



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 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, Frankie Fuller, and LaRae Schulz

Also present from ADRC: Michael Hanson, Kimberly Swanson, Kim Herman, Sharon Olson, and Dominic Wondolkowski.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

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

Approval of Agenda

Jeanne Tyler made a motion to approve the agenda, Ellen Sawyers seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of May 5, 2020 Minutes

Ellen Sawyers made a motion to approve meeting minutes from May 5, 2020, as written, Russell Kutz seconded. Motion carried.

Communications

None.

Public Comment

Russell shared

Election of Chair, Vice – Chair and Secretary

Russell Kutz asked for nominations for Chair. Ellen Sawyers nominated Russell Kutz. Jeanne Tyler seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. Frankie Fuller made a motion to close the ballot and elect Russell Kutz as Chair. Jeanne Tyler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Russell Kutz asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Russell Kutz nominated Jeanne Tyler. Ellen Sawyers seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. Frankie Fuller made a motion to close the ballot and elect Jeanne Tyler as Vice - Chair. Ellen Sawyers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Russell Kutz asked for nominations for Secretary. Frankie Fuller nominated Janet Sayre Hoeft. LaRae Schulz seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. Frankie Fuller made a motion to close the ballot and elect Janet Sayre Hoeft as Secretary. Russell Kutz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Olson shared updates on the following:

- International Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15, 2020.
- Emergency Internet Resources for Wisconsin.
- READYWISCONSIN RELEASE: Wisconsin Heat Awareness Day is June 3.
- Survey is being sent on behalf of the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities and the Office for Physical Disabilities and Independent Living.
- People Receiving FoodShare or Pandemic EBT Benefits Can Now Order and Purchase Food Online Using Their QUEST or P-EBT Card
- IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct) Waiver Renewal Posted for Public Comment - Wondolkowski shared updates on the following:
The current waiver for the 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services, which governs the I-Respect, I Self-direct (IRIS) program expires at the end of 2020. The Bureau of Adult Programs and Policy (BAPP) will be submitting a request to renew the waiver for a five-year period to the Centers

for Medicare and Medicaid Services mid-2020. Some of the changes in the proposed waiver *have left* ADRC Directors questioning what these additional requirements mean for ADRC workload. DHS will be checking with BAPP to further explore the intent of these items.

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

No requests at this time.

Discussion: ADRC Report, Dominic Wondolkowski Governor Tony Evers proclaimed May 2020 as Aging and Disability Resource Center month! This proclamation recognizes that Wisconsin's ADRCs have been a model nationwide. Locally to publicize the proclamation, Wondolkowski submitted a press release and appeared on "Morning Magazine" with Michael Clish WFAW radio.

Beginning in June, the ADRC Key Outcome Indicator (KOI) will measure the timeliness in which staff provides enrollment counseling to assist the customer in the selection of a Family Care, Partnership and IRIS program and have the enrollment or referral submitted to the MCO or IRIS agency.

Due to impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office for Resource Center Development (ORCD) decided to waive the Annual Update and to complete a 2020 Quality Improvement (QI) project.

ADRC staff continues to telecommute as part of current ADRC operations. Work cell phones were purchased for ten staff. Staff continues to provide wellbeing phone calls to HDM recipients recognizing their vulnerability. There was 1096 contacts in May (includes the wellbeing contacts).

The Senior Farmer Nutrition Program vouchers are available. Due to COVID-19, the ADRC has decided to only process applications over the phone with vouchers mailed to the recipients

Discussion: Senior Dining Program Updates – Kimberly Swanson Swanson shared that total meals are up from the same period in 2019 but the number of participants, in particular congregate meal participants, is down. The program added ten new participants for HDM in May. Starting in June, 17 HDM participants signed up to receive weekend meals delivered with their Friday meal. Also in June we are working to expand the number of delivery days for HDM participants on the Johnson Creek route. Future plan is to offer curbside delivery at select locations.

Discuss Mobility Manager Report – Michael Hansen In March, the ADRC Driver / Escort Program began limiting rides to only "critical" rides which has included trips to Dialysis and Cancer Treatments. Additionally, a few trips were made for grocery shopping for people who no other means to get food. Ridership increased in May (402 one-way trips) as clinics have been opening up again and some elective procedures are again taking place. Currently, there is a bigger demand than what we have capacity for due to a limited number of paid staff and volunteer drivers. This shortfall exists because some of our drivers are not ready to come back to work due to concerns about COVID-19 since they are more vulnerable due to age or previous medical conditions. At present, we have implemented all the CDC recommended safety precautions for Rideshare, Taxi, Limo and other Passenger Drivers that pertain to COVID-19. Additionally, we are in the process of installing sneeze shields (vinyl barriers) between the front and rear vehicle seats as added protection for our drivers and clients.

Discuss Family Caregiver Programs – Kim Herman Kim Herman, Family Caregiver Support Specialist, shared the depth and scope of the three programs she oversees. Kim coordinates the Supplemental Supportive Services program, the National Family Caregivers Support Program, and the Alzheimer Caregiver Support Program. She discussed her vision to expand the program through promotion and offering a variety of support

groups to caregivers. Kim also hopes to reach grandparents who have become caretakers of their grandchildren.

Updates on Innovative Ideas for Re-Opening - Olson shared that with the Badger Bounce Back there are three phases. At this time, staff are conducting most visits virtually either by zoom or by a phone call as due to COVID these practices are approved. Human Services is not closed but the front doors are locked with a door bell as well as phone are listed so that people may call when outside the door. The Human Services Administrative staff contact ADRC staff and they are available to meet with consumer following social distancing guidelines. Sometimes it is to schedule a virtual visit. We have PPE of masks, face shields, hand sanitizer and gloves.

Discuss Future Agenda Items

Discussion on meeting locations. At this time, the recommendation by the director is to hold virtual public meetings whenever possible. The majority of the committee members at this time is to continue with the Zoom meetings.

Adjourn: Jeanne Tyler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Frankie Fuller seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Olson
Aging & Disability Resources Division Manager