

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

DATE: Monday, August 11, 2025
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services Building Room 33

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Janty, Harold Singstock, KristL Laux

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Brooke Slick, Tanisha Alvarado, Jim Lauer, Anna Malek

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Wagner, Brian Nagler, Ann Kriegel, Julie Kotajarvi, Jill Butler, Sara Brown

OTHERS PRESENT: Rob Paterson, City of Oshkosh Transportation Director Jim Collins.

CALL TO ORDER – AGENDA ITEM A:

Chairman Paul Janty called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM B1 – APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2025 AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING:

KristL Laux made a motion to approve the July 2025 minutes, seconded by **Harold Singstock**. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM C – PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM D1 – BUSINESS ITEMS – SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION REPORT:

City of Oshkosh Transportation Director Jim Collins provided an overview of the 2025 Go Plus Paratransit Program summary reports. Go Transit currently operates fixed route busing from 6:15 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. Go Transit offers programs for elderly and disabled, rural, Access to Jobs, and Go Connect Oshkosh/Neenah. Funding for operation costs is approximately 35% federal, 20% state, 20% fares, and the remainder is funded by local (city/county). **Jill Butler** explained a requirement for specialized transportation 85.21 grant monies is that Jim or one of his counterparts present to the committee on a quarterly basis. Jim answered various questions raised including that the City must apply for grants for new buses and if approved 80% funding is federal, 20 % local. The City has 35- and 40-foot buses which have similar costs of around \$600,000. The 35-foot buses have some savings in fuel costs but offer less capacity. Typical bus lifespan is 12 years or 600,000 miles. Due to the partnership with the school district, buses are packed to max capacity before and after school with students who have been provided a fare-free bus pass. The City no longer provides busing for events such as EAA and Lifest due to not being able to adequately staff during those events along with the fare limitations caused by federal charter regulations. Transit development plans are done every five years which entails reviewing and altering rides based on ridership needs.

AGENDA ITEM D2 – BUSINESS ITEMS – LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: Economic Support (ES)

Supervisor Ann Kriegel shared information from the order Donald Trump signed on 07/04/2025 relating to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/FoodShare and Medicaid. Childless adults and adults with children over the age of 14 will be required to work or be engaged in community involvement at least 80 hours a month. Backdating of retroactive benefits will be reduced to one to two months. Legal non-citizens with the status of refugee, parolee, asylees, deportation or renewal withheld or conditional entrance, battered non-citizen, trafficking victim, Iraqi or Afghan special immigrants will no longer qualify for Medicaid or benefits except for emergency services. Requirements for ES data exchanges have been updated to Social Security's death master file, obtaining address updates from reliable third-party sources, and concurrent enrollment in more than one state. SNAP/FoodShare for able-bodied adults without dependents will be extended up to the age of 64 and the age for dependent children will be lowered to under the age of 14. Changes were made to exemption criteria based on county unemployment rate and to allowable expenses which count against income such as internet and limitations on heating expenses. Ann reported the biggest impacts to our agency will be the 50/50 split of federal and state funding being converted to a 75/25 split. The DHS currently has a proposal to pick up the extra 25 percent. Beginning in late 2026, states with error rates above 6 percent will be required to pay costs of SNAP benefits. Both worker and client errors count towards the 6 percent which includes when clients do not share necessary information with staff. Ann shared that Wisconsin likely will not have to conduct six-month Medicaid renewals as that is for the Medicaid expansion states. There is uncertainty whether three-month lookbacks will still apply. Other potential impacts include possibly returning to flat rates for SNAP and CLTS waitlists. Ann anticipated that ES will receive the final details for all changes in late 2026. At this point, consumers should make sure that ES has their current contact information.

Sara Brown shared information from the Homeless, Eviction, and Loss Prevention Program (HELP) which provides consumers with housing resource information and/or case management. 129 individuals are currently receiving voluntary case management services with the average consumer age being 48. 40 percent of consumers receiving case management services are aged 55 or older and 58 percent of those consumers are aged 62 or older. COTS and Day By Day are also reporting increases in consumer ages. A high number of consumers are elderly with the oldest individual being served is age 82. Sara stated that many homeless individuals are living out of their vehicles. The number of individuals experiencing homelessness is increasing throughout the state. Lastly, Sara reported that landlords are often readily willing to work to find a solution with the assistance of the HELP conflict resolution team.

AGENDA ITEM D3 – BUSINESS ITEMS – CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Elizabeth Wagner

handed out conflict of interest forms to members present at the meeting. Elizabeth shared that several former members have expressed interest in returning to the board: **Rob Paterson, James Ponzer, and Michael Robinson.** **Barry Christianson** and **Sue Ertmer** will no longer be serving as members of the ADRC Committee. The County Board must approve new board members, and these requests have been submitted to the County Executive's office.

AGENDA ITEM E1 – COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES:

Jill Butler reported that every month customer satisfaction surveys are sent out to 15 random consumers. In July three surveys were returned to the ADRC which all yielded very positive responses.

KristL Laux provided the following updates:

- KristL spoke about the Executive order signed by Donald Trump on 07/24/2025 which she stated appears to redirect funding for supporting homeless individuals in the community replaced by enforcement of involuntary sobriety, commitment services, and incarceration. **Elizabeth Wagner** will send the executive order to board members for review.
- KristL will contact Kristin Dassler-Alfheim after clarifying what the committee would like to have her present on at an upcoming committee meeting.

Elizabeth Wagner reported there was a good turnout at the wheelchair wash held last Saturday. Photos from the event will be posted on the ADRC's Facebook page and in an upcoming newsletter.

Harold Singstock asked if Elizabeth is ever contacted by Madison to find out how things are going; asking if there is anything that could be done to help. Elizabeth responded that John Grothjan, who is the director for the state, meets in-person which each ADRC, hosts virtual meetings, and provides various opportunities for input.

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

Brian Nagler reported in July there were 43 enrollments to the Family Care program and 13 IRIS enrollments. 36 long-term care functional screens and 12 youth to adult transition packets were completed. Brian spoke about tracking transfers between programs due to issues with Family Care organizations and that he has also started on staff goals for upcoming evaluations. **Harold Singstock** questioned whether consumers are informed that services are subject to available funding. Brian responded that his team provides education to consumers but also must remain neutral regarding Family Care organizations.

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

None.

AGENDA ITEM G – ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: None.

AGENDA ITEM H – NEXT MEETING DATE:

Monday, September 8, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM I – ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned by **Paul Janty** at 4:24 p.m.

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