

**Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2026**

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, Jay Mueller, Deanna Louis, Diane Cox and Linda Symons
Members absent: Kevin Koester
HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Rose Welch 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 December 3, 2025, Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes:** Larry Engel made a motion to approve the December 3, 2025, Aging/ADRC Advisory Committee meeting minutes; Diane Cox seconded. Motion Carried
- 4. Citizen Comments:**
 - Roxanne reported that A Child's Place is temporarily closed. She also stated that she has seen an increase in homelessness.
- 5. Brewer Library: Joe Scribbins** (not able to attend)
 - David Scribbins reviewed information that Joe had provided regarding the library. Joe is putting together a strategic plan for the next 3 to 5 years. He is also putting together a confidential survey for ideas of what people want from the library in the next 3 to 5 years.
- 6. Board Education: Advantage Plans: Rose Welch**
 - Rose reported that she was very busy with this year's Medicare Part D enrollment.
 - Rose said that in 2026 the number of Advantage Plans in Richland County went down to 16 plans from 36 plans last year. She has seen an increase in deductibles.
 - Rose informed the committee that people must be careful regarding network changes.
 - Rose shared that there are 300 Richland County residents who had the Quartz Advantage plan, which ended 12/31/2025.
 - Rose said that there is a Quartz Supplement plan still in Richland County.
- 7. Program Updates: Elder Benefit Specialist program: Rose Welch**
 - Rose stated there are more barriers in working with Social Security which is making it harder for individuals to access the benefits they are owed and need.
- 8. Advocacy: None**
- 9. ADRC Update:**
 - Roxanne reported that everyone the recent Medicare open enrollment was very busy with numerous changes.
 - Roxanne is working with the Dementia Care Specialist, Loyd Community Center and Richland County Land and Conservation to start a Men's Shed. The first one will be held in Loyd on March 11th starting at 11:00 am.
 - Roxanne informed the committee that the next POA (Power of Attorney) event will be held in the Spring.
 - Roxanne said everyone enjoyed the Rise n Dine events that were held in November and December. In November there were 38 new people who attended and in December there were 46 new people. (In comparison the Richland Center meal site averages 15 to 25 people.) Tanya is thinking of having another Rise n Dine in February. Tanya has found that the donations for Rise n Dine average \$5.00 per meal. While the donations from the meal site averages \$2.00 per meal.
 - Roxanne said they will be thinking about closing the Rockbridge meal site on the Fridays that they have Rise n Dine. Especially since a lot of the people from Rockbridge have attended the Rise n Dine sessions.
 - Roxanne reported that Transportation is going well. However, we are always in need of volunteer drivers.

10. ADRC Budget Review:

- Roxanne reviewed the 2025 budget. Utilization is at 91.6% for the year. ADRC and Transportation are a little over this. While Nutrition and Aging are a little under. She predicts a surplus for: ADRC, Transportation and Nutrition.

11. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- Diane Cox reported that the Richland Area Senior Citizen group had a Christmas party in December. They also sent out Christmas cards.

12. Items for next meeting:

- Advocacy letter

13. Schedule next Committee Meeting: February 4, 2026, at 1:00 pm in person or Teams

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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