

Minutes
ADRC of Eagle Country Governance Board Meeting
May 25, 2018

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eagle Country Governance Board meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m., Friday, May 25, 2018 in Conference Room AB of the Richland County Community Services Building, 221 W Seminary St, Richland Center, WI.

Members Present: Vern Demers, Elling Jones, Bette Smart, Belinda Granger, Lane Delaney, Teresa Wolkowski,

Members Absent: Donna McGinley, Marie Rakow, Donald Seep, Donald Stirling

Others Present: Susan Blodgett, Becky Dahl, Ingrid Kovars, Jack Jasinski, Chuck Witsell

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson, Vern Demers, at 9:30 am.

Approval Agenda and Posting: Motion by Bette, second by Elling Jones to approve the agenda and proper posting. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Lane Delaney, second by Belinda Granger, to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2018 Meeting. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments:

None

Dementia Care Specialist Grant Update

Becky Dahl reported the region was awarded a Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) from the grant we applied for early this year. We feel the work we have done already to make our region dementia friendly is really what helped us be awarded this grant. What we do already will also pave the way for our DCS once he/she is hired. Their main focus will be to make our offices and boards dementia capable, work one on one with those with dementia and their families, and educate our communities and continue to make them dementia friendly. We already have the position set up through Juneau County and the advertisement for the position will be going out next week. The interview process will include the Juneau County personnel department, the Regional Director, the Regional Administrative Assistant, the Governing Board Vice Chair and an Office Director. The position will require a social work or health related field related Bachelors degree. This person will be a regional employee but can come from any county and will work in all offices on a regular basis. There is an established job description form the state as well as a training program.

Approve County Board of Supervisors Rep. Chuck Whitsell, Sauk County, Jack Jasinski, Juneau County

Motion by Elling Jones, second by Lane Delaney to approve Chuck Whitsell as the Sauk County Board of Supervisors representative and Jack Jasinski as the Juneau County Board of Supervisors representative on the ADRC of Eagle Country Governing Board. Motion Carried.

Round robin introductions were made.

Regional Budget Report

Approve Regional Office Monthly Expense Sheet

Becky Dahl presented the expenses for the regional office for the month of April. Recap of the regional office and fiscal office move for the new board members.

Motion by Bette Smart, second by Elling Jones to approve the April expenses. Motion Carried.

Regional Budget Review

Juneau County as the fiscal agent and efficiencies gained from this move were discussed and the semi-annual fiscal staff meetings. The new board summary sheet was discussed. This summary sheet is based on the first quarter of the year. We don't see a real projection of what we expect to draw until much farther into the year.

Advocacy Day at the Capital May 16th Key Issues – Lane and Bette:

Becky Dahl shared a packet of information received at Elderly Advocacy Day at the capital. Bette Smart and Lane Delaney attended. Lane Delaney reported the day was refreshing and legislators are very approachable. We should send a thank you note to the aids who met with us. Bette Smart reported the day was empowering and the event organizers were very well received. Bette spoke about the importance of legislative aids, they really are the ones who hear constituent issues and take them to the legislators. We had great representation from our region at this event. In the future mental health and traumatic brain injury would be important issues to cover. During this event 4 key issues were covered and discussed: Affordable Transportation key issues include: isolation, lack of reliable transportation and transportation in rural areas. A 10% increase in funding was requested. Funding for Healthy Aging Grants: \$600,000 increase in funding requested to help fund evidence based programs. Evidence based programs, their success, and how to provide these in a more widespread way was discussed. Board education on this topic in the future. Family Caregivers: tax credits, the Care Act and expanding the DCS program statewide were encompassed in this topic. Social Isolation and Loneliness: we are requesting legislators form a taskforce to explore this issue and what can be done to address it. These are the four issues we will be requesting in the next biannual budget.

Senior Care was discussed. Asking Center for Medicaid Services (CMS) to do a 10 year waiver extension for Senior Care. Handout to help advocate for this was distributed.

Discussion about a joint governing board meeting with the ADRC of Southwest WI governing board to address these advocacy issues. We would like to include strong advocates who can help us talk about our aging and disabled population. Dodgeville is the central location for the 8 counties involved. Suggested speakers: Helen Marks from AARP, Janet Zander, GWAAR, and someone who can speak about advocacy for those with disabilities, legislators possibly. This will be an agenda item next month to discuss what we would like this day to look like.

Summarize Regional Updates – Office Managers:

Regional:

RC: The office now has a full staff after hiring the third Information and Assistance position which was vacant for the last month. Public transportation meetings are taking place. Volunteer drivers are attending a defensive driving class. Elder abuse awareness pinwheel project this month. The Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) will have office hours in Lone Rock as well as Medicare Maze classes.

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Baraboo: Maternity leaves and the interview process for LTE to replace I&A positions were discussed. Powerful tools for caregiver's class is coming to an end and the hope is to develop a

support group. Lake Delton senior gathering site starting next week. Restraint model is going well however the logistics of how to package meals for the breakfast program is not quite there. **PdC:** Roby is getting acclimated with staff and the programs of the ADRC and aging. The Gays Mills office is still not being utilized so we will no longer be holding office hours here. Efforts are being focused on outreach including silver alert with law enforcement and conversations how they can utilize ADRC services. Other outreach includes parades, fairs, clergy, and local apartment buildings.

Citizen Comments:

GWAAR update: collaborating on research surveys to those using OAA services. GWAAR is taking part in a pilot for AMP and aging well, preventative kits are going out. Aging empowerment conference in June through WIHA June 7 and 8.

Next meeting date: June 22, 2018

Other Discussion and Suggested items for Next Agenda:

We will be having board elections next month. Contract agreement should be ready. Will discuss a joint governing board meeting with the ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin.

Adjourn: Motion by Lane Delaney, second by Elling Jones to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ingrid Kovars
Administrative Secretary