



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday, September 6, 2011

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

Present: Nancy Haberman, Dick Jones, Virgene Lawson, Jim Mode, Marian Moran, Leah Getty, Mary Ann Steppke & Sharon Van Acker.

Also Present: Sue Torum & Sharon Olson, ADRC.

**Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law**

Torum certified compliance.

**Review Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed without comment.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approval of 8/2/11 Minutes**

A motion to approve the 8/2/11 minutes was made by Moran and seconded by Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADRC Monthly Activity Report**

The ADRC had 418 contacts in August. The majority of inquiries were made on behalf of persons 60+. There were 16 enrollments into Family Care, Partnership or IRIS due to attrition and nursing home relocations.

**Public Meetings Regarding Long Term Care**

Dodge & Jefferson Counties will host a public meeting on 9/21 at the Watertown Senior Center at 3:00 p.m. A second meeting will be scheduled in Fort Atkinson in October. The intent of the meeting is to provide a public forum for people to discuss managed care, IRIS, the ADRC or other long term care concerns. It is also intended for consumers, not service providers.

## **Transportation**

Torum distributed a handout that showed how the county operated transportation system was affected July 1<sup>st</sup> when Logisticare began. There were 48% less rides provided via the Volunteer Driver Program, which resulted in a decrease in the number of miles driven from 9,698 in June to 5,991 in July.

The van program was not affected in the same way; however, it did see an increase in program revenue.

Complaints in Jefferson County against Logisticare have slowly tapered down. There has been a lot of discussion across the state and the Department of Health Services has gone on record saying that consumers are required to file complaints directly with Logisticare if they are to count. Some counties continue to experience a significant number of issues.

## **Waterloo Senior Dining Program**

The Senior Dining Program Manager in Waterloo has resigned. The previous manager is back temporarily while we look for a new manager and/or different way of delivering meals in this community. Like Rome, this site has no congregate participants. The number of meals delivered averages about 12/day, and Hoffman House is prepackaging them for delivery, so our needs have changed in terms of coordinating the program with delivery volunteers. The department is looking at a variety of ways to continue service in this area.

## **The Epidemic of Chronic Disease in WI**

A WI Department of Health Services publication on chronic disease was handed out and reviewed. The importance of healthy eating was discussed as it relates to the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and our new menus. Torum informed the committee that Sharon Endl is returning to her duties as home delivered meal assessor. When she makes home visits she provides medication management information to participants and identifies fall risk concerns. The ADRC provides prevention materials via brochures and the RN has a blood pressure cuff and can do BP's when asked. This is a growing area for the ADRC.

## **Emergency Registries: An Objective Analysis Tool**

Torum provided the committee with information about Emergency Registries that was the recent subject of a webinar presented by the National Association of County and City Health Officials, or NACCHO. Much of the webinar focused on how registries are used, whether or not they really useful since there is no evidence of guidance that they are. The presenters said that "there is an oversimplification of this complex issue, that the guidance is shallow, that there's an overpromise of response and an under estimation of resources and a significant lack of outcomes evidenced." Furthermore, representatives from the disability community object to registries because they assume that people with disabilities will all be home during a disaster and easy to locate. The presenters are proponents of including people with disabilities and the elderly in all planning efforts so that their needs and wants are heard first hand. The webinar was very thought provoking and Torum said that the idea

of a registry in Jefferson County came after the flood, but had not been well thought out. Developing a registry is a goal in the 2011 Aging Unit Plan Amendment and Torum recommends deleting it. If the committee supports this, the Aging Unit Plan will go through the formal plan amendment process later this fall.

Mode made a motion to delete the goal from the Aging Plan. The motion was seconded by Lawson and passed 7-1 with Steppke opposing the motion.

**Set next meeting date and possible agenda items**

The next meeting will be on October 4, 2011 at the ADRC. The topics will include updates on transportation, YOST, Aging Plan Amendments for 2012, Waterloo Meal Site and ADRC activities.

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jones, seconded by Mode and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Manager  
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