



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: Earlene Ronk, Chair, Russell Kutz, Ellen Haines, Ellen Sawyers, Marcia Bare, Carolyn Niebler, Connie Stengel and Jeanne Tyler.

Also Present: Sharon Olson, Leigh Fritter and Dominic Wondolkowski , ADRC Staff.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

It was determined that the committee was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

Approval of Agenda

Marcia Bare made a motion to approve the May agenda. Seconded by Jeanne Tyler. Approved unanimously.

Approval of April 3, 2018 Minutes

Carolyn Niebler made a motion to approve the April 3, 2018 meeting minutes as written, Ellen Sawyers seconded. Motion carried.

Communications

Wondolkowski read a letter authored by ADRC student intern-Bridgette Unger that was mailed to The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch, Chairman, Committee of Finance, United States Senate in support of the EMPOWER Care Act. This legislation would extend the Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration, which helps elderly and disabled people on Medicaid relocate into the community. The MFP program expired in September 2016 but states, including Wisconsin have been using remaining funds that will soon run out.

Public Comment

None.

Advocacy Updates from GWAAR – Greater Wisconsin Agenda on Aging Resources and /or ORCD – Office of Resource Center Development:

Another reminder that May 16th is Aging Advocacy Day! Your voice can make a difference.

Jeanne Tyler gave an update of Legislature Lobby Day that she attended with the Wisconsin Association of Deaf and Hard of Hearing as well as the Association of Interpreters. Although it was a bad weather day, representatives talked about a few bill and issues that would like to see improved. One is Standardizing the Representation of Interpreters. There are 2 issues that consumers need to be informed about on T-Coils for hearing aids. – Some can use a variety of assisted technology that can be used in a 3 – 5 foot range and the other is the Hearing Loop. Jeanne also mentioned special challenges for providers in providing Mental Health for people who are deaf and hard of hearing as well as people who are blind and deaf.

Discuss and possible action on Requests for Waiver of Transportation Co-payment:

Olson reviewed the co-payment requirement for transportation services. For consumers there is \$1.50 co-pay per trip for intercounty transportation and \$7.50 per trip for out of county transport. We reviewed a couple requests for waiver of co-pays for transportation. Members discussed and approved a letter to use for notification and that with consumers that have a limited fixed income committee member would agree a yearly review would be in order with a suggested that they meet with a benefit specialist. For consumer who may be working, a 6 month review which could be extended would be the best practice at this time.

Presentation of Bridges Library Programs and Services – Angela Meyers

Angela presented with a variety of resources the Bridges Library system, which includes all the Jefferson county Libraries had to offer. Angela has worked with the ADRC on the Music and Memory programs, Sip and Swipe and some of the Memory Cafes. She discussed the Wisconsin digital library and renting e-book and iPad as well as Flipster, which is an online magazine program – no paper.

Discussion and update on the ACTI Grant Coalition with the City of Fort Atkinson.

Olson shared that the working title will be Fort Mobility Coalition. Jean Thiede is on the survey committee. Sharon is reviewing job descriptions and functions of other Mobility Managers in the state. Monthly meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month.

Discussion: ADRC Report, Wondolkowski

In April, staff provided options and/or I & A conversations to six consumers resulting in one referral to the NFCSP and two referrals to the Housekeeping Program. Key Outcome Indicator not met. Reason: some consumers opted to apply for LTC programing rather than NFCSP.

Governor Scott Walker has proclaimed May 2018 as Aging & Disability Resource Center Month. The 10th Anniversary for the ADRC of Jefferson is in July 2018. In celebration of both milestones, the ADRC will host an Open House on Friday, May 11th from 9 am-1 pm. The event will include free blood pressure checks, memory screens, giveaways and treats and refreshments. To promote ADRC month & the Open House, a flier has been distributed. Dominic is also scheduled to appear on the Morning Magazine show on WFAW radio on May 3rd at 9:30 am.

With May declared as ADRC month, the ADRC is also the department “spotlight” at the Human Services all-staff monthly meeting. ADRC staff will provide a small presentation on May 9th. The Human Services staff appreciation luncheon is scheduled for May 22nd and ADRC staff are working on a wall board project to display at the luncheon.

The next MCO/ICA/ADRC/IM Roundtable will be held on May 4th. A primary agenda item is the use of Change Routing Forms (CRF). A CRF is issued by the MCO or ICA agency to ADRC’s when there is an adverse action (i.e. consumer has not paid their cost share and disenrollment is requested). Recently, CRF have not been submitted until end of the month and in some cases, consumers are unaware of their disenrollment.

Beginning April 1st, ADRC of Jefferson began to claim more federal dollars for additional activities. This required modifications to Time and Task reporting. DHS /ORCD has provided several modified, more user-friendly versions but not in a timely fashion.

Senior Farmer Market vouchers will be available again this year for distribution beginning June 1, 2018. All printed materials/brochures were ordered and received on 4-30-18.

The ADRC of Jefferson received 20 applications for the Benefit Specialist vacancy. Interviews are scheduled later this week. I & A Specialist-Jenifer Eilert accepted an internal position with CPS Intake Unit and her last day with the ADRC is May 4th. The Information & Assistance Specialist position has been posted internally and externally and applications are now being accepted through 5-7-18. Bridgette Unger, ADRC student intern's last day is May 18th.

Senior Dining Program Updates:

Program Supervisor, Fritter discussed the meal numbers for March; Congregate Meals 950 meals which is a increase of 2% from march 2017. Home Delivered Meals, 1612 meals which is an increase of 43% from March of the prior year. She stated that the addition of home delivered meals in Watertown have added to the increase numbers. Fritter also discussed the volunteer banquet on Wednesday May 9th and that the total number of RSVP's was 222, which was above the amount of attendees from the year prior, and that she would notify the committee of the total attendance at the following meeting.

Discussion on the 2019-2021 Aging Plan

Olson shared a draft survey for collecting public information. A few minor edits and Olson will share with everyone through the email list serve and mail out to a few members. The plan is for committee members to get 3 – 5 responses from conversations with someone in the community. We will review at the next meeting.

Discussion on the 2019 – 2023 Locally Developed Coordinated Public Transit – Human services Transportation Plan

Olson shared that the planning stages have begun to work on the Human Services Transportation Plan. Olson will share as more details become available.

Discuss Future Agenda Items

Olson shared that she will reach out to the Community Action Coalition to see if a representative would be able to discuss what they have found for community needs.

Adjourn:

Russ Kutz made a motion to adjourn at 2:50 pm, Connie Stengel seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Olson, Manager, Aging & Disability Resources Division