



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, April 4, 2011

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Haberman at 1:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Nancy Haberman, Chair, Richard Jones, Virgene Lawson, Jim Mode, Marian Moran, Mary Ann Steppke & Sharon Van Acker.

Also Present: Sue Torum, Aging & Disability Resources Division Manager; Sharon Olson, ADRC Supervisor; Denise Grossman & Doug Carson, Elderly Benefit Specialists.

**Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law**

Torum certified compliance.

**Review Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed without comment.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approval of 2/28/11 Minutes**

A motion to approve the 2/28/11 minutes was made by Van Acker and seconded by Lawson. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADRC Monthly Activity Report**

- **Review Statistical Report:** Olson reviewed the document and answered questions. There were over 500 contacts made to, or by the ADRC, in March 2011. This sets a record.
- **Discuss Impact of State Budget on Waiting List:** The Governor's budget proposal places a cap on Family Care & IRIS enrollments, which means that enrollments would be significantly decreased over the next biennium. We are currently operating under our current waiting list policy, which will change once the Office of Resource Center Development has had a chance to update policy recommendations due to these potential changes.

**Review ADRC Advisory Committee Orientation Manual**

Copies of the ADRC Advisory Committee Orientation Manual were passed out and each section was reviewed. Torum asked for feedback at the next meeting after everyone has had a chance to read

through it and comment on what needs to be clarified. There was discussion about what types of health & wellness activities the ADRC is involved in and Torum said that the RN in the ADRC is going to get trained on Living Well with Chronic Conditions which is an evidence based prevention program. This program is highly endorsed by the Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources

#### **Review National Family Caregiver Support Program Grant Application**

Torum has applied for a grant to help develop a countywide Caregiver Coalition. Funds would be used to develop resource packets, brochures and the cost of the initial kick off meeting/luncheon.

#### **Advocacy: State Budget Proposals**

- **Senior Care:** Grossman provided the committee with an update on Senior Care. She is involved with a couple who rely on this program and they have agreed to have their story shared with others. They will be attending the Joint Finance Committee Hearing on Monday, 4/11. Grossman said that there is a lot of support to “Save our SeniorCare,” and some influential legislators are also saying that they will vote to preserve it.
- **Department of Health Services Town Hall Meetings Regarding Medicaid:** DHS Secretary Dennis Smith and Assistant Secretary Kitty Rhodes are attending town hall meetings around the state to hear from constituents about Medicaid. They want to hear issues, concerns and people’s ideas on ways to change the current system. Steppke suggested that the ADRC Advisory Committee host similar meetings annually in order to have more public input.

**Income Maintenance Program Changes:** The Human Services Department’s “white paper” on the proposed changes was passed out and discussed. The consensus was that counties must have local offices to provide the best customer service.

#### **Set next meeting date and possible agenda items**

The next meeting will be on May 3, 2011. The topics will be on the state and federal budgets, advocacy issues and the Medicaid Broker System.

#### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Steppke, seconded by Moran and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Manager  
Aging & Disability Resource Division