



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday, June 7, 2016

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

Present: Earlene Ronk, Chair; Carolyn Niebler, Marcia Bare, Ellen Sawyers, Carol Battenberg, and Connie Stengel.

Also Present: Sharon Olson, Beth Eilenfeldt, Dominic Wondolkowski, staff. Guests: Jean Lynch

**Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law**

Olson certified compliance.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed and approved in a motion made by Bare, seconded by Niebler and passed unanimously.

**Approval of 5/3/2016 Minutes**

A motion to approve the 5/3/2016 minutes was made by Niebler, seconded by Stengel and passed unanimously.

**Communications**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Discuss: and review Candidate for Committee Vacancy**

A motion to approve Ellen Sawyers to be appointed the ADRC Advisory Committee was made by Connie Stengel and seconded by Caroline Niebler and passed unanimously.

**Discuss: ADRC Report**

Dominic Wondolkowski, the new ADRC Supervisor started on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. He reviewed with the committee his responsibilities and requested input on information and reporting statistics that the committee would appreciate.

**Discuss Elder Abuse Day – June 15<sup>th</sup>**

**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Every year an estimated 5 million, or 1 in 10, older Americans are victims of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and experts believe that for every reported case of elder abuse or neglect, as many as 23 cases go unreported.

Everyone can act to protect seniors – no act is too small. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is an opportunity for people to take action to protect seniors by raising awareness about elder abuse. It starts with one person and one action.

Elder abuse can happen to anyone – a loved one, a neighbor, and when we are old enough, it can even happen to us. Elder abuse affects seniors across all income groups, cultures and races. Mistreatment is most often committed by the victim’s own family members. Elder abuse can occur anywhere: In the community – for instance, in a person’s home or in a public place, In nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other institutional settings such as in a hospital. Olson discussed with Committee members looking for ways to promote awareness in Jefferson County. Will work on a plan for next to be connected with other ADRC to promote awareness such as the blue pinwheels and Educational outreach information?

### **Discuss: Senior Dining – Speaker Jean Lynch, from GWAAR, Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources**

Jean Presented on Senior Dining, and shared the If you build it they will come documentary that showed how a community pulled together to share community meals. Jean also discussed alternative programs such as the restaurant model of senior dining.

### **Discuss: GWAAR Advocacy Updates**

The Older Americans Act reauthorization –

It’s been five long years since the last Older Americans’ Act reauthorization expired, but on April 19<sup>th</sup> President Obama signed the OAA Reauthorization Act of 2016 into law! The reauthorization demonstrates the commitment of the president and Congress to the health and well-being of the nation’s older adults.

State Aging and Resource Center offices moved to the Division of Public Health –

On April 11, DHS issued a news release regarding the creation of a new Division of Medicaid including details on the merger of the Division of Long Term Care and the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability as well as moving the Office on Aging and Office for Resource Center Development in the Division of Public Health.

The Deliver Act-

This bipartisan legislation would amend the tax code to increase the tax deduction for volunteers who deliver meals to homebound individuals from 14 cents per mile, where it has remained unchanged for nearly two decades, to the standard business mileage rate, which is currently 54 cents per mile. This legislation is a step in the right direction and gets this bill passed into law.

Family Care/IRIS 2.0 Update

Since the passage of the state 2015-2017 state budget last July, the state Department of health services has been working on designing a new care model, Family Care/IRIS 2.0, which will expand Family Care statewide and transition the program “to an outcome-based model that coordinates all of the individual’s care needs.” Advocates continue to have questions on key components of the plan and are asking for further details before the Joint Finance Committee takes action on DHS’ plan to move ahead on the redesign.

**Adjourn:**

Discussion was to cancel the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and resume with the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Sawyers, seconded Niebler and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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