

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Calumet, Outagamie and Waupaca Counties
Regional Advisory Committee Minutes
May 13, 2021

Members Present: Karth, Jones, Moehn, Van Frachen, Barkmeier, Jacklin, McCabe, Ruffolo, Renning, Reibel, Golding

Members Excused: Liggins, McCabe

Staff Present: Bastian, Erickson, Brandt, Dewhurst, Olson, Hintz, Kramer

1. CALL TO ORDER: Jacklin called the virtual meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. QUORUM: It was established that a quorum was present.
3. INTRODUCTIONS: Introduction of members and staff.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES: Minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved. Motion by Renning, second by Van Frachen. Motion by Van Frachen, second by Golding to approve the agenda with unanimous approval.
5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
 - a. ADRC ACTIVITY REPORTS BY COUNTY-*Calumet*: Dewhurst reported that customers continue to receive home delivered meals by volunteers and a few staff as needed. Information and Assistance Specialists are in the office as are all ADRC staff and meeting customer needs by phone and e-mail. New Information and Assistance Specialists Susan Sorenson and Ani Clark have begun doing Options Counseling and conducting the Long Term Care Functional Screen. The Volunteer Appreciation event was a drive through at two Calumet County parks. Volunteers received an ADRC quilted bag, an umbrella and a meal. *Outagamie*: Bastian reported that ADRC staff are returning to the office and will be fully back to the office by July 1st. Outagamie County will open for customers on July 6th. Staff will be able to return to home visits and face to face office visits. Bastian reported that Carrie Esselman, Dementia Care Specialist and Bastian, the Appleton Police Department and caregivers attended a roundtable hosted by the Fox Valley Memory Project with Interim Department of Health Services Secretary Karen Timberlake to discuss the importance of collaborations to support individuals with Alzheimers and Dementia related diseases. The media was present. Brandt reported that all ADRC staff in the COW counties passed the Continuing Skills Test for the Long Term Care Functional Screen. Three ADRC staff got 100%. Erickson reported that home delivered meals and the Grab N' Go meals are continuing. There is no set date for the opening of congregate sites. A volunteer recognition event will be planned in the future after the new nutrition coordinator is hired. *Waupaca*: Hintz reported that the home delivered meal program and shelf stable meals continue with no set date for the opening of the congregate meal sites. Waupaca County provided a U-Tube video of Waupaca County for volunteers traveling through the communities and displaying the murals in Waupaca County. Volunteers received a lunch bag and a fork/spoon set along with a box lunch. The virtual event included a scavenger hunt. A new Elder

- Benefit Specialist, Iris Duran, has joined the ADRC. The Waupaca Senior Center will host the annual Waupaca Caregiver Conference on Friday, November 5th with a face to face and a virtual option. The keynote speaker will include former Wisconsin Governor, Martin Schreiber, co-author of “My Two Elaines” with Cathy Breitenbucher along with cardiac drumming, painting, nutrition session, stress relief for caregivers, and more.
- b. REGIONAL REPORT: Kramer shared that the COW ADRC ended the fiscal year with a 41.22% Federal Medicaid Match. First quarter for 2021 was at 44.01% Federal Medicaid Match. Matching federal dollars are received due to Time and Task Reporting by ADRC staff. Wisconsin Governor Ever’s Biennial Budget proposal includes Broadband Expansion to Rural Areas and underserved populations. The budget also includes \$7 million to expand caregiver services and expansion of the tribal ADRC Specialist and Disability Benefit Specialist program. Expansion of dementia and family caregiver support is also in the budget. Kramer participated in a national virtual conference on seniors and technology and learned of a great resource called Senior Planet funded by the Humana Foundation. Senior Planet provides free web based classes on technology, exercise and more.
www.seniorplanet.org

6. ITEMS FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION

- a. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Nomination by Karth and a second by Ruffolo to elect Patrick Jacklin as chairperson for 2021-2022. Unanimous approval. Nomination by Karth and a second by Ruffolo to elect Dr. John Barkmeier as vice chairperson for 2021-2022. Unanimous approval
- b. COMMUNICATIONS: None
- c. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES AND REPORTS: Renning reported that the New London Senior Center has been open for classes since April. You may meet and participate if you have been vaccinated. IT support is also provided at the senior center. The Senior Center is planning an outing to a Timber Rattlers game. The Waupaca Senior Center is also open. Renning asked about when the congregate sites would open. Anderson reported when Waupaca County is able to safely do so the congregate sites would open. Golding reported that the Waupaca Senior Center was open for classes and activities.
Jacklin had received a compliment from an ADRC customer on a great customer service from Rachel and Stefanie.
- d. Technology Survey for Older Adults: Jones reported that he drafted a survey to be distributed to Calumet County seniors to determine technology needs. A committee has been formed that includes: Jones, Kramer, Bunnell, Allan Mitchler, Fox Valley Technical College Chilton Regional Center and Glenn Whitcomb, Director, Chilton Public Library.
- e. ABLE Act: Jacklin shared information about the ABLE Act and a positive experience with Outagamie County. ABLE Act funds assist individuals and families in saving private funds for the purpose of supporting individuals with disabilities maintain health, independence and quality of life. All counties handle the ABLE Act

- differently. Information about the ABLE Act was sent by e-mail to advisory committee members.
- f. FUTURE MEETING TOPICS: An overview of how customers are served by the ADRC regarding Information and Assistance, Options Counseling and Enrollment Counseling was suggested. Committee agreed that a review was a good idea.
 - 7. MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion Karth, Second by Barkmeier to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 8, 2021 2:00-4:00 p.m. Outagamie County ADRC 320 S. Walnut Street Appleton, WI 54911 Optional In person or virtual participation.