

Minutes
ADRC of Eagle Country Governance Board Meeting
September 28, 2018

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eagle Country Governance Board meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m., Friday, September 28, 2018 in Conference Room AB of the Richland County Community Services Building, 221 W Seminary St, Richland Center, WI.

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

Members Absent: Teresa Wolkowski, Donald Seep,

Others Present: Becky Dahl, Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Roby Fuller, Char Norberg, Susan Blodgett, 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 Marie Rakow to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2018 Meeting. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments:

Board Letter of Interest – Representing Elders throughout the Region – Filled by a Sauk County Resident

Becky Dahl explained the board is filled by equal representatives from each county however they represent their demographic in the full region. A letter of interest from Judith Ellington was submitted and presented to the board. Motion by Chuck Whitsell, second by Lane Delaney to approve the letter of interest and appoint Judith Ellington to the ADRC of Eagle Country Governing Board. Motion Carried.

Regional Budget Report

Approve Regional Office Monthly Expense Sheet

Becky Dahl reviewed the expenses for the month of August for the regional office and the dementia care specialist. The regional 800 number account was discussed.

Motion by Lane Delaney, second by Chuck Whitsell to approve the August regional expenses. Motion Carried.

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

Approve Colored Copier Lease for Regional Office

Ingrid Kovars presented the board with two options for the regional office printer needs.

Motion By Jack Jasinski, second by Chuck Whitsell to approve the lease of the CS 307ci model copier for the regional office. Motion Carried.

Regional Budget Review

The Regional Budget was summarized. Dementia Care Specialist Program as well as government budgets were discussed.

Motion by Chuck Whitsell, second by Marie Rakow to approve the Regional Budget. Motion Carried.

Aging and Disability State Conference Sept 13-14 - Attendees, take aways

Those who attended the conference discussed what they found useful about the conference. Take aways included: The Medicare Watchdog grant awarded to GWAAR, a Dementia tour session, Dementia Friendly Communities, caregiver registry, Advocacy – how to testify at hearings, hoarding and networking opportunities.

Discussion about preventative programs and informative programs in our region as well as partners who are able to provide classes we give as resources.

Board Education: 2019-2021 Public Policy Requests for Persons with Disabilities and Persons with Mental Health

Advocacy issues for aging, disability, and mental health issue were discussed. Handouts were made available. Mental Health advocacy issues include: develop a plan to address substance abuse, employment, homelessness, access to mental health for the deaf community, respite for families with a child with serious conditions, OARS. Discussion on public health and flu awareness. Disability advocacy issues include: direct care workforce crisis, increased transportation services, increased employment opportunities, addressing the funding freeze on education and schools reporting consistent measures of academic performance, public benefit reforms, and guardianship.

Summarize Regional Updates – Office Managers:

Regional:

RC: flood management shelter and resource center over the last month. A new bus driver has been hired. The office has two new EBS volunteers. The transportation program has a fall color ride and lunch being planned as well as free rides to the polling sites. A Train the Trainer event will take place with the Dementia Care Specialist in November. There will be a Youth in Transition night in October. Tai Chi class is going right now. Caregiver support group is also gathering speed.

Mauston: There will be a Sock hop coming up Oct 9th, a Caregiver Day in November. The office is scheduling a personal safety training for employees in the field with local police department. A third Information and Assistance Specialist is starting October 8th. The office budget hearing took place. There will be an AARP safe driver course Oct 11th. The office is putting out flyers to attract volunteers at polling sites.

PdC: The office finished Senior Fest in which they partnered with the local hospital. It was attended by 70 people. There is now an EVT machine to accept Foodshare benefits at meal sites. A volunteer will be trained in Stepping On in order to offer the class early next year. The office took over the 800 number for the region. The office budget was approved by their Finance Committee.

Baraboo: The office has focused on flood relief and food packets to those affected by flooding. The office participated in an emergency operation center. FIMA was in Sauk County. Red Cross was also of help during the flooding. A Triad clinic was started. It was hosted by a local garage, the Sheriff's Department and the ADRC to have cars inspected once a year. Part D clinics will be starting in October. As part of the budget process the office as requested to continue the breakfast bags at budget discussions. This program has proved to be a valuable service to home delivered meal recipients.

Citizen Comments:

Next meeting date: October 26 and December 7, 2018

Other Discussion and Suggested items for Next Agenda:

Dementia demographics in our meetings. Advocacy issues by Janet Zander. Tribal connections.

Adjourn: Motion by Jack Jasinski, second by Chuck Whitsell to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ingrid Kovars
Administrative Secretary

Reviewed by Becky Dahl: ok