



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, July 2, 2013

**Call to Order**

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

**Introduce New Committee Recruits & Roll Call**

Present: Carol Battenberg, Dan Krause, Jim Mode and Georganne Mortensen.

Also Present: Sue Torum, Sharon Olson, Susan Konkel and Sara Zweig, staff.

Torum introduced Connie Stengel and Darlene Schaefer, two new committee recruits. She said that Sue Strese is also interested in serving on the committee. Mode made a motion to forward the names of Schaefer, Stengel and Strese to the Human Services Board for appointment. The motion was seconded by Krause and passed unanimously.

**Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law**

Torum certified compliance.

**Review Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed.

**Election of Chairperson, Vice Chair and Secretary**

Mortensen made a motion to table elections until the August meeting; it was seconded by Mode and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of 6/4/13 Minutes**

A motion to approve the 6/4/13 minutes was made by Mode and seconded by Battenberg. The motion passed unanimously.

**Communications**

None

## **Advocacy**

Torum reported that with the passing of the state budget there were extensive changes to the Medicaid program's rules related to divestment, spousal impoverishment and estate recovery. Some of the provisions are expected to be challenged. The specifics will be shared as soon as they are known.

## **ADRC Report**

Olson handed out the 2013 Second Quarter ADRC Report. She provided updates about the new managed care organization operating in Jefferson County on 8/1; Bethesda Lutheran Communities ICF-MR Closing process, and an update on the ADRC's 2013 goals. The report also contained statistical information about enrollments and contacts.

## **Report from 6/25/13 Elder Abuse Presentation**

The presentation was cancelled because not one older adult signed up to attend. The marketing strategy will be reviewed and it will be rescheduled. The 5 people who did sign up were employees of nursing homes and a hospice. The I-team will invite them to a future meeting to answer any questions that they might have.

## **Dementia Care Specialist Activity Report**

Sue Konkel was hired in January 2013 under a grant. She reported on the following activities since she began:

- 43 caregivers have been served;
- We have evidence that due to our efforts working with one family, admission to a CBRF was postponed by 15 weeks;
- Memory Care Connections is up and running and serving three families;
- The Language Enriched Exercise & Socialization Program is also available and has 7 volunteers,
- Four businesses in downtown Fort Atkinson are now considered "Dementia Friendly,"
- We have had "Maintaining Brain Health" training and are prepared to offer programming to a new target group the "Baby Boomers,"
- A county-wide dementia registration and identification program was recently developed with the county Sheriff's Department and three people are registered;
- A Dementia Summit is scheduled in August (2013) and is a collaborative effort between the Alzheimer's Association of SE WI, Jefferson County ADRC and the Dementia Care Specialist. The summit is open to anyone with an interest in Alzheimer's disease, and the goal is to provide the community with an opportunity to define the current issues and organize on-going task force committees to address them. Topics will include:
  - Building crisis capacity through mobile crisis, treat in-place teams,
  - Emergency response (ER) placement facilities,

- Minimizing and creating successful care transitions;
- The WI Supreme Court Decision upholding a district court decision that maintains that persons with dementia are not proper subjects for treatment under the state's mental health statutes.
- Outreach efforts have been expansive to all area physicians and Churches.
- We have completed Early Detection awareness with all ADRC staff trained in early cognitive screening,
- Completed a display board for the department to use at nutrition sites, etc.
- ADRC staff have been trained in the new culture of patient centered care, and
- Our Dementia Care Specialist has been involved in Advocacy opportunities with the Alzheimer's Association and is working to build collaborative partnerships within the community;
- We have also put together a newsletter detailing all of these programs.

These activities have drawn interest from the media and Konkel and Torum were interviewed by a reporter from the county newspaper as she plans on running a series about Alzheimer's disease and other dementia

### **Brown Cab Transportation Study**

An intro meeting on the study was 7/2. The company selected to undertake it is SRF Consulting Group, Inc. The work plan was discussed and a meeting schedule decided. Torum intends to attend all meetings and provide reports on an ongoing basis.

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

The next meeting will be on August 6, 2013. Discussion will include elections, ADRC operations and care transitions.

### **Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Manager  
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