

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

Minutes

DATE: Monday, June 9, 2025
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Building Room 33

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Janty, Jim Lauer, KristL Laux, Anna Malek (virtual)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Brooke Slick, Tanisha Alvarado, Barry and Janine Christianson, Sue Ertmer, Harold Singstock

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Wagner, Brian Nagler, Julie Kotajarvi, Alisa Richetti, Jill Butler, Lori Duclon, Ashley Beattie-Lokken

OTHERS PRESENT: Rob Paterson, Lisa Severson (ADVOCAP), Kari Tschech (ADVOCAP)

CALL TO ORDER – AGENDA ITEM A: Chairman Paul Janty called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM B1: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2025 AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING:

Jim Lauer questioned whether a correction is needed for May's minutes as Kristine Hutter is listed as a committee member rather than as a visitor. **Elizabeth Wagner** will research whether a correction is needed. **Jim Lauer** moved for approval of minutes with possible forthcoming amendment; seconded by **KristL Laux**.

AGENDA ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM D1– BUSINESS ITEMS – SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION:

Kari Tschech and **Lisa Severson** from ADVOCAP attended the meeting and will be attending quarterly to provide program updates. The volunteer transportation program receives referrals through the ADRC, Veteran's Services, and DHS for ages 60+ and/or disabled. Funding is provided by Winnebago County, DOT, and AmeriCorps. The number of rides provided has increased with 1388 in 2023, 2126 in 2024, and 1469 rides thus far in 2025. Requirements for volunteer drivers are to have a driver's license, good driving record, use their own vehicle, insurance policy, pass background checks, age 55+, and be a Winnebago County resident / live in proximity. Mileage is reimbursed at the federal reimbursement rate and secondary insurance coverage is provided by ADVOCAP. Ride recipients must reside in Winnebago County, can use a walker or cane; however, must be able to get in/out of the vehicle on their own. Examples given of rides provided include to employment, locations throughout Wisconsin, to pick up groceries or meds, to the Senior Center, and most rides are for medical purposes. There are currently 21 volunteer drivers, 4 of which exclusively provide transports to area food pantries. Whenever possible ride requests should be made five business days prior. 48-hour notice is given prior to rides that are unable to be fulfilled. Kari provided telephone numbers to arrange transports. Lisa can be reached at 920-426-0150 Ext. 3264 or lisa.severson@advocap.org and Kari Tschech can be reached at 920-426-0150 Ext 3234 or kari.tschech@advocap.org.

AGENDA ITEM D2– BUSINESS ITEMS – DEMENTIA PROGRAM UPDATES – ALISA RICHETTI:

- Dementia Care Conference is a free conference being held this Friday at FVTC in Appleton in collaboration with Fox Valley Memory Project. The ADRC will have a resource table and is sponsoring the meal. Content is primarily for caregivers and respite care is available for individuals with dementia or memory loss issues. Topics: Fraud, finances, future planning, palliative care, grief support.
- Memory Care Respite Program – program is in partnership with Valley VNA. Sites are St. Paul's Church-Neenah and Christ Our Saviors Church-Oshkosh. In July, the Oshkosh location will be changed to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- New – Boost Your Brain and Memory Class is being offered to learn about lifestyle changes that can help prevent memory issues. Cost is free for this six-week class which starts in September at the Omro Community Center class. Topics: physical activity, emotional health, intellectual activity, nutrition, spiritual, memory strategies. It is anticipated this class will be offered in the future in other locations.
- Virtual dementia trainings – May – Menasha City Center, ongoing – Parkview, June 24th – ADVOCAP drivers at the Menasha ADRC, and in the future will be paired with Mindwork classes, Menasha Corp staff, and Network Health staff. July – two dates are scheduled for caregivers.
<https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/sites/default/files/uploaded-files/Virtual%20Dementia%20Tour%202024%20%281%29.pdf> and
<https://www.foxvalleymemoryproject.org/mindworks>
- Lewy Body Dementia Conference is being held October 9th at the Culver Center. Cost is free. There will be speakers and is open to professionals and caregivers. Registration information coming soon.
https://www.facebook.com/100064507250366/posts/1075315614628670/?_rdr
- Oshkosh Community Foundation – **Elizabeth Wagner** added that Oshkosh Community Foundation is looking to offer funding to support additional community outreach and potentially establish a coalition.

AGENDA ITEM D3– BUSINESS ITEMS – LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

Elizabeth Wagner shared a handout from the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) meeting she attended last Friday which details potential changes to federal funding. Programming that will continue to be funded at the federal level include: home/community based services, home delivered meals (C1, C2), evidence-based prevention health programs, family caregiver support programs, elder abuse long-term care programs, adult protective services, Lifespan Respite Care Program, Senior Medicare Patrol Program, aging network support activities, \$50 million in mandatory State Health Insurance Program (SHIP), ADRCs, AAs, National Center for Outreach. Elizabeth will continue to share additional information as updates are revealed. The potential cuts to Medicaid appear to be focused on able-bodied working adults rather than those with disabilities, SNAP benefits, and eliminating the three-month backdating of eligibility for non-renewals. **Jim Lauer** reported that Assembly Bill 176 is being proposed to aid with homecare. Members discussed other potential cuts and shortened timespan between eligibility renewals concerning Social Security Disability and Medicaid.

