

Minutes
ADRC of Eagle Country Governance Board Meeting
August 24, 2018

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eagle Country Governance Board meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m., Friday, August 24, 2018 in Conference Room AB of the Richland County Community Services Building, 221 W Seminary St, Richland Center, WI.

Members Present: Elling Jones, Marie Rakow, Bette Smart, Donna McGinley, Jack Jasinski, Lane Delaney, Chuck Whitsell, Belinda Granger, Teresa Wolkowski, Donald Seep

Members Absent: Donald Stirling

Others Present: Becky Dahl, Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Roby Fuller, Char Norberg, Gina Laack, Ingrid Kovars

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Chuck Whitsell, second by Jack Jasinski to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2018 Meeting. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments:

Dementia Care Specialist – Meet Gina Laack

Becky introduced Gina Laack, the new Dementia Care Specialist for Eagle Country. Gina talked about her experience and what she has been doing so far in the region. Gina has been networking with partners in our region and meeting with staff. Introductions around the room and personal/professional relationship building activity.

Vern Demers

Vern Demers has resigned from the board.

Motion by Chuck second by Lane to accept Vern Demers resignation. Motion Carried.

Susan Blodgett has a person in mind to fill the vacant board member seat and we will be receiving a letter of interest.

Regional Budget Report

Approve Regional Office Monthly Expense Sheet

Becky Dahl reviewed the expenses for the month of July for the regional office and the dementia care specialist. Juneau county benefits were outlined.

Motion by Donald Seep, second by Marie Rakow to approve the July regional expenses. Motion Carried.

Regional Budget Review

The Regional Budget was summarized. We are on track to draw down our full ADRC grant amount as well as the full Nursing Home Relocation grant.

The Mauston office has had a third I&A position approved and is currently advertizing for the position. There will be an interview panel around mid September.

Motion by Donald Seep, second by Marie Rakow to approve the Regional Budget. Motion Carried.

Contract Agreement Updates

At this time we are going to suggest signing the existing 2018 contracts and make changes going into 2019.

Board Education: Advocacy versus Lobbying

Joint ADRC of SW and Eagle County Governing Bd: Advocacy Day

Document was shared to compare Lobbying and Advocacy. We are only allowed to advocate which doesn't require a license and is about educating legislators. Someone representing a business or organization may share their views only with legislators of the district they personally reside in. In this case there is no need to be licensed to lobby. The exception to this is that four days per six month period you may convey those views to all or many legislators on behalf of a business or organization that pays you.

A letter from Senator Markleine was shared. In this letter he highlighted the ADRCs and DCS program. The survival coalition asked governor candidates about supporting our target populations and only one of them mentioned the ADRC. This tells us we need to educate any new legislators about who we are and what we do. Janet Zander, the Lobbyist at GWAAR, is a great resource to us.

We have set dates for Feb 22nd and a contingency date of March 8th in case we have bad weather for the Joint Governing Board Meeting with SW Wisconsin and our legislators. The meeting will be held in Dodgeville. When we have the joint meeting with the ADRC of the SW we will have information sheets about the topics we'd like to discuss with our legislators.

Wisconsin Aging and Disability Network Conference

Becky Dahl informed the board what the conference is about and information on the sessions is available if anyone would like to look it over and attend the conference.

Summarize Regional Updates – Office Managers:

Regional:

RC: The Aging Plan has been drafted and public hearings are taking place. There will be a new bus and paperwork is going in for that. Office manager is writing a grant to replace the smaller bus. Interviews for drivers will take place. There will be a Youth in Transition night for outreach. Second class of Tai Chi is now in progress and is a full class. Someone from the office will be trained to teach Stepping On. The Office manager is meeting with Symons about other prevention class opportunities. The EBS volunteer program now has two volunteers. A Veterans DAV bus grant through the VA was discussed, this will just be a second option in the community and will not conflict with the ADRC transportation program.

Mauston: An AARP Safe Driver course will be held in October. A senior craft fair will be at Bethany Lutheran church. Caregiver Day has been renamed to Caregiving Connections and will focus on hearing loss this year. Finalizing entertainment for dine at 5 including bingo and a sock hop, local musicians, a variety show, and a dinner mystery theater. PT Works, a local gym, is focusing to provide senior fitness. Active Living Everyday grant through AARP will be applied for and held at this gym and hopefully hold weekly exercise at meal sites. The office has sent postcard invites to town, city and village chair persons to give a 15 minute overview of

the ADRC that will give them talking points for their boards. Chris Marien and Howard Markleine will also be invited. Elroy school is leading senior technology days.

PdC: The draft Aging Plan will be approved for Board. The transportation grant is complete and will be submitted. The office is doing outreach at the Crawford County Fair. There will be a large senior fest September 22nd.

Citizen Comments:

Next meeting date: September 28, 2018

Other Discussion and Suggested items for Next Agenda:

Tribal outreach was discussed.

Adjourn: Motion by Jack Jasinski, second by Lane Delaney to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:23a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ingrid Kovars
Administrative Secretary

Reviewed by Becky Dahl: