



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

Present: Carol Battenberg, Dan Krause, Marian Moran, Jim Mode, Georganne Mortensen, and Mary Ann Steppke.

Also Present: Sue Torum and Sharon Olson, ADRC staff.

**Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law**

Torum certified compliance.

**Review Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed.

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of 4/2/13 Minutes**

A motion to approve the 4/2/13 minutes was made by Steppke and seconded by Mortenson. The motion passed unanimously.

**Communications**

None

**Advocacy**

The net effect of sequestration is not yet known at the county level; however, due to census and the reallocation methodology for distributing funding, many counties are already experiencing significant funding decreases. A chart showing this was handed out and members were encouraged to contact their federal legislators asking them to end sequestration. These cuts would be on top of those that 45 counties are already experiencing and it will have an extremely detrimental effect on the Senior Dining Program.

## **ADRC Report**

Olson reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that compared the ADRC's last Quality Assurance Review with 2012 data that has been collected through surveys. Over 200 surveys were handed out, and a fraction (30+) was returned. In comparing the results to the 2010 review, it appears that ADRC customers are still experiencing a high level of satisfaction.

This data is used to determine ongoing Aiming for Excellence Projects.

## **Year of Elder Abuse Prevention**

2013 is the Year of Elder Abuse Prevention and the PowerPoint that the Abuse/Neglect I-Team is working on was briefly reviewed. The first program will be held at the Jefferson Senior Center in June.

## **Health Care Reform 2013 Provisions:**

Information from the Henry J. Kaiser Foundation on Health Care Reform was handed out and discussed. There are 15 total provisions being implemented in 2014 and 11 are already in effect. The provisions are as follows:

- **State Notification Regarding Exchanges:** WI has opted of operating a state-based exchange.
- **Closing the Medicare Drug Coverage Gap:** Phases in subsidies for brand name medications to reduce co-insurance.
- **Medicare Bundled Payment Pilot Program:** This is a pilot program that bundles payments to cover various services.
- **Medicaid Coverage of Preventive Services:** Increases matching payments for preventative services in Medicaid.
- **Medicaid Payments for Primary Care:** Increases payments to 100% for two years.
- **Itemized Deductions for Medical Expense:** Increases the threshold from 7.5% of adjusted gross income to 10%.
- **Flexible Spending Account Limits:** Limits the contributions to \$2,500/year.
- **Medicare Tax Increase:** Increases the tax rate on earnings over \$200,000 for individuals and couples whose income exceeds \$250,000.
- **Employer Retiree Coverage Subsidy:** Eliminate the tax deduction for employers who received Medicare Part D drug subsidy payments.
- **Tax on Medical Devices:** Imposes an excise tax of 2.3% on the sale of any taxable medical device.
- **Financial Disclosure:** Requires transparency in dealings between health entities.
- **CO-OP Health Insurance Plans:** Creates Consumer Operated and Oriented Plans to foster the creation of non-profit, member-run health insurance companies.
- **Extension of CHIP:** Extends funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program.
- **Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments:** Reduces disproportionate allotments and payments.

### **Honoring Choices – ADRC Conference Presentation**

Members reviewed and commented on the PowerPoint Presentation that Torum will be presenting at the ADRC Conference next week.

### **Update on the SouthWest Family Care Alliance Meeting 4/30/13**

This managed care organization will join the Care WI in offering the Family Care Benefit to county consumers beginning 8/1. The biggest difference between the two is how they are organized. Care WI is a private non-profit organization and SouthWest FCA was created by counties under a provision in state statute that creates “long term care districts.” While the state contract is no different between MCO’s, the care philosophy appears to be subtly different.

The organization is undergoing a name change to avoid confusion since the organization is expanding beyond the southwest portion of the state; they say that this will be done by 8/1.

There are provider meetings occurring across the region to introduce them to SWFCA and develop the provider network.

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

The next meeting will be on June 4, 2013. Discussion will include more on advocacy, the state budget, sequestration, nutrition and transportation.

### **Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Manager  
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