



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

Present: Earlene Ronk, Chair, Jim Mode, Carolyn Niebler, Connie Stengel, Carol Battenberg, Georganne Mortensen, Darlene Schaefer, and Dan Krause

Also Present: Sharon Olson, Sue Torum & Denise Grossman, staff.

**Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law**

Torum certified compliance.

**Review Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed.

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of 6/3/14 Minutes**

A motion to approve the 6/3/2014 minutes was made by Mode, seconded by Mortensen and passed unanimously.

**Communications**

The 9/2/2014 Email from Carrie Porter, Mobility Manager with the Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources, (GWAAR) on the Federal Surface Transportation Act Reauthorization was read. The Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network Issue Brief on the same was also reviewed. After discussion, Mode made a motion to send a letter to federal representatives urging them to pass along term resolution. The motion was seconded by Krause and passed unanimously.

**Elder Benefit Specialist: Medicaid Changes to Estate Recovery & Divestment**

Denise Grossman, Elder Benefit Specialist, provided the committee with an overview of Act 20, which made several changes to WI's Medicaid estate recovery and divestment program effective August 1, 2014. The changes occur after a Medicare beneficiary dies and expands the Department of Health Services authority to recover some of the deceased beneficiary's non-probate assets, as well as some marital property within the surviving spouse's estate later upon their death. The GWAAR handout dated July 2014 was handed out and reviewed.

## **ADRC Report**

### **Semi Annual Activity Report**

The report was handed out and discussed. Olson said that the Department of Health Services (DHS) received 2.8 million dollars through the Enhanced Options Counseling Grant Project (EOCG) that contract will be ending September 20, 2015. Jefferson County has been involved in a pilot project.

### **Statewide Marketing Campaign**

A few months ago, Olson informed the committee that DHS produced commercials for marketing ADRC's throughout the state. Jefferson County worked with Dane, Dodge, Columbia, Grant, Green Iowa, Juneau, Lafayette, Marquette, Richland, Rock and Sauk Counties on a Request to Purchase Air Time for video spots. We have been asking consumers when they call the ADRC how they heard about the ADRC and at this time one consumer said that they saw the TV ad.

DHS is working on another project for a Statewide ADRC toll free number. There is a way to set up prefix routing throughout the state and ADRC's would then be answering calls that are in a call region. The sending county would be able to provide a warm transfer to another ADRC if needed.

DHS is also working on an ADRC brochure. The goal is that all ADRC's will be using the new brochure as a way to maintain consistency in promoting ADRC's.

### **Training and Staff Development**

As Grossman pointed out, Medicaid Estate Recovery, Divestment and Spousal Impoverishment policies have changed. DHS is providing up to date training for I & A staff in a regional format so that all staff receive the same information.

### **Quality Improvement Projects (NIATx or Aiming for Excellence)**

DHS is offering quality assurance training to all ADRC staff. One of the projects that we are working on is for Non-English speaking consumers. The ADRC recruited a Spanish speaking interpreter from the Watertown Free Clinic who volunteered his time to do a "walkthrough" at the ADRC. Overall, he stated that the ADRC staff are very "in tune" with assisting consumers and offering appropriate services, he did offer some suggestions on marketing to the Latino/Hispanic culture.

### **Care Transitions Initiative**

The aim of the Care Transitions Initiative is to work as a community team to reduce hospital readmissions to 20% or less. Jefferson County is already below that percentage. In 2013 Jefferson was at 13.8% per Metastar, an organization that promotes quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care. When Metastar reviews the statistics, they look at all count residents who were admitted and then readmitted to a hospital within 30 days. This includes admissions to a local hospital and then readmission to another in areas such as Madison or Milwaukee. Olson will be attending a State Coalition Steering Committee Seminar training next week. The Jefferson County

Coalition has been meeting for a little over a year and attendance is declining; however, the present committee is made up of strong members and there is a project under way.

### **Youth Transitions Network**

The network will be sponsoring training for teachers and special education aides called ***From School to Work for Students with Autism*** on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our last event was three years ago.

### **Long Term Care in Motion 2012 Annual Report**

Torum passed out copies of the report and reviewed the highlights related to Family Care, Partnership and IRIS.

### **Transportation Updates**

- 7/22/14 Transportation Strategies Meeting
- Letter of intent to apply for S85.20 Funds
- Care WI Transportation Provider Forum

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

The next meeting will be on October 7, 2014. Discussion may include Transportation.

### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Schaefer, seconded by Battenberg and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Manager  
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