



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 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, Carol Battenberg, Russell Kutz, and Connie Stengel.

Also Present: Sue Torum and Sharon Olson, staff.

**Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law**

Torum certified compliance.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of 12/1/2015 Minutes**

A motion to approve the 12/1/2015 minutes was made by Niebler, seconded by Stengel and passed unanimously.

**Communications**

Torum read a letter for the Great Wisconsin Area on Aging Resources (GWAAR). The letter was to inform the committee that the 2016-2018 Aging Unit Plan and budget was approved and thanked the committee for all of the work that they do.

**Public Comment**

None

**Discuss: Off-site meeting locations for 2016**

There was a lot of discussion around this and the tentative plan is to hold four meetings at various locations, including the three senior centers in Fort Atkinson, Jefferson and Watertown and at the municipal building in Lake Mills. Agenda items were also discussed and will focus on SeniorCare/Medicare; Transportation, Dementia Care and Senior Dining. Torum will contact the various organizations before the March meeting to develop a schedule.

**Discuss: ADRC Annual Update for 2016**

Olson walked through each page of this annual informational document which provides the Department of Health Services an overview of how the ADRC is organized, staffed and how the budget is spent. She reviewed the success stories and a NIATx project on using technology when an interpreter is unavailable.

**Discuss: Legislative/Advocacy Activity Report at State/Federal Levels**

This report was compiled by Janet Zander, Advocacy & Public Policy Coordinator at GWAAR. The updates provided were reviewed. Highlights include AB 453 which provides for Family Care expansion into Rock County and the Federal FY 2016-2017 Budget Deal which provides significant increases in Older American's Act, SHIP, ADRC and Senior Corps funding. A determination was not made as to how this increase would be spread among the programs.

In addition the budget addresses funding issues facing the Social Security Disability Trust Fund and prevents significant (52%) Medicare Part B premium increases from taking effect.

**Discussion: Wisconsin Cares Alzheimer's & Dementia Legislative Package**

The Speakers Taskforce of Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia completed their public hearings and has proposed a comprehensive package of reforms to protect, support and assist persons with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers, these include:

- ✓ LRB 1724/1: relating to: informed consent for psychotropic medications in nursing homes and community based residential facilities.
- ✓ LRB 4206/1: relating to: funding for respite care under the Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program.
- ✓ LRB 4306/1: relating to: dementia training grants for mobile crisis teams and making an appropriation.
- ✓ LRB 4208/1: relating to: funding for dementia care specialists in ADRC's.
- ✓ LRB 4460/1: relating to: dementia specialist certification program.
- ✓ LRB 4469/1: relating to funding for the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- ✓ LRB 4478/1: relating to: funding for a virtual dementia tour license.
- ✓ LRB 4459/1: relating to: report on dementia crisis unit pilot program and placement of individuals with dementia.
- ✓ LRB 3800/1: relating to: continuing legal and judicial education on elder law related to issues.

- ✓ LRB 4134/1: relating to: referrals fro subjects of alerts for missing adults and operator's license review.

### **Discuss: Medicaid & Long Term Care Enrollment Data by County**

The *Medicaid Adult (Ages 18+) Elderly, Blind, Disabled Medicaid and Long-Term Care Program Enrollment by County Chart*, dated July 2014 was handed out and reviewed. This chart shows data across programs, and also the percent of adults who qualify for Medicaid based on age and disability enrolled in long term care programs across the state. In Jefferson County 2.1% of the individuals on this Medicaid plan are enrolled in publicly funded long term care programs.

### **Discuss: AARP Livability Index as it Relates to Jefferson County**

The information in the index rates communities based on a variety of factors that are useful in planning efforts. Members were made aware and asked to check it out if they are interested.

### **Discuss Elder Abuse Interdisciplinary Team's 2016 Project: Developing a Hoarding Taskforce**

The committee talked about various situations that they are aware of involving hoarding. The difficulties treating individuals with this disorder are well known. The I-teams initial work will be on identifying people that should be included in discussions and a brochure on local resources is being developed.

### **Discuss 2<sup>nd</sup> Progress Report to the Joint Finance Committee on Family Care/IRIS Reforms**

The 2015-2017 budget, Act 55, required DHS to provide two progress reports to the legislature on reforming Wisconsin's long term care programs. The second progress report was provided to JCF on 1/4/2016. The report detailed information gathered at 8 public hearings and via 10 meetings with stakeholder groups. It also provided feedback received from mail, email, etc. The department will hold two additional hearings in March 2016. The final report will be available on April 1, 2016.

### **Discussion and possible action on Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program Waiting List**

The proposed waiting list policy was reviewed and approved in a motion made by Battenberg, seconded by Niebler and passed unanimously.

**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Battenberg, seconded Kutz and the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

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