

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Calumet, Outagamie and Waupaca Counties  
Regional Advisory Committee Minutes  
Thursday, September 14, 2023

Members Present: Ott, Jones, Luedeke, Laughrin, McCabe, Ruffolo, Strey-Hirt, Olson, Gartzke, Golding, Liggins

Member Excused: Dobbe, Zick

Members Absent: Liggins

Staff Present: Kramer, Bastian, Brandt, Dewhurst, Anderson

1. CALL TO ORDER: Ruffolo called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. QUORUM: It was established that a quorum was present.
3. ROLL CALL: Ruffolo took roll call and members and staff introduced themselves.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Jones, second by Gartzke. Unanimous approval.
5. APPROVAL OF MARCH 9, 2023 MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Golding, second by Luedeke. Approval by all.
6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
7. PRESENTATION: Advanced Funeral Planning, Eric Stadler & David Johannes, Advance Funeral Planners, Wichmann Funeral Home & Crematory Presentation on Funeral Planning and Medicaid.
8. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION: Send suggestions to Ruffolo or Kramer. Kramer will make arrangements to bring in a presenter.
9. COMMUNICATIONS: None
10. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES AND REPORTS: The Walk to End Alzheimers will be on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at the Fox Cities Stadium with a start time of 8:30 a.m. with a walk time of 9:40 for the 2 mile walk. Traci Edmondson, Dementia Care Specialist, has formed a team called, "True Grit". Individuals may sign up on the Alzheimer's Association website. SOAR, WisconSibs and the Fox Valley Memory Project will be hosting the 2023 KITE (Knowledge, Independence, Togetherness and Empowerment) Conference at the FVTC in Appleton at 9:00 a.m. WisconSibs is accepting nominations for Sibling Choice Awards prior to October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Wisconsin County Association's Annual Conference will be held September 17-19<sup>th</sup> at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells with a theme of Kick Up Your Heels.
11. ADRC REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT: Kramer provided a written report on the Regional ADRC Re-Organization; PeerPlace; a staffing update and Satisfaction Surveys.
12. REPORTS BY COUNTY: Each county is working on by laws for advisory committees to meet the target population requirements in the ADRC Scope of Services with the Department of Health Services, State of WI. All of the counties will merge other county committees for an Aging/ADRC Committee. *Calumet County* had a Caregiver Event on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Chilton High School. Attendance was less than in previous years. *Outagamie County* had ADRC representation at the Senior Expo at Player's Choice in Appleton. This event has over 1000 individuals attend each year. The event is sponsored by the Lion's Club. A Home on the Range **Memory Café was held at the Thompson Community Center with 30 participants and 10** volunteers lead by Traci Edmondson, Dementia Care Specialist. Beaming Equine Assisted Services was in attendance with a Shetland pony greeting visitors along with dogs Thelma and Louise. A country singer also entertained the participants. Outagamie has hired an Information and Assistance Specialist with an R.N. degree. The Community Living Specialist position is still vacant. Interested individuals may apply on Indeed Inc. or through the VPI website. Brandt

reported on a number of community education opportunities including: Lion's Club Senior Expo; Grand Chute Fire Department; Oneida Tribal Elder Expo; National Night Out in Hortonville. The File of Life was distributed. *Waupaca County* is conducting interviews for an Elder Benefit Specialist and a Disability Benefit Specialist. A Coping with Dementia Challenges event will be held at the Waupaca Senior Center on October 4<sup>th</sup> lead by Andrea Brace, Dementia Care Specialist.

13. The final meeting as the ADRC Regional Advisory Committee of Calumet, Outagamie and Waupaca Counties will be held on November 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
14. Motion by Golding to adjourn, second by Jones. Unanimous approval.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 9, 2023 2:00 p.m. Outagamie County Branch of the ADRC 320 S. Walnut Street Appleton, WI 54911

*These are unapproved minutes.*