

Minutes  
ADRC of Eagle Country Governance Board Meeting  
August 23, 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, August 23, 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, Judy Ellington, Teresa Wolkowski, Marie Rakow, Lane Delaney, Bette Smart, Donna McGinley, Kerry Severson, Chuck Whitsell, Donald Stirling,

**Members Absent:** Belinda Granger

**Others Present:** Becky Dahl, Char Norberg, Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Quinn Hause, Ingrid Kovars.

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

**Approval Agenda and Posting:** Motion by Chuck Whitsell, second by Jack Jasinski to approve the agenda and proper posting. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Elling Jones, second by Donald Stirling to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2019 Meeting. Motion carried.

**Citizen Comments:**

**Advocacy**

Becky Dahl summarized the Prescription Drug Cost Task Force to address the high cost of prescription drugs in Wisconsin. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) summary sheet was provided. Discussion of lifesaving drug costs and related deaths. High prescription drug costs also tie in with the discussion last month about the increasing Senior Poverty Rates. When seniors are picking an insurance company for affordable rates and good benefits, it is of great value to work with an Elder Benefits Specialist (EBS). Educating our legislators, especially new legislators, on the EBS services and advocating for an increase in Wisconsin's EBS Program budget in the next biannual budget is something we can start doing now.

Motion by Chuck Whitsell, second by Jack Jasinski to draft and sign a letter of thanks and support to the Governor for establishing this taskforce. Letter to be sent to the Governor's Office and cced to Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. Motion carried.

**Board Education: Senior Medicare Patrol, Lane Delaney**

Lane Delaney presented information regarding Senior Medicare Patrol. Senior Medicare Patrols (SMPs) empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse. Lane Delaney will be attending many meal sites in the region to give this presentation. Materials for seniors will be available at meal sites and ADRCs. The region will be ordering SMP packets for Elder Benefit Specialists to disseminate to seniors during Medicare Part D season.

**Introduction to Long Path Thinking – Statewide Initiative**

Long Path Initiative has been a topic at statewide ADRC Directors meetings. Slideshow and handout included. Planning for 2040: a vision of what we want for the future. Timeline of state initiative was summarized. Currently we're in the planning and organizing stage and reviewing what data we already have. From there the next step is the data collection stage. There will be 10 listening sessions completed by the contracted facilitators however they will be training others to facilitate more local listening sessions for additional data gathering. Next month there will be discussion on health equity and how to include those factors when going into this long path thinking.

**Regional Budget Report:**

**Approve Regional Office Monthly Expense Sheets**

Motion by Chuck Whitsell, second by Marie Rakow to approve the July 2019 Regional Office expenses. Motion Carried.

Motion by Chuck Whitsell, second by Marie Rakow to approve the July 2019 Dementia Care Specialist expenses. Motion Carried.

**Regional Budget Report**

Becky Dahl reported on the Regional budget. Handout of Year-to-Date budget report through July. All grant amounts are on track for this time in the year. Tracking for the One Time Cost Grant was added to this document. Brief discussion; the state has changed the message of re-allocation of General Purpose Revenue funds to *re-investing in WI's ADRCs*, preparing for the next biannual state budget to fully fund all ADRCs in the state. Any changes + or - to ADRCs General Purpose Revenue allocations are still planned for 2021 at this time.

**Summarize Regional Updates – Written Summaries**

Handout included. Memory Screens discussed.

**Citizen Comments:**

**Next meeting date:**

September 27, 2019 at 10:00am October 25, November 22, No December Meeting

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

Health disparities. Rep payees at a future meeting. (Teresa Wolkowski has information)

**Adjourn:** Motion by Chuck Whitsell, second by Jack Jasinski to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ingrid Kovars  
Regional Quality Coordinator  
Reviewed by Becky Dahl: BD 9/4/19