

Minutes
ADRC of Eagle Country Governance Board Meeting
April 27, 2018

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eagle Country Governance Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 27, 2018 in Conference Room of the Mauston ADRC, 200 Hickory St, Mauston, WI.

Members Present: Donald Seep, Elling Jones, Marie Rakow, Ken Schneider, Belinda Granger, Donna McGinley, Vern Demers, Bette Smart, Don Stirling, Lane Delaney

Members Absent: Teresa Wolkowski

Others Present: Char Norberg, Chuck Spencer, Susan Blodgett, Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Becky Dahl, Ingrid Kovars, Lori Chipman

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson, Vern Demers, at 10:00 am.

Approval Agenda and Posting: Motion by Ken Schneider, second by Bette Smart to approve the agenda and proper posting. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Elling Jones, second by Donald Seep, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2018 Meeting. Motion carried.

Future Agendas and Minutes Mailed or Electronic

Most board members say this has worked. Changes will be made to make sure all are getting the mailout correctly.

Citizen Comments:

Susan Blodgett introduced Chuck Spencer. Chuck will most likely be filling the Sauk County Board of Supervisors Representative appointed by the Sauk County Board Chair.

Regional Annual Report

Becky Dahl presented the Regional Annual report. Topics include: unduplicated customers, contacts with customers, who the ADRC reaches, Walk-ins, Enrollments into Long Term Care, Disability and Elder Benefit Specialist cases, Monetary Impact and customers of the Benefit Specialists, customer satisfaction, Dementia Friendly Communities in the region including 70+ business that are trained to be dementia friendly, existing community supports and gaps to be filled, Dementia Friends, and the 2017 process improvement project. These annual reports can be shared with local boards and legislators.

Hiring process for the Dementia Care Specialist position, if Eagle Country should be awarded one, was discussed.

Regional Budget Report

Approve Regional Office Monthly Expense Sheet

Becky Dahl presented the expenses for the regional office for the month of April.

Motion by Ken Schneider, second by Marie Rakow to approve the March expenses. Motion Carried.

Regional Budget Review – Lori Chipman, Finance Director

Lori Chipman informed the board about the new reporting system implemented by the state. As a result there is not yet a year to date projection for the region. Next month Lori Chipman will present a few different reports and this board can decide what they would like to see monthly. Richland County has closed books for 2017 and a surplus of the federal match will be transferred to Juneau County to disburse to the offices. A portion of this will be used to match the sick time carry over. This will be disbursed based on the actual time spent in the Nursing Home Relocation program. Motion by Donna McGinley, second by Bette Smart to approve the regional budget report. Motion carried.

Regional Statewide Advocacy Actions:

Statewide advocacy day was discussed. Lane and the regional office would be happy to help anyone register and we could possibly set up a carpool.

The Elder Benefit Specialists (EBS) and Disability Benefit Specialists (DBS) team met with three legislative staffers at their last regional meeting. Representative Brooks', Senator Baldwin's and Senator Kind's staffers were there. The Benefits Specialists led the conversation. Barb Gartland, EBS, and Jessica Hoehn, DBS, of the Mauston office talked to the board about the experience. Barb Gartland – this was a great time to inform the staffers about what an EBS does and how to work in collaboration with legislators. The staff was able to network and develop contacts within the legislative offices for future collaboration. Jessica Hoehn – felt it was nice for them to understand what it is that the Benefit Specialists. This helps the understanding when Benefit Specialists assist with a congressional inquiry to Social Security Administration. This was a memorable experience to advocate for our customers. Jessica has had good referrals in the past from legislators and this was an opening for more. This was a great way to put a name with the position in the ADRC. This human connection is so important to how we can work together to serve a common goal for our customers. There was a discussion about disability benefits and the application process and how a DBS fits into the picture. Emphasis that the DBS is a free service and there are no qualifications needed for DBS service. All offices in our region will help individuals from the first step of the process.

Summarize Regional Updates – Office Managers:

Regional: Interviews were held for the Prairie du Chien director position. Roby Fuller was hired. She has a strong background in social work and Economic Support. Board terms were also passed out just for the information of the board. Elections will be held in June.

RC: Senior expo was held and ADRC representation was there all day. Satellite services in Lone Rock started. Volunteer appreciation will be in May. Outreach is being done to meal sites, library and community centers for the aging plan. There will be a public hearing May 9 to find gaps in services for the aging plan. A new Information and Assistance Specialist will be starting May 7th. The Richland County Health and Human Services Director retired in early April and Tim Gotschall will be interim director. Transportation services were discussed.

Mauston: The office just held a volunteer appreciation event which was very well received. Upcoming: community discussions for aging unit plan Wednesday, May 9 at Wonewoc Public Library from 6 to 7:30 and Thursday, May 31 at Juneau County Community Services Building from 2 to 3:30. Legislators will send staffers to attend these events. Medicare class on May 23 – “What’s New in Medicare?” The office is planning the June pinwheel project for world elder abuse awareness day. Arranging bus trip to Aging Advocacy Day. So far about 7 seniors have signed up to participate.

Baraboo: May 2 the office will have a volunteer breakfast. They will be hiring two LTEs in order to cover I&A time during maternity leaves. The pilot breakfast restaurant model is averaging 30 meals per day, and the breakfast bag deliveries are also popular. The new community center in

Lake Delton will hopefully be opening by the end of June which will include a meal site and activities.

PdC:

Citizen Comments:

None.

Next meeting date: May 25, 2018

Other Discussion and Suggested items for Next Agenda:

Adjourn: Motion by Ken Schneider, second by Belinda Granger to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ingrid Kovars
Administrative Secretary