

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

Minutes

DATE: Monday, April 13, 2026

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Building Room 033

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Paul Janty, Harold Singstock, Rob Paterson, Jim Ponzer, KristL Laux, Anna Malek (virtual), Eizabeth Jones (virtual), Jim Lauer (virtual)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Brian Nagler, Elizabeth Wagner, Renee Soroko, Melissa Sell, Julie Kotajarvi, Lori Duclon, Virtual: Alfredo Vera Perez, Nicole Hecimovich, Ashley Beattie-Lokken

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Larry Lautenschlager, Tara Lewandowski, Jennifer Butler, Jim Collins, Aliza Adhikari (UWO Student)

**CALL TO ORDER – AGENDA ITEM A:**

Chairman Paul Janty called the meeting to order at approximately 3:01 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM B1 – APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2026, AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING:**

Jim Ponzer made a motion to approve March 2026 minutes, seconded by KristL Laux. Motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Aliza Adhikari provided a self-introduction, expressing gratitude for being able to attend the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM D1 – BUSINESS ITEMS –MY CHOICE WISCONSIN – TARA LEWANDOWSKI AND JENNIFER BUTLER:**

- History: 1976 – Care Wisconsin founded as Madison's first adult day center. 1980 – Molina Healthcare founded. 2010 – My Choice became a non-profit. 2023 – Acquired by Molina.
- Membership stats: Family Care =15,627 members, Family Care Partnership=1198 members, Medicare Dual Advantage=1358 members, and Medicaid/SSI and BadgerCare Plus=68,337 members.
- Person-centered approach: Members are assigned a care manager and nurses which are in addition to member's primary care physicians. MyChoice Partnership works directly with the members' medical care team for increased coordination over and above typical care management services.
- Providers listing: Most major health systems in Wisconsin are contracted in-network. See <https://www.mychoiceprovider.org/> for network provider listing.
- Seamless transitions: RN care managers assess members within three business days of discharge with the goal of preventing re-admission by providing proper in-home support.
- Program ratings: Program has received CMS 5-star ratings in: managing chronic conditions, reducing fall risks, improving bladder control, timely appeal decisions, drug plan customer service, availability of TTY and interpreter services, and accurate drug pricing.

- Supplemental benefits are available for Family Care Partnership members including dental, hearing, vision, prescriptions, and prefunded debit card benefits.
- Accepted SSBCI qualifiers – Members must have at least one qualifier to receive benefits.
- Additional member resources regarding coverage and member handbooks are located on the website.
- Contact information: Jenny Butler – [Jennifer.Butler@mychoicewi.org](mailto:Jennifer.Butler@mychoicewi.org) (608) 210-4706  
Tara Lewandowski – [Tara.Lewandowski@mychoicewi.org](mailto:Tara.Lewandowski@mychoicewi.org) (608) 245-3369  
Kim Kunz – [Kimberly.Kunz@molinahealthcare.com](mailto:Kimberly.Kunz@molinahealthcare.com) (608) 210-4664
- Contract concerns – ADRC staff raised concerns regarding lack of contracts for some area facilities and healthcare providers.

#### **AGENDA ITEM D2 – BUSINESS ITEMS – GO TRANSIT – JIM COLLINS:**

- Americans with Disability Act – signed into law in 1990 prohibited discrimination and ensured equal employment opportunity including public transportation services.
- What is paratransit service? Designed for individuals with disabilities who cannot use fixed route buses.
- Paratransit service criteria: Service area is  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile corridor surrounding fixed bus services with hours and days matching bus schedules. Paratransit are currently next-day services with a \$3 fee.
- Rider eligibility is determined through an application process. Contact Go Transit for more details.
- Other non-ADA required programs: Senior Dial-A-Ride, Access-to-Jobs, Rural Program, GO Connect.
- Agency fares are available for riders enrolled in one of the Family Care Programs, these fares are higher due to those regulations.

#### **AGENDA ITEM D3 – BUSINESS ITEMS – ADRC VIDEOS:**

ADRC videos are attached to the meeting in Civic Plus.

#### **AGENDA ITEM D4 – BUSINESS ITEMS – AGING RELATED UPDATES:**

**Elizabeth Wagner** shared that the patient representative "next of kin" bill was recently signed into law. This will speed up incapacitated patients being discharged from a hospital to a facility.

