

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

MEETING MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, June 10, 2024

TIME OF MEETING: 3:00 p.m.

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

Members Present: In-person— Kate Pfaendtner (Chair), Rob Paterson, Jim Lauer, Harold Singstock; Virtual— Elizabeth Jones, KristL Laux (Winnebago County District 2 Supervisor), Sue Ertmer

Members Excused: Jan Olson (Vice Chair), Conley Hanson (Winnebago County District 26 Supervisor) Brook Slick, Tanisha Alvarado, Tamar Mathwig,

Staff Present: Beth Roberts, Nicole Davis-Dawald

Others Present: Kristine Hutter-City of Menasha Committee on Aging Health Department

- A. Call to Order – **Chair Kate Pfaendtner** called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.
- B. Approval of May 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes: **Jan Olson** made a motion to approve the May 2024 minutes, motion seconded by **Harold Singstock**. **Rob Paterson** questioned whether a correction is needed for the spelling of KristL's name on the May minutes, no correction was necessary. Minutes approved by Committee.
- C. Public Comments: N/A.
- D. Business Items:
 1. Future Meeting Location: Members discussed the location of future meetings with options of Oshkosh, Neenah/Menasha, and hybrid via Zoom. The ADRC Committee agenda is mailed to various agencies throughout Winnebago County to communicate the topics being discussed. The agenda includes the Zoom link for anyone wishing to attend virtually. A decision was made to table the discussion until the July meeting after which the Winnebago County Board votes on the topic and to also allow time for **Jim Lauer** to discuss the topic at the Neenah/Menasha Aging meetings he attends in hopes to potentially boost attendance from that area.
 2. Transportation Update: **Nicole Davis-Dawald** reported that senior cab rides have decreased whereas senior bus ridership has increased. Rather than a bus going back and forth the only option now for transports to/from Oshkosh and Neenah is an on-demand ride/cab service offered as a same day service. As these changes did not yield increased ridership, questions remain on how to determine the needs of riders and Nicole is seeking input regarding this. Committee members discussed local transportation options and associated fees and that much of the public remains unaware of the available transportation options. Awareness could be increased by making up a flier which could be posted in local papers, ADRC newsletter, website, at the Senior Center, on Facebook, on the outside of city buses, and in local church bulletins. Members discussed events where the public can learn how to ride the bus and the complexity of the busing system.
 3. Aging Plan Discussion and Input: **Nicole Davis-Dawald** stated that this summer she will be working on writing the Aging Plan. **Harold Singstock** had shared a lot of ideas regarding nutrition which has led to goals focused on enhancing congregate meals. Members were asked to

provide feedback regarding the following Aging Plan focus areas: wellness, dementia, advocacy, nutrition, and programs. Committee members shared ideas including utilizing a local tv channel through Roku or YouTube providing educational videos on how to utilize local services such as riding the bus or maneuvering the county's website along with information on upcoming events. Several interns will be starting in fall at the ADRC who may be knowledgeable on creating such local programming and a corresponding text notification when a new item is posted to the channel.

E. Reports – Committee Member Updates:

Beth Roberts – Beth reported the following updates:

- Wheelchair Wash – August 10 – Beth asked that event volunteers confer with her so the number of volunteers can be tracked. Beth also shared event fliers for committee members to post in local communities.
- Next Committee Meeting – Beth asked that members unable to attend the July 8th meeting let her know ahead of time so the meeting can be canceled if the quorum minimum is not met. Several committee members are nearing completion of their terms. Members discussed the wealth of information learned throughout the years when serving on a committee. After term expiration, members are welcome to continue attending meetings as non-voting members of the public. A suggestion was made that committee responsibilities be split between members.

Nicole Davis-Dawald shared that an Elder Abuse event is being held on Wednesday, June 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the County Administration Building (CAB) on Otter with a focus on prevention. There will be speakers, refreshments, virtual dementia tours, and resources.

Jan Olson asked about the two people she referred to the County Exec's office as potential new members. **Beth Roberts** said she will follow up.

Harold Singstock:

- Nutrition Goals – Harold stated that the nutrition goals in the Aging Plan are an improvement and requested that numbers be reviewed before and after changes are put in place to measure the impact. Harold inquired whether reviews are being conducted to ensure all individuals receiving home-delivered meals are either developmentally disabled or elderly. **Beth Roberts** confirmed that such reviews are currently taking place. Data from nutrition programming will be shared at the next committee meeting.
- Advocating ADRCs to Legislators: Harold spoke of having ADRCs work together to gain more input with legislators in Madison. **Elizabeth Jones** asked Harold if a day at the capitol for ADRCs fits what he had in mind as those can be very powerful. **Beth Roberts** stated that she will touch base with the new ADRC Director at the State level to see what is planned and resources he might have. **Nicole Davis-Dawald** stated there is an individual at the State who could be invited to an upcoming Committee meeting to share information on the topic of advocacy. Beth added that the Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association (WCHSA) has many funding requests in the State budget; however, their five biggest priorities do not include ADRCs. Harold stated legislators should again be invited to attend an upcoming committee meeting as only one showed the last time. Plan was made for July and August meetings to work on honing in on funding being advocated for along with reasoning behind those requests; then invite legislators to attend the September meeting.

KristL Laux – stated a large percentage of aging adults in Winnebago County transition from being an independent adult to assisted living or nursing facilities. KristL asked if educational support could be provided around the age of 60 for assistance with deciding on the available options rather than waiting until the point where families are then forced to make those decisions. **Beth Roberts** and **Nicole Davis-Dawald** reported that ADRC staff regularly provide those services and an ADRC video is available. **Liz Jones** will contact the FVTC librarian to inquire whether any simulators or apps are available containing "branching" scenarios for elderly and their families.

Jim Lauer emphasized the importance of resources being easily available.

Liz Jones – no updates to report.

Sue Ertmer – no updates to report.

Rob Paterson – Rob shared details of two articles from the *Appleton Post Crescent*: 1) drivers are being lost so bonuses are being offered for both part-time and full-time drivers and 2) due to low ridership and loss of drivers, there is a potential that cuts will be made to Appleton busing services by ending weekday routes at 6:00 p.m. (currently ends at 9:45 p.m.) and ending Saturdays routes at 1:00 p.m. Rob also passed around a copy of an *Oshkosh Herald* article regarding bus service fees and changes to routes. Rob also spoke about committee members doing an educational rider's program.

- F. Community Beat – Sharing of Compliments/Complaints from Community, Consumers, Providers
- G. Items for Next Agenda:
- H. Next Meeting Date: July 8, 2024.
- I. Adjourn: **Chair Kate Pfaendtner** adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.