

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

DATE: Monday, July 14, 2025
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Building Room 33

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Janty, Jim Lauer, Harold Singstock, KristL Laux, Anna Malek

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Brooke Slick, Tanisha Alvarado, Barry Christianson, Sue Ertmer, Elizabeth Jones

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Wagner, Brian Nagler, Jill Butler, Julie Kotajarvi, Melissa Sell, Ashley Beattie-Lokken (virtual),

OTHERS PRESENT: Rob Paterson

CALL TO ORDER – AGENDA ITEM A:

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

AGENDA ITEM B1 – APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2025 AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING:

KristL Laux made a motion to approve the June minutes, seconded by **Anna Malek**. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM D1 – BUSINESS ITEMS – AGING POPULATIONS AND HOUSING NEEDS:

Elizabeth Wagner stated that Sara Brown will attend the August meeting to provide information on the Winnebago County Homeless, Eviction, and Loss Prevention Program (HELP). Elizabeth reported that in 2024 the Winnebagoland Housing Coalition served 52 individuals age 65+ and 524 disabled individuals. The typical/average client is a 44-year-old non-veteran male, unmarried, with no children. **Brian Nagler** noted an increase in homeless individuals requesting assistance from the ADRC with enrolling in Family Care and IRIS. **KristL Laux** asked whether any individuals served by these programs have vehicles and members discussed the need to gather this data from programs. Melissa Sell shared information on services that ADRC and HELP provide.

AGENDA ITEM D2 – BUSINESS ITEMS – ANNUAL REPORT:

Elizabeth Wagner provided an overview of the 2024 Annual Report related to ADRC including the table of organization, accomplishments, outreach efforts, virtual dementia tours, collaborative staff meetings, 2025 goals, ongoing outreach and services, new software (PeerPlace), and data graphs of individuals served. Suggestion made to include a more detailed age-breakout next year. **Jill Butler** responded to a

question about placements for individuals suffering from memory loss which at times requires an Emergency Protective Placement (EPP) and branching out to facilities located in other regions of the state. Due to the need for additional skilled training, Parkview is currently unable to assist individuals with challenging behaviors. A suggestion was made to have UW-Oshkosh nursing interns provide such services; however, **Anna Malek** responded that the university did not have an internship program rather was structured as a student under an instructor and that few students are interested in long-term care. The class-size has been reduced to 60 students a year. Melissa Sell added that difficult individuals often spend lengthy timeframes in a hospital due to awaiting a placement. Members suggested providing staff training so that a care unit could be added to Parkview and that other local counties would also utilize those services as well. Ongoing training is provided to law enforcement in handling individuals suffering from memory loss.

AGENDA ITEM D3 – BUSINESS ITEMS – LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

Elizabeth Wagner shared slides released this Friday from the Bureau for Persons with Developmental Disabilities containing updates regarding the State budget as follows: a \$1.4 billion increase to Medicaid (funding to continue at current costs), continued minimum rate ban for certain community-based and facility-based long-term care providers, a minimum limit is being set for the amount long-term providers pay for contracted care, Medicaid rate increases for home health and personal care along with certain private duty nursing programs, increase provider taxes to maximum (6%), new food stamp work requirements and health insurance rules, Medicaid work requirements, and Medicaid food stamps. Economic Support Division Manager Ann Kriegel plans to attend the next ADRC Committee meeting to provide additional information on the upcoming changes. The Centers for Medicaid / Medicare or the State needs to make implementation decisions regarding individuals proving their eligibility, work exemptions, addressing error rates issues, increased frequency of renewal processes, increased administrative costs, changes to the Affordable Care Act, along with an anticipated timeline of events. Program changes will take place in 2026/2027 and will mostly affect childless adults who are working. Additional upcoming changes include retroactive coverage (currently three months) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) final bill language. The newsletter contains additional information and links from the Bureau. Members discussed having legislators attend a committee meeting after clearer details are released on these upcoming changes.

AGENDA ITEM E1 – COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

Jim Lauer shared the following updates:

- Glenn Grothman's newsletter this week advocated for protecting individuals with disabilities relating to a program that is going to be cut.
- Jim contacted Rep. Dean Kaufert regarding Assembly Bill 176 which Dean sponsored. Verbiage changes to the bill removes the \$48,000 income requirement thus allowing everyone in need to receive respite services. Jim and **KristL Laux** discussed that the bill appears to currently be tabled in the Assembly, reason is unclear at this point.
- Jim reported being in contact with Sandy Hurtado who stated resource directory distribution has already been taken care of 2025. Jim took literature over to Heritage and Jill will email Jim a list of other places he can distribute directories. 2026 resource directories will be coming out in October/November.

KristL Laux stated she had connections to local legislatures and could reach out to see if any would be available for a future committee meeting.

Jill Butler shared the following updates:

- Falls prevention event entitled Partnering with Public Health – free event being held in August at the Bridgewood Conference Center in Neenah. Learn about tools and strategies to prevent falls.
<https://www.findingbalancetogether.org/>
- Monthly Adult Protective Services (APS) report – Number of calls in May=104 and June=71.

Anna Malek stated that last meeting she attended virtually due to being the nurse for a camp of mentally disabled adults. Anna also attended the Red Cross sheltering training for mass care on June 18th at Sunnyview.

Rob Paterson had no updates to report.

Ashley Beattie-Lokken reported a decrease in falls referrals.

Elizabeth Wagner:

- Board members renewals and new members being sought – Elizabeth spoke about board renewals, annual renewal of confidentiality forms, and that letters were sent out asking past board members if they are interested in serving as board members again. Elizabeth reported that **Brook Slick** indicated she wishes to continue as a board member. Barry Christianson can no longer serve on the board. Elizabeth handed out paperwork regarding new members are being sought.
- Wheelchair Wash is scheduled for August 9th.

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

Brian Nagler:

- New Spreadsheet – In response to the increase in walk-ins and other referrals at the Oshkosh ADRC, a spreadsheet is being utilized to help divide workloads between Oshkosh and Neenah offices.
- June Data – Family Care enrollments=37, IRIS enrollments=15, transfers between MCOs=7, MCO disenrollments=31, long-term care functional screen referrals=38.

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

None.

AGENDA ITEM G – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Inviting legislators to attend an upcoming committee meeting.

AGENDA ITEM H – NEXT MEETING DATE:

Monday, August 11, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM I – ADJOURN:

With no further business, **KristL Laux** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Jim Lauer**. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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