



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

Present: Russell Kutz, Chair, Ellen Sawyers, and Janet Sayre Hoeft.

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

Olson suggested to skip item 11 as Leigh was attending a training. Approved unanimously.

**Approval of August 6, 2019 Minutes**

Janet Hoeft made a motion to approve meeting minutes from September 3, 2019 as written, Ellen Sawyers 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:

- This week the Senate passed, by a vote of 82 to 15, a short-term spending bill that keeps funding flowing at current levels through November 21. Because lawmakers were unable to finalize FY 2020 federal funding by October 1, H.R. 4378 is a temporary solution known as a continuing resolution (CR) used to keep the federal government functioning. Members of Congress frequently pass short-term bills to keep federal dollars flowing from one fiscal year to another to avoid shutting down the government in the absence of full-year funding. H.R. 4378 also extends—through November 21—funding that will allow AAAs, SHIPs and ADRCs to continue providing outreach and enrollment assistance for low-income Medicare beneficiaries, which was set to expire on September 30.
- Carrie Diamond from GWAAR met recently with the Office of Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) regarding the issue many programs are experiencing with volunteers being asked to pay more for personal vehicle insurance, being told they are a TNC (Uber/Lyft) driver, or having other language added to their policy because they volunteer drive for your agency. OCI may not be able to solve the issue the volunteer faces, however, when it comes time for advocates to make a push for solutions, it will help if OCI has several complaints to point to where a volunteer was negatively impacted because they are a volunteer driver.

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

No new requests at this time.

**Discussion: ADRC Report, Wondolkowski**

- For September, the Key Outcome Indicator is met. 25 of 25 initial home visits were provided within 10-business days of the customer's request or at later date preferred by the customer.

- With carryover funding, the ADRC contracted with Bilingual Training Consultants LLC to translate to Spanish three transportation, one EBS and one benefits quick check for \$669.
- In September, the ADRC surveyed 114 callers and/or walk-ins on how they learn about the ADRC. 73 were referred by someone else with 21 answering internet /ADRC website. Only three learned about the ADRC through our billboard and movie theatre commercials.
- The Southern Wisconsin Vet Con 2019 is November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. The ADRC plans to advertise the event in local newspapers.
- As outreach, Karen Tyne and Wondolkowski attended a Resident Council meeting at Alden Estates on 9-19-19.
- The Benefit Specialists are now accepting appointments for the Medicare Part D Open Enrollment October 15<sup>th</sup>-December 7<sup>th</sup>. New for 2019 is the release of a Medicare Plan Finder. Medicare recipients create their own My. Medicare .gov account. Longer appointment times are anticipated to assistance customers to create their account.
- Healthy Living with Chronic Pain is in week 3 of 6 at the Jefferson Senior Center.
- ADRC staff presented at Yost ( Young & Old Stick Together) at the Waterloo H.S. Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Student-Catherine Carter began her internship with the ADRC on 9-9-19.
- Timothy Wellens is the new Regional Quality Specialist, Office for Resource Development, serving Jefferson Co. RQS provide technical assistance in all aspects of ADRC functioning.

#### **Discuss Mobility Manager Report, Mike Hansen**

Mike shared his report of activities that he has conducted during the month of September and ridership reports.

#### **Discussion Jefferson County's Specialized Transportation Assistance Program (wis. Stat. 85.21) draft Application**

Olson shared the Draft 85.21 Specialized Transportation Assistance Program Application that is for \$221,224 in funding for 2020 which requires a county match of \$44,245. There will be 4 programs: the Driver Escort Program with OPT drivers and volunteers, the senior dining program taxi subsidy the Wheelchair Accessible Transportation Project and the Jefferson County Transportation Voucher Program – due to cost the plan is to start with the Fort Senior Center bus to get people to the nutrition program, but the program at the Senior Center has not started. Ribbon cutting is October 7<sup>th</sup>. A public hearing will be scheduled and posted in the newspaper with time of 4:00 to 6:00 pm to accommodate after hours for citizens.

#### **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 with Ryan Mundt from the Maintenance Department and Brian Belford from Fiscal on a draft.

#### **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.

#### **Discussion on Open Meeting for 202 to be scheduled with in the community**

This has been tabled to review at our next meeting.

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

Janet Sayre Hoeft suggested reviewing committee membership. Per the County directory, it is posted the ADRC Advisory has 7 members. Olson will check on that concern.

#### **Adjourn:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Olson, Aging & Disability Resources Division Manager