



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

**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, Carol Battenberg, Connie Stengel & Dan Krause

Also Present: Sharon Olson & Sue Torum staff.

**Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law**

Torum certified compliance.

**Review Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed.

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of 12/2/2014 Minutes**

A motion to approve the 12/2/2014 minutes was made by Mode. The motion was seconded by Niebler and passed unanimously.

**Communications**

None

**ADRC Report**

Olson informed the committee that approximately three-fourths of the people who received Senior Farmer's Market Vouchers redeemed them. She is concerned about that and will be talking with her staff about what they can do to address this when people are signing up.

Information about the Jefferson County Transition Network was handed out. They have planned a conference for high school students with disabilities on 3/20/14. It is called Moving Forward - Your Future. These have been offered in the past and are very popular.

Neither Torum nor Olson were able to sit in on the Amy Flowers Webinar: ***“Helping People with Issues Related to Memory Loss of Dementia.”*** A report on this will be on a future agenda.

Olson handed out the 2014 Annual ADRC report. She provided some new ways of looking at the information including the average number of contacts per day that the ADRC has with the public. It ranges anywhere between 18-25. Jefferson County’s enrollment data was compared to counties with comparable elderly and disabled populations. As of August 2014, Jefferson has 1,036 enrollments compared to Dodge at 617, Manitowoc at 833 and Ozaukee at 657.

### **2014 Aging Unit Self-Assessment**

The 2014 Aging Unit Self-Assessment was reviewed. The goals have been met. A motion to accept the plan was made by Niebler, seconded by Battenberg and passed unanimously.

### **Review and Discuss 2015-2016 Governor’s Budget Proposals**

1. **Senior Care:** The 85,000 SeniorCare enrollees would be required to purchase Medicare Part D Rx drug plans from private insurance companies with SeniorCare becoming a supplement to those plans.
2. **ADRC’s:** The budget allows the Department to contract with entities or resource centers as provided in the statutes to provide any of the services outlined in the statutes and in any geographic area. It also significantly weakens stakeholder oversight by eliminating the ADRC Advisory Committees or governing boards.
3. **Family Care:** The concepts that IRIS was built on would be incorporated into the Family Care benefit. Family Care would be required to include acute and primary care in the benefit plan which makes them a regulated insurer. In addition the Family Care Districts would be eliminated since they could never meet the requirements. This includes Continuous in this area.
4. **Dementia Care Specialists:** Funding would remain the same over the next two years.
5. **Transportation:** The non-emergency Medicaid transportation brokerage system would be eliminated. The transportation benefit would be part of the insurance program the person is enrolled in.

In closing, Torum said that the Older American's Act is very close to being reauthorized. The Senate HELP Committee passed it unanimously in February.

### **Report from the WI Long Term Care Council Subcommittee on Dementia**

Torum was invited to a meeting which was held in Johnson Creek recently. The committee was discussing crisis response issues and three counties were invited to share what is happening in the local community. This is a priority issue as the state redesigns dementia care. The committee is struggling to identify issues since each county operates differently. Torum spoke when making communities dementia friendly/capable crisis responders have a vested interest and a lot of outreach to them specifically is occurring. As an example, the Fort Hospital invited the Dementia Care Specialist, Torum and Emergency Mental Health Supervisor to their Geriatric Point meeting and during the meeting asked the ADRC to do a staff in-service on dementia and dealing with challenging behaviors that often lead to crisis.

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

The next meeting will be on April 7, 2015. Discussion may include review of 2014 Annual Report information and the ADRC's Key Outcome Indicators in addition to budgetary issues.

### **Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Manager  
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