

Minutes



ADRC Governing Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 @ 1:00 PM
Shawano County Department of Human Services
W7327 Anderson Ave, Shawano WI 54166

Members Present: Richard Ferfecki, Kathy Gohr, James Lowey, Forrest Perez, Joe Stellato, Terrie Terrio, Lynnae Zahringer

Members Absent: Quinton Bowman Jr, Stephanie Holman, Leslie Peters

Others Present: Kim Wolfmeyer - ADRC Director, Melissa Rosenow - Disability Benefit Specialist, Mary Jo Ruleau - Dementia Care Specialist, Janet Stodola - Enrollment Specialist, Kristine Tuma - Fiscal Support Specialist

1. Call meeting to order.

Called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairperson Stellato.

2. Approve minutes from previous meeting.

Motion made by Terrio, second by Zahringer, to approve the March 10, 2020 minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

3. Motion to deviate from the order of the agenda, if necessary.

Motion made by Ferfecki to deviate from agenda if necessary. Second by Gohr. All aye. Motion carried.

4. Introduction of Dementia Care Specialist (DCS).

Mary Jo Ruleau is the new Dementia Care Specialist with the ADRC and was introduced to the Board. Mary Jo has a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from UW-Green Bay. Mary Jo has previous work experience as an Elder Benefit Specialist and as a Disability Benefit Specialist. The ADRC is happy to have her as part of the team.

It was noted that Mary Jo left the meeting at 1:06 pm.

5. Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS) presentation-COVID Information.

Melissa Rosenow, Disability Benefit Specialist with the ADRC, spoke to the Board regarding some changes in Medicaid programs, BadgerCare, the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) and Elderly, Blind and Disabled (EBD) Medicaid. There have been delays in implementing the changes due to the extension of COVID-19 related Medicaid policy changes. Medicaid members continue to remain on benefits with premiums put on hold, but co-pays are collected and capped each month.

The Centers for Disease Control put a halt on evictions from September 4 - December 31, 2020. There is also a halt on utility shut offs until October 1, 2020.

The ADRC will be offering Welcome to Medicare classes online via Zoom or over the phone. There will be 4 different sessions offered for this class. The dates are September 29 from 1:30 pm - 3:30

pm; October 1 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm; October 6 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm; and October 7 from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Individuals interested in attending will need to contact the ADRC to register by calling 1-855-492-2372. Once registered, they will receive the Zoom link or telephone number to call in and attend the meeting.

It was noted that Melissa Rosenow left meeting at 1:26 pm

6. Agency update regarding COVID-19.

The ADRC is operating with the safety of customers and staff at its forefront. Staff are not doing any home visits at this time. All appointments are being done over the phone or virtually whenever possible. The offices are being cleaned daily and the brochure racks have been emptied to avoid having multiple customers handling material. All brochures are still available upon request. The Shawano ADRC office added WIFI so customers who do not have access to the internet can come to the Shawano location and utilize the internet from their vehicle.

With the numbers of COVID cases in each county rising, the Board discussed the possibility of having the upcoming December 8 Governing Board meeting virtual or over the phone. All members present were ok with the option of holding the upcoming meeting virtually if need be. Once it gets closer to the December 8 meeting, it will be decided if this meeting will be held in-person or virtually.

7. Estate Recovery.

Janet Stodola, Outreach and Enrollment Counselor with the ADRC, spoke to the Board regarding Estate Recovery. Packets of information were handed out to all Board members. The Wisconsin Estate Recovery Program seeks repayment for the cost of certain long-term care services paid for on behalf of members by Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, non-Medicaid Family Care or any services provided by Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program. Recovery is made from the estates of members, from the estates of their surviving spouses, from certain non-probate property and from liens filed on their homes. Tribal lands are exempt from Estate Recovery. Individuals looking to do any estate planning are encouraged to contact an elder law attorney to go over Estate Recovery in more detail.

It was noted that Janet Stodola left the meeting at 1:57 pm.

8. Nursing home closure information.

Maple Lane Health Services nursing home in Shawano will be closing. ADRC staff have been contacting residents to offer option information and to assist with public funding screening if requested as they transition to other living arrangements. The state is facilitating virtual meetings with the ADRC, Managed Care Organizations and Ombudsman to ensure this transition goes smoothly for all residents.

9. ADRC 2021 budget.

The 2021 budget was handed out for all Board members to review. This budget is based on a 42% Federal match rate.

10. 2021 ADRC Resource Guide.

The ADRC is in the process of updating the resource directory for 2021. These directories are expected to be out in December of 2020.

11. Aging and Disability Resource Center status report.

The ADRC will have an intern beginning this week. This intern is in the process of getting her BSW from UW-Green Bay. She will working out of both the Oconto Falls and Shawano office locations with time spent in Menominee and the Stockbridge-Munsee Elderly Center.

The State received an options counseling grant and are working to streamline the processes of enrollment counseling. ADRC staff have attended virtual options counseling trainings.

12. Per diem and mileage approval for today's meeting.

Motion made by Gohr, second by Ferfecki, to approve the per diem and mileage for the September 8, 2020 Governing Board meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

13. Committee member comments or new business to be considered at a future meeting.

2021 ADRC Scope of Service contract changes.

14. Set next meeting date.

The next tentative ADRC Governing Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 1:00 pm. The tentative meeting place is at ADRC office in Shawano.

15. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Terrio. Second by Zahringer. Stellato adjourned the meeting at 2:32 pm.

Recorded by: Kristine Tuma, Fiscal Support Specialist