

MINUTES
ADRC OF THE WOLF RIVER REGION GOVERNING BOARD

March 14, 2017

Members present: Rebecca Brunette, Quinton Bowman Jr, Bonnie Olson, Terri Ponschok, Loretta Shellman, Anne Miller, Lois Trever

Members excused: Muriel Bzdawka, Marty Coopman, JoAnn Schedler

Others present: Kim Wolfmeyer, John Newman, Melissa Rosenow, Shandel Van Hecke, Holly Zuleger, Kristine Tuma and 2 Citizen Attendees

Location & Time: Menominee County Human Services
W3272 Wolf River Rd Keshena WI 54135
March 14, 2017 1:00 P.M.

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by Terri Ponschok. It was noted that the meeting notices were properly posted.
2. Approval of Agenda:
It was noted that the agenda was complete for the month's meeting. Motion to approve agenda by Lois Trever. Second by Bonnie Olson. All aye. Motion carried.
3. Approval of December 13, 2016 Minutes:
It was noted that the minutes from last month's meeting were complete. Motion to approve minutes made by Bonnie Olson. Second by Anne Miller. All aye. Motion carried.
4. Public Comments or Correspondence:
There were no public comments at this time.
5. A Motion May Be Made, and Seconded, to Deviate From the Posted Agenda:
Anne Miller motioned to deviate from agenda if needed. Second by Rebecca Brunette. All aye. Motion carried.
6. Introduction of New ADRC Staff Members:
The ADRC has two new Information and Assistance Specialists.

John Newman is an Information and Assistance Specialist (I&A) working primarily out of the Oconto Falls ADRC location. John began employment with the ADRC on February 6, 2017.

Shandel Van Hecke is an Information & Assistance Specialist working primarily out of the Oconto Falls ADRC location. Shandel began working for the ADRC on February 20, 2017.

7. Election of ADRC Governing Board Chair and Vice Chair Person:

Discussion and nominations were taken to fill the two positions of Chair and Vice Chair for the ADRC Governing Board.

Anne Miller nominated Rebecca Brunette for the position of ADRC Governing Board Chairperson. Lois Trever second. Lois Trever motioned to close nominations. All aye. Rebecca Brunette approved as ADRC Governing Board Chairperson.

Bonnie Olson nominated Anne Miller for the position of ADRC Governing Board Vice Chairperson. Second by Lois Trever. Lois Trever motioned to close nominations. All aye. Anne Miller approved as ADRC Governing Board Vice Chairperson.

8. Discussion Regarding Term Limits per ADRC By-Laws:

Kim Wolfmeyer, ADRC Director, discussed term limits and which members have terms that are expiring at the end of May 2017. Members who have expiring terms are able to reapply for a Governing Board position after a full term has passed.

9. Thank You to Governing Board Member with Expiring Terms:

On behalf of all of the staff at the ADRC, the ADRC Board members were thanked for all their contribution in time and dedication to the ADRC and their community. Appreciation was expressed for all they have done.

10. Discussion Regarding ABLE Act:

Melissa Rosenow; Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS) for Shawano and Menominee County; and Holly Zuleger; DBS for Oconto County; spoke to the Board regarding the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act. Handouts were given to all Board members regarding the ABLE Accounts. ABLE Accounts are available to those who had a disability determination before the age of 26. These accounts can be used to set aside funds to help disabled individuals plan for future expenses. ABLE Accounts are not available through the State of Wisconsin, however, there are eight other States that do offer these accounts to out of State residents. Wisconsin residents are able to contact one of these eight States if they are interested in setting up ABLE Accounts. Information on where Wisconsin residents can set up ABLE accounts was given to ADRC Governing Board members.

It was noted that Melissa Rosenow, Holly Zuleger, Shandel Van Hecke and John Newman left the meeting at 1:34 pm.

11. Governing Board Per Diem Information:

The ADRC Executive Committee has approved a \$60 per diem for all Governing Board meetings that Board members attend. In addition, Board members will be reimbursed for the mileage they drive to and from the meetings at the IRS rate, which is currently .535 cents a mile.

12. Update on the Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly Center:

The Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly Center building project is almost complete. The Elderly Center had an open house on Thursday, February 16th which was well attended. The ADRC Director and staff, along with many community members and other government officials, were present at the open house.

13. Aging and Disability Resource Center Status Report:

The ADRC is in the process of offering free classes to the public regarding the basics of Medicare. The next class will be on March 14th at the Shawano County Human Services Fellman Center from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

The ADRC will be participating in an upcoming event hosted by CESA 8. This event is for parents of youth, ages 14 – 21, regarding services available and how benefits work when youth transition from children's services into adult services. This event will be held on Thursday, March 23 from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm. There are multiple meeting locations. ADRC staff will be attending this event at the Gillett, Oconto and Shawano meeting locations.

The ADRC will be participating in local health fairs and caregiving seminars to share informational material as well as speak to the community regarding ADRC services and caregiving resources.

Family Care is a publically funded long term care program that helps individuals who are eligible receive help in their home. Currently Shawano and Oconto counties have a wait list for these programs. Shawano County has a wait list of 141 individuals. The Oconto County wait list has 51 individuals and Menominee County has 9 individuals who requested to stay on the list but can receive services at any time.

14. Per Diem and Mileage Approval for the March 14, 2017 Meeting:

Bonnie Olson motioned to approve the per diem and mileage for the March 14, 2017 Governing Board meeting. Second by Loretta Shellman. All aye. Motion carried.

15. Any Topics to be Discussed at a Future Meeting:

The Affordable Care Act

16. Next Meeting Date:

The next tentative ADRC Governing Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 1:30 pm. The tentative meeting place is the Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly Center in Bowler.

17. Adjournment:

Anne Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Lois Trever. All aye. Meeting was adjourned at 1:44 pm.

Rebecca Brunette, Chair

Anne Miller, Vice Chair

Recording Secretary: Kristine Tuma, Office Manager