



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

**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, Ellen Haines, Russell Kutz, Marcia Bare, Connie Stengel, & Ellen Sawyers

Also Present: Sharon Olson, Leigh Fritter and Dominic Wondolkowski, staff and Ella Reinel and Jennifer Coppes as interested community members.

**Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law**

Olson certified compliance.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of 03/07/2017 Minutes**

Motion by Kutz, second by Niebler, to approve the 3/7/2017 minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

**Communications**

None.

**Public Comment**

Jennifer Coppes introduced herself and shared that was attending as she is interested in applying for committee membership.

**Advocacy Updates:**

Olson shared that March 21<sup>st</sup> is World Social Worker Day. Social workers stand up for millions of people every day. This includes people who are experiencing devastating illnesses and mental health crisis, our veterans, children, families and communities. May people still misunderstand who social workers are the invaluable contributions they bring to society. This year we will commemorate Social Work Month with a "Social Workers Stand Up!" campaign. This campaign will educate the public about the contributions of social workers and give social workers and their allies' tools they can use to elevate the profession.

Olson shared information sent from GWAAR –Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. The Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network will be hosting an event for Aging Advocacy Day which will be held on Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Olson highlighted a few areas of interest that are being discussed on the Governor's budget. The budget includes an increase to the nursing home and personal care program at a 2% increase for Medicaid reimbursement. MAPP proposal is that all participants would pay at

least \$25.00 premium per month and premiums would go up modestly. A 2% increase in funding for transportation.

### **Discussion: ADRC Report:**

Dominic Wondolkowski updated the committee on the following items:

Key Outcome Indicator: In March 2017, I & A staff provided at total of 26 LTC Functional Screens; 21 of 26 (80.76 %) were calculated within the 14-day KOI goal. 4 out of 5 of the FS out of compliance were calculated seven or less days beyond the 14-day standard.

Through the Youth Transition Network, the Job Olympics was held as scheduled on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the MATC Watertown Campus. The event is considered a success. Thirty-six (36) students with disabilities and 40 teachers and/or volunteers attended. Students enjoyed the small group Olympic-style events, which included coin sorting and scanning, laundry fold, grocery bagging, etc. The event featured two guest speakers from Festival Foods and one speaker from Specialty Cheese. All speakers interacted very well with the students. One school district cancelled at the last minute but it turned-out for the good as at the closing session, we had one raffle prize and one medallion ribbon for each student, which really excited them before departure back to their schools.

ADRC staff is in its 5<sup>th</sup> week of Living Well with Chronic Conditions class at River Crest Apartments. There are nine class participants. The final class will be April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Leah Clay from Waukesha Co. and Preventive Health Strategies offered for the ADRC to partner with her and hold a class on Chronic Pain Management. The training was available four days in March to become a session leader. Unfortunately all I & A staff were occupied with online dementia crisis response training and were not able to commit to another four days of training. The plan will be to work with Leah Clay to eventually get 1-2 staff trained so the ADRC can provide this health-strategy class in Jefferson County.

All I & A and APS staff have completed the 7-8 hours of online dementia training and are now certified and have the “Dementia Specialist Designation” and are part of Dementia Specialist Registry. Moving forward, the goal is to have the trained staff become part of larger initiative; Jefferson Co.’s Dementia Crisis Response Team. It is important staff received this training since there is a possibility the ADRC will be without the services of the Dementia Care Specialist position in 2018 due to anticipated cuts in the 2017-2019 State budget.

ADRC Staff Changes: Deb Miller, the paraprofessional/receptionist of the ADRC finished her last day of work on 4-3-17. Dominic Wondolkowski and Sharon Olson are now in the process of completing job interviews and hope to have the position filled in the next 1-2 weeks.

### **Nutrition Program and Updates:**

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Leigh Fritter shared information on the Senior Nutrition Program meal numbers for the month of March were consistent with the number of meals served in February. March was National Nutrition Month and the program nutritionist, Sharon Endl went to the meal sites and provided education related to ‘nutrient dense foods.’ Alongside the providing information, the participants tasted and received a recipe for nutrient dense brownies and had to guess the nutrient dense ingredient. Committee members were informed that the annual volunteer recognition banquet would be held Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds and those invitations would be arriving shortly.

**Presentation by Denise Grossman, Elder Benefit Specialist**

Denise presented on a variety of topics. The Benefit Specialists have been conducting workshops: ABC's of Medicare and Welcome to Medicare. Attendance is usually full and the surveys have gleamed positive results. Denise shared information on a couple budget proposals to watch, at the Federal level, the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) that are being proposed to eliminate \$49 million from the \$52 million program. The SHIP program offers one-on-one counseling and assistance to people with Medicare. Some of the programs that may be affected are The Wisconsin Medigap Helpline, The Wisconsin Medigap Prescription Helpline, Disability Drug Benefit Helpline, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Benefit Specialist and Wisconsin Judicare. Locally this may effect funding for services as Denise trains the SHIP volunteers.

**Discussion and review of 2016 Aging Unit Self-Assessment Plan:**

Olson shared a copy of the final 2016 Aging Unit Self- Assessment Plan. A motion was made by Niebler in support of the plan; it was seconded by Stengel and passed unanimously. It will be sent to the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, GWAAR for their review and feedback.

**Discussion Elder Abuse Awareness Day:**

The Worldwide Elder Abuse Awareness Day will be June 15, 2017. Staff are working on creating a banner to promote awareness as well as t-shirts. Olson will keep member informed of progress.

**Discussion and review of Adult Protective Services Quarter WITS Report:**

Olson shared the that for the first quarter in 2017 there has been 8 reports on consumers 60 years of age and older, and 5 reports for the consumers who are between the ages of 19 and 59.

**Discussion and review of 2016 Elder Abuse Direct Services Expenditures Report:**

Olson handed out and reviewed with the committee member the 2016 Elder Abuse Direct Services Expenditures Report. The county received an allocation of \$25,025 and the funding is spent on assessment, case management and crisis intervention.

**Discussion of possible agenda items:**

Olson asked for suggestion s from the committee on topics of interest. Haines was able to secure the Rainbow Hospice Community room for our next meeting. Members were interested in the Adult Protective Services Unit so staff will be invited to our next meeting.

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**Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Niebler, seconded by Stengel and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Olson, Manager,  
Aging & Disability Resources Division