



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: Russell Kutz, Chair, Jeanne Tyler, Vice – Chair, Ellen Sawyers, Ruth Fiege, and Janet Sayre Hoeft.

Also present: Sharon Olson, Dominic Wondolkowski, Leigh Fritter and Mike Hansen

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

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

Approval of Agenda

Approved unanimously.

Approval of August 6, 2019 Minutes

Janet Hoeft made a motion to approve meeting minutes from August 6, 2019 as written, Ruth Fiege seconded. Motion carried.

Communications

Russ Kutz read the letter of the Jefferson County AU 2018 Self-Assessment. Olson shared that Marcia Bare has resigned as a committee member.

Public Comment

None.

Election of Secretary

Russell Kutz nominated Janet Sayers Hoeft to be Secretary. Jeanne Tyler seconded nomination. Approved unanimously.

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

Olson shared updates:

- DHS released a new ADRC Commercial which can be viewed on the DHS website.
- The United States Department of Health and Human Services revises the poverty guidelines each year. As in the past, we will continue to use the poverty guidelines in effect at the beginning of the federal fiscal year for reporting purposes throughout that fiscal year of October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020.
- The Medicare Plan Finder on Medicare.gov helps people with Medicare compare and choose coverage options, including Medicare health and drug plans. There is a webinar to preview and walk through Plan Finder updates that are planned for Open Enrollment 2019.
- **Caregiver Teleconnection Schedule for September.**
There are a lot of great presentations this month which are perfect for those caregivers who are unable or unwilling to attend in-person presentations. Calling in is free but registration is either by phone (866.390.6491) or online
- **Action on Governor Ever's Task Force on Caregiving**
The Governor's Task Force on Caregiving has been named and the first meeting will take place in September. Things are moving forward for increasing support to family and professional caregivers in Wisconsin!

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

No new requests at this time.

Discussion: ADRC Report, Wondolkowski

For August, the Key Outcome Indicator is met. I & A staff provided 32 of 32 initial home visits within 10-business days of the customer's request or at later date preferred by the customer.

Billboard advertising and movie theatre commercial time was purchased in 2019 through carryover and one-time funding. To measure impact, effective 9-3-19, the ADRC began a survey asking customers how they learned about the ADRC and, if they have seen the billboards and commercials. Carryover funding will also be used for the translation of brochures (English to Spanish). A quote from Bilingual Training Consultants, LLC is pending.

In August, Wondolkowski contacted each nursing home in the Jefferson Co. service area as referrals have decline. NH relocation is a core contract service and there is funding earmarked for this service.

The Benefit Specialists from Jefferson and Dodge Counties hosted an ABC's of Medicare workshop on Aug.28th at the Watertown Hospital. Twenty-eight attended. The Watertown Daily Times was present and there will be a news article in an upcoming edition of the paper. There is another ABC's of Medicare workshop scheduled for Sept. 12th at Fort Hospital with only two registrations so far.

The ADRC has two Quality Improvement Projects for 2019. Project #1 is to increase the redemption rate for Farmer's Market vouchers as the rate has decline for several years. A post card with reminder message and recipe will be mailed the 5th of Aug. Sept., and Oct. and then results compared with baseline data. Project #2, with a start date of 8-23-19 is to improve the ADRC website (more user friendly) with the goal to increase new ADRC customers.

Upcoming events include: (1) Healthy Living with Chronic Pain six-week workshop, Jefferson Sr. Center- Sept 19th. (2) Regional Veteran's Conference/Resource Fair –Nov. 19th at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison; and (3) Yost (Young and Old Stick Together), Waterloo High School- Sept. 13th.

Discuss Senior Dining Program Updates

Olson shared that September is National Food Safety Education Month. Resources are available to learn how to be a food safety superhero! Take steps to help prevent food poisoning and show others how to keep food safe. Every year, an estimated 1 in 6 Americans (or 48 million people) get sick, 128,000 are hospitalized, and 3,000 die from eating contaminated food. Anyone can get sick from a foodborne illness (also called food poisoning).

Discuss Mobility Manager Report, Mike Hansen

Mike shared his report of activities that he has conducted during August and ridership has doubled during the past couple of months. Wednesday Walks have been going well, Mike shared some stories. Mike is working on improving accessibility of the ADRC transportation website.

Discussion Jefferson County's ADRC Transportation Fleet Maintenance Plan

Olson shared that within the Transportation department as part of application for 5310 funding that there are responsibilities such as have a formal plan. Olson and Mike Hansen are working on the draft and we will review at our next meeting.

Discuss Aging Plan Goals

Olson discussed the Aging Plan Goals that are written for each of the programs under the Older Americans Act. The committee will review updates each month.

Discuss Future Agenda Items

Jeanne Tyler suggested information on T-Coil for hearing aide users and that there were 2 bills on hearing loss being presented. There are also a couple of bills being introduced on Financial Abuse. A topic to review at our next meeting is if we should hold some of our 2020 meetings in the community.

Adjourn:

Ellen Sawyers made a motion to adjourn, Janet Sayers Hoeft seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Olson, Aging & Disability Resources Division Manager