 60 with a suggested contribution of \$5.
 - The nutrition program still has Senior Farmer's Market vouchers available. These have to be distributed by the end of September and used by the end of October.
 - The transportation program has applied for the 2026 5310 grant which helps support the bus program.
 - The ADRC still needs volunteer drivers and has an opening for a county paid bus driver.
- 9. ADRC Budget Review:**
 - Roxanne reviewed the current budget usage through the end of August. All programs are under budget and revenues are coming in as expected.

10. Budget implications from federal budget changes:

- Currently there has been no official notification of how the federal budget changes will affect ADRC programs. The state is still working through all of the information to decipher what the impact will be. Many changes will be seen in 2027.

11. Caregiver Shortage discussion:

- Current information shows that while people are still going into healthcare as a profession, many are retiring so there has not been any net gain in workers.
- Discussion related to how to work on this issue. Larry Engel mentioned a potential work group, inviting insurers to the discussion to get their opinion on the issue. He will reach out to Sheila Troxel from Wallace Cooper and Elliot to invite her to the next committee meeting. She may have some good insight into ways to address the issue.

12. Advocacy for 2027:

- Advocacy work for the 2027 budget will start in 2026. Plan is to have more one-to-one conversations with legislators to ensure they understand what the ADRC does. Staff cannot lobby, they can educate. Committee members can have an ask when they talk to their legislators.

13. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- Richland Area Senior Citizens group meets the 3rd Thursday of the month. There has been some changes to the board. Currently 25-34 members attend each month and they have activities planned for the remainder of the year:
 - October – pumpkin decorating
 - November – working on cards for people in facilities
 - December – catered Christmas dinner

14. Items for next meeting:

- Caregiver shortage discussion with Sheila Troxel

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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