

**MEETING OF THE
WINNEBAGO COUNTY
AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC) COMMITTEE**
Minutes

DATE: Monday, January 12, 2026
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Building Room 033

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Janty, KristL Laux, Jim Lauer, Harold Singstock, Jim Ponzer, Anna Malek, Elizabeth Jones (virtual), Larry Lautenschlager (County Board)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Brooke Slick, Tanisha Alvarado, Rob Paterson

STAFF PRESENT: Acting Human Services Director Renee Soroko, Elizabeth Wagner, Brian Nagler, Nicole Hecimovich, Julie Kotajarvi, Lori Duclon, Alisa Richetti, Gordon Hintz (Winnebago County Executive), Ashley Beattie-Lokken (virtual), Spencer Hadel (virtual)

OTHERS PRESENT: Leah Kelm – State Representative Lori Palmeri's staff (virtual)

CALL TO ORDER – AGENDA ITEM A:

Chairman Paul Janty called the meeting to order at approximately 3:05 p.m. All in attendance provided self-introductions.

AGENDA ITEM B1 – APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2025, AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING:

KristL Laux made a motion to approve the December 2025 minutes, seconded by **Harold Singstock**. Motion carried. **Anna Malek** questioned that she had not received the paperwork indicated in December's minutes under Agenda Item D4. **Elizabeth Wagner** clarified paperwork will be provided.

AGENDA ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

AGENDA ITEM D1 – BUSINESS ITEMS – MOSAIC FAMILY HEALTH:

Jackie of Mosaic Family Health provided historical information starting in 2017 when the Rosalynn Carter Institute approached Mosaic Family Health and Fox Valley Memory Project to begin a pilot program called RCI Reach (Resources for Enhancing Alzheimer's Caregiver Health). Mosaic has been serving the Fox Valley area for the past 45 years providing primary care and a residency program. The program had been through UW-Health up until 12 years ago at which time it became a private non-profit clinic called Mosaic.

Susan Kazik and Pattie Slempek shared the following information:

- **RCI REACH** – consists of 12-15 1:1 sessions over 6-12 months focusing on safety, problem solving, social supports, emotional health, self-care sessions. Program eligibility: Caregiver resides in Outagamie, Winnebago, Waupaca, or Calumet County; in-home caregiving to continue 6+ months

after completion of REACH; increased caregiving difficulties; and 5+ stress level. No fee for caregivers.

- Caregiver Coaching – help identify appropriate support services and resources, teach coping strategies, 1:1 assistance accessing necessary services, facilitate family meetings. Program eligibility: Caregiver resides in Outagamie, Winnebago, or Calumet County.
- Mary Poppins bag contains locks for guns and cabinetry, door/window alarms, reflective tape, motion lights, pill boxes, white boards, and visual timer.
- Family Caregiver Support Group – Third Wednesday of each month 10:00 to 11:30 AM, Mosaic Family Health Conference Room M2 drop-in or virtual. No cost to caregivers, all family caregivers welcome.
- Contact information:
Susan Kazik, APSW – 920-560-7167 – susan.kazik@mosaicfamilyhealth.org
Pattie Slempek, OT – 920-560-7128 – patricia.slempek@mosaicfamilyhealth.org
- Data – Winnebago County 2022 to 2025 – total number of 1:1 sessions = 345, unduplicated caregivers completed 12-session program = 67.
- Program for Veterans is another option also available through RCI.

AGENDA ITEM D2 – BUSINESS ITEMS – AGING RELATED UPDATES:

Elizabeth Wagner stated that 2026 program funding allocations need to be finalized to determine what monies will be available for extra outreach options. This will be discussed further next month as more contract budgets become available. **Brian Nagler** reported continuously receiving requests to provide presentations about ADRC services. Unity Hospice will be attending the team meeting tomorrow morning and staff are attending a lunch and learn on Thursday at Ascension Mercy Medical Center. **KristL Laux** suggested a presentation regarding ADRC services could be beneficial for County Board members.

AGENDA ITEM D3 – BUSINESS ITEMS – DISABILITY RELATED UPDATES:

Elizabeth Wagner is working on having Covey provide a presentation at an upcoming ADRC Committee meeting. Covey hosts events throughout the year targeted towards the young adult disabled population. Additionally, the ADRC newsletter will continue to have more topics relating to the young adult population.

