



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday, February 4, 2020

**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; Janet Sayre Hoeft, Secretary; Ellen Sawyers;  
Community members: Frankie Fuller

Also present from ADRC: Sharon Olson, Dominic Wondolkowski, and Michael 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**

Janet Sayre Hoeft made a motion to approve the agenda, Ellen Sawyers seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of January 7, 2020 Minutes**

Ellen Sawyers made a motion to approve meeting minutes from January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as written, Jeanne Tyler seconded. Motion carried.

**Communications**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

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

Olson shared updates on the following:

- The Guardian Training Bill – AB - 786 this bill offering free training for prospective family and volunteer guardians is important to you, your family, and/or the community members you serve.
- The federal government has announced an increase to 2020 federal poverty levels, which are used to determine eligibility for Medicaid programs. The new federal poverty levels will start being applied for those newly enrolling in Wisconsin's Medicaid programs, including BadgerCare Plus, beginning on February 1, 2020

**Discussion and update on MyStrength Program.**

Olson reviewed My Strength Program available. Feedback and suggestions was to have information available at the Jefferson County Dairy Breakfast.

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

Two requests received for waiver of transportation of co-payments. Janet Sayre Hoeft made a motion to approve both requests, Ellen Sawyers seconded. Motion carried. Olson will write approval letter for 2020.

**Discussion: ADRC Report, Wondolkowski**

For January, the Key Outcome Indicator is met, despite the ADRC was short (2 of 4) Resource Specialists for the month. I & A staff provided 23 of 23 initial home visits within 10-business days of the customer's request or at later date preferred by the customer.

The Disability Benefits Specialist staff had a busy month. The final deadline for 2019 case data entry was 1-27-20 compared to previous years when all year-end reporting was not due until April 30th. The deadline was

mandatory to ensure data migrated into the new WellSky/SAMS platform database scheduled to go live on Mon. 2-24-20. End of the year reporting did reveal the DBS program doubled the number of consumers served and the monetary impact from the year before. In 2018, 169 individuals were assisted directly with 258 case issues having a monetary impact of \$ 966,799. In 2019, 232 individuals were served with 408 cases for a monetary impact of \$2,245,450.

The Elder Benefit Specialists will be offering “Welcome to Medicare” presentations again in 2020. Wondolkowski provided members with the flyer.

The Dementia Care Specialist also has a busy January providing the following community outreach presentations: 1-16-20, Dementia Friendly Business training at Hometown Pharmacy in Fort Atkinson; Sun. 1-19-20 Dementia and Caregiver presentation at St. John’s Catholic Church in Jefferson; and 1-21-20 Dementia presentation at LD Fargo Library in Lake Mills.

One ADRC Change Project for 2019 was to increase the Jefferson County redemption rate for Senior Farmer Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) vouchers. Steps taken to improve the redemption rate included a postcard mailing to all 201 recipients in Aug. Sept. & October. On 1-13-20, Judy Allen, Coordinator of WIC and Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program reported Jefferson County’s 2019 redemption rate increased by 17%.

The ADRC is still in the process of filling the vacant Benefit Specialist position.

#### **Discussion: Senior Dining Program Updates – Sharon Olson**

Olson shared Kimberly Swanson has been hired as the new Nutrition Program Supervisor, and Kimberly needed to attend a training at the state today, so she will be introduced next month.

#### **Discuss Mobility Manager Report**

Mike Hansen shared the last month’s ridership report and updates. Last month another record was set for monthly Transports, at 861 trips were completed.

#### **Discuss Aging Plan Goals**

Olson discussed the Aging Plan Goals reviewed for 2020

Advocacy Highlight – Heather will be attending the Capital event of Alzheimer’s Advocacy Day. Looking for people to participate in Senior Awareness Day.

Support of Caregivers - One staff was trained in Powerful Tools for caregivers and two classes are scheduled in 2020.

Fall’s prevention initiative will be looking at hiring or contracting for the Stepping On class. As well as work with EMS and Fire Department to work with app.

In process of hiring a Family Caregiver Support Specialist.

#### **Discuss Future Agenda Items**

Review of the appointments, and terms of new members. Committee members would like information on Guardianships and how they work as well as Children Transition and road map.

#### **Adjourn:**

Jeanne Tyler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Janet Sayre Hoeft seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Olson, Aging & Disability Resources Division Manager