

Minutes  
ADRC of Eagle Country Governance Board Meeting  
June 28, 2019

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The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eagle Country Governance Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 28, 2019 in Conference Room AB of the Richland County Community Services Building, 221 W Seminary St, Richland Center, WI.

**Members Present:** Elling Jones, Jack Jasinski, Marie Rakow, Lane Delaney, Judy Ellington, Chuck Whitsell, Bette Smart, Belinda Granger, Donald Stirling, Kerry Severson

**Members Absent:** Donna McGinley, Teresa Wolkowski,

**Others Present:** Becky Dahl, Roby Fuller, Char Norberg, Susan Blodgett, Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Ingrid Kovars.

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

**Approval Agenda and Posting:** Motion by Lane Delaney, second by Belinda Granger to approve the agenda and proper posting. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Chuck Whitsell, second by Elling Jones to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2019 Meeting. Motion carried.

**Citizen Comments:**

**Election of Officers: Chair and Vice Chair**

Elections for Chairperson were held. Bette Smart was nominated by Marie Rakow. Nominations were closed. A unanimous ballot was cast for Bette Smart as Chairperson. Motion carried and Bette Smart was declared Chairperson of the ADRC of Eagle Country Governing Board.

Elections for Vice Chairperson were held. Elling Jones was nominated by Marie Rakow. Nominations were closed. A unanimous ballot was cast for Elling Jones as Vice Chairperson. Motion carried and Elling Jones was declared Vice Chairperson of the ADRC of Eagle Country Governing Board.

**Advocacy Summary on State Budget**

Becky Dahl summarized the poverty rate report. The family poverty rate is lower, however the 65+ poverty rate has increased from 9% to 9.5% and this shows that we are moving in the wrong direction. Cost of living and out of pocket medical costs could be contributing factors to this. This means we need to continue to advocate for senior care, closing the donut hole, and for the EBS in our offices. WAAN summary of Medicare requests handed out. Funding for 8 more Dementia Care Specialists are in the current Governor's Budget draft. And increase in funding to address the direct workforce crisis. EBS increases are not in the Governor's budget at this point. There has been a 71% increase of assisted facilities from 2011 to 2017 so 6 full

time positions have been approved to help those facilities meet regulations. Senior Care has been approved for another 10 years.

**Board Education: Next Month**

No board education this month. Next meeting we could talk about health disparities. Or Gina Laack, Dementia Care Specialist, to do a dementia training.

**Approve Regional Office Monthly Expense Sheets**

Motion by Chuck Whitsell, second by Jack Jasinski to approve the May 2019 Regional Office expenses. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chuck Whitsell, second by Jack Jasinski to approve the May 2019 Dementia Care Specialist expenses. Motion Carried.

**Regional Budget Report**

Becky Dahl reported on the Regional budget. No paper report however we are on track for the year and will have a paper report next month.

**Update on the Final Approval of One Time Cost Application for Eagle Country - \$43,098**

The one-time cost grant was approved for the full amount. We will be able to capture FFP on this amount as well which will allow us to allocate funds above and beyond what we originally budgeted for and fill more needs for the offices. We are waiting for the contract Addendum before we begin purchasing these items.

**Update Dementia Care Specialist Program Carryover from 2018 to 2019 State Approved \$11,882**

We have been awarded the carryover from 2018 into 2019 which will allow us to train additional staff in Dementia Live, as well as purchase marketing items and supplies to better sustain the position.

Discussion on the Dementia Live experience. Dementia discussion.

**One Time Cost ADRC Grant Approved \$30,000 for a Regional Partnership (11 Counties) to Develop a Veterans Resource Fair in November of 2019 at Alliance Energy Center, Madison**

Event in collaboration with other ADRCs will be held in November for our veterans. Still in the planning stages. Updates to continue as planning progresses.

**Approve Revised Grant Agreements Language between ADRC of Eagle Country Counties: Summary of Proposed Changes**

Becky Dahl explained the use of grant agreements within our region. We have had the same grant agreement since 2010 and it was updated this year. A summary of changes was given to the board. Terms of termination was updated from 18 month notice to 120 days. We ask with this that if there are things at the board level that a county is dissatisfied with, there is discussion brought forward to the Regional Director or the Fiscal Agent to mitigate and give opportunity to correct the grievance. There has also been language added that dispute resolution be applied by third party mediation/arbitration.



Motion by Jack Jasinski, second by Marie Rakow to approve the contract changes. Motion Carried.

**Convene in Closed Session Per Wis Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) to Consider:**

Motion by Chuck Whitsell, second by Donald Stirling to convene in closed session per Wis Statutes 19.85(1) (c). Motion Carried.

**Eliminate Regional Administrative Support Position and Establish New Position Regional Quality Coordinator with Job Description at a Grade 9 Step 5, Naming Ingrid Kovars to the Position Beginning January 1, 2020 and Pass this Recommendation to Juneau County Personnel Committee**

**Increase the Prairie Du Chien Office Director Wage with 38 % paid by the ADRC of Eagle Country Beginning January 2020 and Pass this Recommendation to the Crawford County Personnel Committee**

**Return to Open Session**

Motion by Jack Jasinski, second by Chuck Whitsell to return to open session. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chuck Whitsell, second by Jack Jasinski to Eliminate Regional Administrative Support Position and Establish New Position Regional Quality Coordinator with Job Description at a Grade 9 Step 5, Naming Ingrid Kovars to the Position Beginning January 1, 2020 and Pass this Recommendation to Juneau County Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Marie Rakow, second by Elling Jones to Increase the Prairie Du Chien Office Director Wage with 38 % paid by the ADRC of Eagle Country Beginning January 2020 and Pass this Recommendation to the Crawford County Personnel Committee. Motion Carried.

**Summarize Regional Updates – Written Summaries**

Handout included.

**Citizen Comments:**

**Next meeting date:** July 26, 2019 Richland Center Community Services Building at 10:00 am

**Other Discussion and Suggested items for Next Agenda:**

Gina Laack, DCS, Dementia Education

**Adjourn:** Motion by Chuck Whitsell, second by Jack Jasinski to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ingrid Kovars  
Administrative Secretary  
Reviewed by Becky Dahl: BD