AGENDA ITEM D4 – BUSINESS ITEMS – LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

Elizabeth shared information from the GWAAR newsletter regarding the Lifespan Respite Care Reauthorization Act endorsed by Senator Tammy Baldwin which provides short-term respite for unpaid caregivers throughout an individual's lifespan. Elizabeth can send further details to board members if there is interest in drafting a letter to legislators on the topic.

AGENDA ITEM E1 – REPORTS – COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES:

KristL Laux gave the following updates:

- KristL shared a Facebook posting of an individual seeking a caregiver to provide home healthcare.
- Senator Kristin Dassler-Alfheim plans to attend next month's ADRC committee meeting. Her scheduling staff sent information on some of the implications of "the Big Beautiful Act" including the need for additional State staff to address Medicaid error rates, financial impacts on Wisconsin losing \$142 million per year, Medicaid expansion no longer feasible due to Act changes, and

increased barriers and costs to taxpayers. KristL provided a list of meeting topics to Kristin's assistant.

Anna Malek had no updates to report.

Alisa Richetti stated that the menu of dementia programs was updated for 2026 including several new or changed respite programs and support groups. Next month Alisa will share more information on Valley VNA's new full-day respite program starting every other Friday in February for caregivers of individuals with significant needs due to their dementia diagnosis.

Lori Duclon reported the following:

- National Radon Action Month – Lori shared the importance of testing for radon. Testing kits are available at the Health Department.
- Cervical Cancer Awareness Month – Public Health works with the Well Woman Program of which women ages 40-65 with little or no insurance can receive mammogram and cervical cancer screenings.
- Wellness Plus Schedule – New schedule for winter is out including Strong Bodies and Tai chi.
- Flu and cold season reminders – Lori provided wellness reminders including proper handwashing techniques, staying home when ill, and wearing a mask to help protect those who are vulnerable. Current influenza, COVID, and RSV data are available on the Public Health website.

Nicole Hecimovich reported the following:

- Adult Protective Services (APS) statistics for December: 61 calls, 28 assigned to a case manager, 7 diagnosed with dementia, 1 emergency protective placement, 3 guardianships, 4 welfare checks, and 6 financial scam cases.
- APS direct services application was recently submitted for elder abuse funding to support individuals in the community aged 60+.
- Staffing: Nicole is in the process of interviewing for a disability benefits specialist opening following a staff retirement.

Harold Singstock had no updates to report.

Paul Janty reported the Communities Program at Oshkosh North has students going to nursing homes to talk about ages.

Jim Lauer attended the Neenah and Menasha committee meetings informing them that he can convey anything they need sent to the board and shared information to them on a recent article from **Paul Janty**. Paul explained that a recent Journal Sentinel article detailed the development of a community of 124 manufactured houses in Sheboygan County specifically being built to meet the individualized needs of those with dementia. The community will feature little stores and offers a more controlled, safe environment. Alisa added that the "dementia village" concept originates from Europe to support those living with dementia to continue living in independent housing with their spouse.

Jim Ponzer reported he attended one union meeting this past month of which members took all the literature. He plans to attend more union meetings including one this Wednesday and then do follow-ups.

Renee Soroko commented that she reads the monthly minutes and found attending in-person to be beneficial.

Elizabeth Wagner handed out the ADRC committee meeting schedule for 2026.

AGENDA ITEM E2 – REPORTS – DATA REPORT & DAY TO DAY – BRIAN NAGLER:

Brian Nagler provided the following statistics for December: 42=Family Care enrollments, 13=IRIS enrollments, enrollments ranging 5-8 hours per packet. 20=long-term functional screens calculated, 13=long-term functional screenings in process. **Peyton Dobbins** was hired as the second receptionist starting early January and Brian plans to start regularly scheduled meetings weekly with her to begin additional work duties including processing enrollment packets.

AGENDA ITEM F – "COMMUNITY BEAT" – SHARING OF COMPLIMENTS/COMPLAINTS FROM COMMUNITY, CONSUMERS, PROVIDERS:

None.

AGENDA ITEM G – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Jim Lauer shared the idea of creating a short video on ADRC services which could be played at a booth at the County fair and on televisions in various county buildings. Perhaps share expenses with Outagamie County for use in locations near the county border.

AGENDA ITEM H1 – NEXT MEETING DATE:

Monday, February 9, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM I – ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned by **Paul Janty** at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Kotajarvi and Deb Thill, Human Services Department/jk/dt