

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, March 10, 2025

TIME OF MEETING: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE OF MEETING: Oshkosh Human Services Building, Room 033, 220 Washington Avenue,
Oshkosh, WI 54901

Members Present: Paul Janty, Jim Lauer, Harold Singstock, KristL Laux, Anna Malek, Elizabeth Jones (virtual), Sue Ertmer (virtual)

Members Absent: Brooke Slick, Tanisha Alvarado, Barry and Janine Christianson

Staff Present: Beth Roberts, Bill Topel, Keith Arndt, Julie Kotajarvi, Jill Butler, Ashley Beattie-Lokken (virtual)

Others Present: Kate Pfaendtner, Steve Tomasik (Go Transit Operations Manager)

- A. Call to Order: **Paul Janty** called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- B. Approval of Minutes: **Harold Singstock** made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes, seconded by **Jim Lauer**, motion carried.
- C. Public Comments: No members of the public were in attendance.
- D. Business Items:
 1. Dementia Program Updates – New Elder Benefit Specialist – **Keith Arndt** – **Jill Butler** announced that Keith Arndt has been hired as the new elder benefit specialist (EBS). Keith provided a self-introduction stating that he graduated from UW-Oshkosh. He worked at Goodwill in the Fox Cities and Green Bay for the past 13 years serving in various capacities.
 2. Recognition of former commission member, Pete Christianson: **Beth Roberts** gave recognition to Pete Christianson who recently passed. In the past, Pete worked at Winnebago County Human Services in the Behavioral Health Unit and after retirement ran the Larsen-Winchester Lions loan closet.
 3. Provider Network and Funding Sources – **Beth Roberts**: Beth shared a listing of supportive home care agencies contracted with Winnebago County. Currently, 86 individuals receive support from contracted agencies – 52 through National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFSCP) federal funds and 34 through Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Program (AFCSP) federal funds. There are currently shortages in residential settings, adult foster care providers, caregivers, nursing level services of care, as well as struggles getting an in-home care provider. Beth explained various services provided by the contracted agencies and funding for those services.
 4. Specialized Transportation - Go Transit Operations Manager **Steve Tomasik**: Steve reported that the Oshkosh Common Council approved effective April 1st that paratransit programming will be in operation Mondays through Saturdays from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Sundays from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Access to Jobs Program will continue to run 24/7.

Ridership – Ridership numbers ended up a little higher for last year and is trending lower. Monitoring will continue to determine what impacts that the change in hours of operation has as well as the potential to expand the Access to Jobs Program. Steve plans to attend the October ADRC meeting to provide the committee with updates.

Building / Property – Steve reported Go Transit owns the building and property now; however, some hazmat soil cleanup may be necessary. Design is being worked out and bids for construction will be sought in early summer with the hope to break soil by the end of summer. There will be a new North/South platform, a public rest area, and a heated warming area.

Bus Stop Location Change – **Bill Topel** shared appreciation that after the City sent a notification letter that the bus stop between the Oshkosh Human Services and Masonic buildings was being moved to the north side of the Human Services parking lot that Steve, Jim, and Bill viewed the proposed location. After Bill cited concerns about the planned location, the City agreed to an alternative location. The new sheltered bus stop is located on Mount Vernon Street to the south of the HSD driveway apron which is centralized between the Oshkosh HSD, Masonic, and Public Library buildings. This location solves the issue of sidewalks to the HSD building not being shoveled yet as the city plows the HSD parking lot by 7:00 a.m. Foot traffic into the Oshkosh Human Services building is estimated to be approximately 400 to 500 daily and a good number of those individuals rely on public transit for transportation.

Later in the meeting, **Jill Butler** added that the Director of ADVOCAP Transportation Program, Brian Jacobson, retired and his replacement (Lisa) started two weeks ago.

5. April Meeting with Legislators – **Beth Roberts**: Beth reported that she has only heard back from two legislators who are tentatively planning to attend the April meeting: State Representative Lori Polmeri and Senator Kristin Alfeim. Beth suggested alternatives of rescheduling and picking a different date or sending a survey to legislators. **Bill Topel** noted that Human Services Day at the Capitol is being held on March 27th. Bill also brought up the possibility of waiting to host a meeting with legislators until after the budget has been passed. After discussion, the committee decided to reschedule the meeting with legislators to September.

E. Reports:

KristL Laux reported as follows:

- Medicaid Cuts – While campaigning door-to-door KristL ran into a number of people voicing concern about Medicaid cuts and questioned if the committee could compile a listing of programs or charities able to provide assistance. Beth replied that a variety of resources are listed on the statewide resource directory which can be searched by region. The weblink for the State's resource directory is <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/find-resources.htm> or **Jill Butler** can be contacted for a paper copy of the local resource directory.
- Measles – Most individuals born between 1963 and 1989 have only received a single vaccination for measles. KristL questioned if those who are disabled and born between those dates could be contacted to inform of the need for a second vaccination. **Beth Roberts** indicated to contact **Lori Duclon** directly about this topic or follow up with her at next month's meeting.

Anna Malek reported she attended four classes since the last meeting 1) estate planning attended by approximately 30 people, 2) YMCA Neenah on funeral planning attended by approximately 30 people, 3) Senior Center's monthly technology class – how to use cellphone and other technology with home security systems, and 4) how to downsize and move for ages 55+ - held at the Senior Center.

Bill Topel thanked the committee for their input on finding a successor for Beth's position and stated the hope is to have this determined by next month's meeting.

Harold Singstock – no updates to report.

Paul Janty suggested adding a section to the monthly ADRC newsletter regarding information from the Health Department on current health issues such as information on measles, COVID, norovirus, etc. **Jill Butler** responded that she receives a monthly newsletter from the Health Department and will reach out to request that applicable information be condensed down so it can be included into monthly ADRC newsletters.

Jim Lauer - no updates to report.

Kate Pfaendtner stated she is in attendance to thank Beth for all she has done and wish her good luck.

Beth Roberts expressed her appreciation of being able to serve the community and is thankful for all the people she has learned and benefited from having contact with. She will be serving as Outagamie County Health and Human Services Director and her email will be Beth.Roberts@Outagamie.org. Beth added that the wheelchair wash is tentatively being planned for August 16th.

- F. "Community Beat" – Sharing of Compliments / Complaints from Community, Consumers, Providers:
N/A.
- G. Items for Next Agenda: Legislative listening session
- H. Next Meeting Date: April 14, 2025
- I. Adjournment: **Jim Lauer** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by KristL Laux. **Paul Jantry** adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.