AGENDA ITEM E1 – COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

KristL Laux:

- Constituent concerns have been expressed over rumors that nursing home residents with dementia will be kicked out due to Medicaid cuts thus leading to the closure of nursing homes. **Brian Nagler** reiterated that potential Medicaid changes are being focused on able-bodied adults in the community. **Elizabeth Wagner** stated that there are many advocates along with the State who would not allow federal funding cuts to lead to dementia residents being kicked out of nursing homes and that the scenario of worker shortages would be the more likely case. As the Medicaid bill is going through the Senate soon, **Ashley Beattie Lokken** encouraged individuals to write to state representatives expressing how Medicaid is essential for them and to include personal examples.

- Safer Park – In response to the discussion from last meeting, KristL reported private businesses would be required to obtain a permit to serve as a location for Safer Park as this would be considered the same as a campground. KristL additionally noted that the camping ban was voted down in Winnebago County and that it is not illegal to sleep overnight in a parked car outside of city limits in Winnebago County.

Anna Malek reported she is attending the meeting today via virtual means as she is serving as a volunteer nurse at a summer camp for developmentally disabled adults.

Jim Lauer reported Neenah and Menasha appreciated the ADRC directories, and he also questioned the distribution of the directories. **Alissa Richetti** responded that Jim could touch base with Sandy Hurtado who puts together and tracks distribution of the resource directories.

Ashley Beattie Lokken reported she is on a subcommittee focusing on suicide prevention for older adults. Mind Your Wellness surveys were handed out to members to assist with distribution. Survey goes through the end of July and is available on both the Public Health newsletter and webpage as well as in the next ADRC newsletter. Assistance with filling out the survey is available, and feedback will remain anonymous.

Lori Duclon:

- Ticks – Lori gave a reminder to be mindful as ticks have already been reported in the grass within the City of Oshkosh.
- 2-1-1 referrals continue to come in. Lori stated there was a meeting with APS to get to know new staff.

Elizabeth Wagner:

- Wheelchair Wash – Elizabeth handed out fliers for members to distribute.
- Adding committee members – Elizabeth is awaiting a response back from the County Exec's office regarding adding committee members.
- Annual forms – Annual confidentiality and conflict of interest forms will need to be signed by committee members soon.
- Committee member orientation manual and courses – Elizabeth will be sharing more information in the future regarding the State's online orientation manual and courses entitled "The Learning Management System (LMS)."
- Agendas – Elizabeth asked whether committee members needed agendas printed out for committee meetings. Members expressed that they do not need additional agendas printed for the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM E2 –DATA REPORT – BRIAN NAGLER:

Brian reported there were 42 enrollments to Family Care in May, 11 enrollments to IRIS, 16 disenrollments, and 50 long-term care functional screenings. The WISHIN website provides diagnoses data. Staff have reported that charting through PeerPlace has become increasingly easier and there are also office moves going on. There is a meeting tomorrow to address refurbishing the department's webpage. Suggestions were discussed including adding references to ADRCs Facebook page on both the webpage and in the newsletter, including information on safety and crisis support, featuring website information in upcoming newsletters, adding QR codes and links for calendars and events.

AGENDA ITEM G – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Next Meeting: Annual Report data, PeerPlace report data, information from upcoming MCOs meeting (Elizabeth/Brian), and additional \$15,000 funding for ADRC next year.

Future Agenda Ideas: Falls protocols, I&A success stories, information from meetings with transportation providers, potentially hosting a program in which volunteers assist disabled individuals with minor

household maintenance tasks, having DVR or the Literacy Council provide education on how to support caregivers of disabled children/adults.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, July 14, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Oshkosh Human Services Building in Room 33.**

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

Boost Your Brain and Memory

Join the Boost Your Brain and Memory Program to improve your health today! This evidence-based, six-week class takes a holistic approach to improving brain health. It is not intended for people who are diagnosed with dementia. This program is designed for adults 55+ learn ways that they can lower their risk factors for dementia.

Omro Area Community Center

1005 E. Main Street, Omro

Mondays 11am-Noon

September 8th to October 6th

For more information and to
register for this class:

Alisa Richetti 920-236-1227

arichetti@winnebagocountywi.gov



Memory Care Respite Partners

- Two hours of respite
- Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month from 1:30 - 3:30
- Care provided by Valley VNA Senior Care Staff
- Volunteer led program includes activities, music, and snacks
- Care partners can participate or take time for themselves
- FREE

A safe and engaging activity for people with memory loss and a chance to rejuvenate their care partners.

**Respite held at Christ Our Savior
Lutheran Church** 1860 Wisconsin St.
Oshkosh, WI 54901

To pre-register please call 920-727-5555

