

Minutes  
ADRC of Eagle Country Governance Board Meeting  
March 26, 2021

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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, March 26, 2021 through video or phone call via Zoom. This meeting can be attended by dialing 1-312-626-6799 and using meeting ID: 818 6195 5256 when prompted.

**Members Present:** Judy Ellington, Bill Stehling, Elling Jones, Jack Jasinski, Marie Rakow, Donald Stirling, Crystal Clark, Terry Wolkowski, Kerry Severson.

**Members Absent:** Belinda Granger, Bette Smart, Pat Dearth

**Others Present:** John Grothjan, Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Rob Fuller, Gina Laack, Quinn Hause, Ingrid Kovars, Lori Chipman.

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice-Chairperson, Elling Jones, at 10:00 am.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Marie Rakow, second by Kerry Severson to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2020 Meeting. Motion carried.

**Citizen Comments:**

**Welcome from John Grothjan and Bette Smart**

**Regional Budget Reports and Discussion: Lori Chipman**

**Final regional budget update on 2020**

Lori Chipman gave a summary of the 2020 final report. Elder Benefit Specialist funding was added to the ADRC budget in 2020. Explanation of FFP (Federal match) and GPR (state contract) and additional funding given to the region in 2020. The region was able to pull down more federal match in 2020 than in 2019. Explanation of contingency fund and ending balance. Regional office and DCS are 100% covered by ADRC GPR and FFP. Individual offices have a number of other funding streams along with the GPR and FFP. Explanation of Nursing Home Relocation Funding.

**2021 Budget discussion**

We anticipate less state funding in 2021. There may be new additional funding streams available due to COVID. Grant contracts are still coming in for the Elder Benefit Specialist funding. It is too soon in the year to make projections for 2021. We will have a better trend around April.

## **Approve Regional Office Expense Sheet and Dementia Care Specialist Expense Sheet**

Motion by Jack Jasinski, second by Marie Rakow to approve the February Regional Office Expense Sheet

Motion by Kerry Seveveron second by Crystal Clark to approve the February Dementia Care Specialist Expense Sheet

## **Advocacy Updates**

### **ADRC Reinvestment**

\$7Million is in the Governor's budget to increase caregiving services and Tribal ADRSs. The full ADRC request is not currently in the Governor's budget but it can still be introduced as a bill by one of our legislators. There is advocacy starting with Aging and Disability Professionals Association of Wisconsin (ADPAW), which is made up of leaders in our state Aging and ADRC programs, to work with legislators to have a bill introduced.

### **Minnesota Home Care Investigation**

Minnesota has regulated home care with different pay scale and training programs. Wisconsin is one of the first states to have a system Managed Care Organizations that other states are looking to implement. There is also no longer a wait list for any of these services in Wisconsin.

### **Update from Offices on Project Lifesaver**

A video was shared on Project Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver is a national Program. Individuals enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. The system utilizes a radio frequency to track a missing loved one. Unlike GPS locaters, Project Lifesaver transmitters are not affected by weather. This is something all of our counties have. In

Richland Center this is a new addition. The ADRC will get forms and approval and refer on to the Sheriffs and Police department. The cost is \$350 per individual and this can be covered by long term care and other programs. Fundraising was done to get additional receivers and transmitters.

Sauk County has had this program for a number of years and has also been able to do fundraising to obtain equipment. The Information and Assistance Specialists are able to work with local law enforcement. Some DCS funds were used to support these programs in 2020.

Crawford County has had Project Lifesaver since 2010. They currently have six transmitters and two receivers.

Juneau County added this program after an individual in the county with Alzheimer's went missing for two days. It is run by the sheriff's office in Juneau County but can be supported by caregiver grants.

**Board Transitions: Discuss, Review and Approve potential new board member**

A letter of interest from Diane Cox was shared.

Motion by Jack Jasinski, second by Donald Stirling to accept Diane Cox's letter of interest and suggest to the Juneau County Board she be approved to serve on the ADRC of Eagle Country Governing Board representing Adults with Disabilities. Motion Carried.

**Regional and Office Updates**

Handout included.

Continuing Skills Testing for the Long Term Care Functional Screen was completed by all Information and Assistance staff in the Region and everyone passed.

**Plans for Re-Opening to in person meetings**

Richland County Health and Human Services building which houses the ADRC is still closed and has no reopening date. They are establishing practices for when the doors are open again. Staff are still making exceptions for individuals who need to meet in person.

Sauk county building has been open since January and has been seeing individuals in office using two-way iPad communication

Crawford County building open since March 1. Still encouraging individuals to make appointments and practice social distancing. Talking about doing home visits again.

Juneau open to the public and taking walk-ins and doing home visits using safety guidelines.

**Video Welcome from Pam Kul-Berg, Our New DCS**

Video was shared. Discussion of Dementia Care Specialist programming in the region and how well Pam Kul-Berg is adapting to her new role.

**Next meeting date:**

April 23, 2021 @10:00AM via Zoom

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

Adult Protective Services, Mental Health/Crisis.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Jack Jasinski second by Bill Stehling to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ingrid Kovars  
Regional Quality Coordinator