#### **AGENDA ITEM D5 – BUSINESS ITEMS – DISABILITY RELATED UPDATES:**

**Elizabeth Wagner** provided the following updates:

- VPI – Elizabeth met with Joe from VPI. The drop-in community outreach center funding was achieved through grants including Community Foundation and United Way. The program has CCS staff who serve people with mental illness. CCS time is reimbursable through the State.
- Remarkable – Elizabeth met with Remarkable (formerly Lakeside Packaging) to ask about their interest in offering drop in services. Remarkable expressed interest and are starting by connecting with County CCS staff. Both VPI and Remarkable are willing to talk with interested board members.
- State Street Center – Elizabeth handed out brochures for the State Street Center. Information and monthly schedule are available on the county's website. The State Street Center is for individuals who identify with having mental health or AODA needs. Hours are Monday through Friday 9-3. Activities are scheduled daily.

- Wheelchair Wash is tentatively planned for August 8th from 10-12 at J&R Auto in Oshkosh.

**AGENDA ITEM D6 – BUSINESS ITEMS – LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:** No updates

**AGENDA ITEM E1 – REPORTS – COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES:**

Due to audio difficulties, **Elizabeth Wagner** shared the following updates for **Nicole Hecimovich**:

- Staffing – Alfredo Vera Perez has begun in the new APS Crisis Case Manager position and will work as a liaison between the APS and Crisis teams.
- March Statistics – APS received 85 calls, 51 requiring follow-ups, 6 with dementia-related concerns at time of initial report, 6 resulted in guardianship with emergency protective placement, 4 resulted in guardianship only, 8 financial abuse, 3 self-neglect, 2 elder abuse, 5 welfare checks.
- April Statistics (to date): APS received 34 calls so far, 3 reports with dementia-related concerns at time of initial report.

**Lori Duclon** shared the following updates:

- Respiratory Update – COVID is low/decreasing, flu is low/decreasing, RSV is moderate/decreasing.
- Public Health Happenings – This month's newsletter included an article on safe medication disposal.
- Severe Weather Awareness Week – Sign up for weather alerts through the Public Health's website.
- National Public Health Week was last week with celebrations at various locations with speakers.
- New – Walk with a Nurse Program is starting in May to encourage people to be more active and to boost awareness of Public Health nursing staff.
- Tai Chi for Arthritis – Lori is working with Allison in hopes of getting Tai Chi with Arthritis programming in one of the buildings.
- Meeting with Fire Department to look at ways to assist those experiencing frequent falls.
- Meeting with ADRC staff including APS and I&A workers to network between county departments.

**KristL Laux** – questioned how many county board members are required to be on the ADRC committee and stated that her and Jim Lauer's term end dates are not listed on the county's website. **Elizabeth Wagner** will look into these.

**Jim Ponzer** continues to work with unions and spoke with the international rep for the railroads. Jim plans to be in contact with Neenah Foundry. The OASD teacher's union requested pamphlets which will be placed in teachers lounges.

**Elizabeth Jones** shared information on upcoming My Housing voice sessions which will explore housing options for people with autism, intellectual, and developmental disabilities. Sessions are scheduled for 04/14/2026 - ADRC Green Bay, 04/16/2026 – Miller Electric Appleton, and 04/21/2026 CP Center of Kimberly. Registration is required at [www.myhousingvoice.org](http://www.myhousingvoice.org).

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

**Brian Nagler** reported the following updates:

- March Statistics: ADRC had 609 total contacts, 56 Family Care enrollments, 16 IRIS enrollments, 40 long-term functional screens calculated, 18 disenrollments, 6 transfers.

- 04/22/2026 Training – for staff on time and task changes relating to reimbursement. May and June data will be entered into both systems to compare for accuracy. July 1 new changes take effect.
- Peer to Peer pairings – Staff from Neenah will be paired with an Oshkosh staff to go together to complete functional screens and then report back to Brian what has been learned from one another.

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

**Brian Nagler** relayed a kudos expressed by an Oshkosh West youth towards an ADRC specialist who provided outstanding service with assisting the youth in transitioning to adult services.

**AGENDA ITEM G – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

Advocap

**AGENDA ITEM H1 – NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Monday, May 11, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM I – ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned by **Paul Janty** at 4:30 p.m.

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