



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Aging & Disability Resource Center Governing Board

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Monday, March 9, 2020

1:30 PM

ADRC Room 108

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A. Call To Order

YOCHUM called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

Present 8 - SARAH BOCHER, BARBARA KATZ, BARBARA NICHOLS, ESTHER OLSON, CHAN STROMAN, Chair PAUL YOCHUM, TERENCE ESBECK, and CASEY THOMPSON

Absent 3 - DONNA BRYANT, Supervisor RICHARD KILMER, and CAROL LORENZ

B. Consideration of Minutes

A motion was made by STROMAN, seconded by OLSON, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - BOCHER, KATZ, NICHOLS, OLSON, STROMAN, YOCHUM, ESBECK and THOMPSON

Absent: 3 - BRYANT, KILMER and LORENZ

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Kilmer arrived after approval of the minutes.

Present 9 - SARAH BOCHER, BARBARA KATZ, Supervisor RICHARD KILMER, BARBARA NICHOLS, ESTHER OLSON, CHAN STROMAN, Chair PAUL YOCHUM, TERENCE ESBECK, and CASEY THOMPSON

Absent 2 - DONNA BRYANT, and CAROL LORENZ

C. Action Items

Fischer is going to check the availability with the libraries in Stoughton and Mt. Horeb to have the listening sessions in May. Once Fischer gets the dates, she will doodle poll the board to select a date.

The back up places will be Sun Prairie and Belleville.

D. Presentations

Marissa Burack, Lead Information & Assistance Specialist

Burack spoke about Information & Assistance Specialists and their jobs. They complete intake shifts and schedule home visits from the calls they take. When on the intake shift, either the morning or afternoon, they answer the incoming calls in the call center. There are seven offices where you can be on phones where it is quiet and private. There are 5 people on phones at once. The calls come in and bounce around to whomever is not on a call. They enter their calls into the case note system, Sams. If the person calls again, whomever answers the call can look into Sams and knows what the person who had them before worked on with the customer.

Burack said they receive a lot of calls about housing and people needing long term care programming or help at home. When the calls are a little more complicated, home visits are offered. They also receive calls about insurance, people turning 65 and trying to understand Medicare, what options are available when retiring, and what benefits are available to those who have lower income.

Burack said that the benefits that are missed the most are veterans benefits, medicare savings programs, and SSI which they then help people enroll into.

I & A's also do outreach where they go to community events to spread the word about the ADRC.

The Lead I & A's serve as mentors/consults and train the new staff.

E. Reports to Committee

F. Chair's Report

Yochum said he has been staying in touch regularly with the DD Coalition regarding the coronavirus. They provided different websites for the current happenings. They are emphasizing making sure when supported employment pick individuals up from their residence, hands are washed. Bleach and water combination to disinfect. If sick stay home.

There is a new federal 21st Century Cures Act which entails an electronic visit verification. The first phase is for personal care workers. The second phase in 2023 will be for home health services.

This is for people that get personal care benefits either thru IRIS, Family Care or the Medicaid card. Their workers will have to do an electronic verification when they come to the members home and when they leave.

G. Board Members Report

Kilmer said the behavioral and mental health subcommittee has met for the million dollars of supplemental money. It has gone to the RFP.

The resource center for people who cannot find care for behavioral and mental health is moving along and he hasn't heard when it will open.

The elections are coming up and there will be new county board members.

Esbeck reported he attended the Alzheimers Advocacy Day. There were 250 in attendance and five legislators to approach and ask questions.

Nichols announced the Alzheimers and Dementia Alliance Coalition of WI is having a conference March 13 from 6 pm to 8 pm at Mt Zion Baptist Church with an international speaker on disease and then a brunch on Sunday.

Nichols said the State is having a nursing shortage fueled by having insufficient faculty to educate the students. The educators have asked for a ten million dollar scholarship payback loan.

Nichols is Chair of the United Way Vision Council and said they did not declare any program unworthy. They ran out of money as they had double the agencies apply and just didn't get enough money. Many of the agencies did not understand, the focus for priority funding is on multi-generational families with young children.

Thompson said he is working on a project with UW social work trying to advertise the business partnerships that they are doing thru the school district. Some of the businesses that are hiring folks with disabilities are Fair Child Restaurant, State Line Distillery, UW Rec Sport Department and SSM Health in the lab, pharmacy and food service. SSM is going to partner with Thompson to develop a program similar to Project Search with a classroom component, having students partake in different modules to experience different career interest areas but make it more adaptable to each of the individuals

H. Manager's Report

Fischer told the board that she has sat on a reinvestment team with other ADRC directors and state staff for two years. She informed the board that ADRC's are funded at different levels, doing the same services, depending on what year they started. There has not been any increases for ADRC's, they are funded at different levels, yet all are required to meet the same scope of the services and they wanted to reallocate the current money to make the distribution of funds on an equation equal among the ADRC's. The group came up with a formula to have ADRC staff serve 7% of the older adults, 7% of the disability population. It is called a reinvestment because expanding services. To fund ADRC's and increase their scope, Dementia Care Specialists will be statewide, expand the caregiver program, expand transition services to fully fund elder benefit specialists, and fund the tribes.

The State has received a grant from ACL (Administration on Community Living) to do a study on options counseling, talking to people about private passions. As part of this, they developed an option counseling training. All staff who do options counseling need to take a pretest do this training and then take post tests and done by the 16th. After the 16th the return on investment in learning will open and the board members can do it. Fischer will email them the information so they can go in and do the return on investment in options counseling. This is going to help standardize options counseling. Return on investment options counseling.

The other part that is happening is that the State is working with Medistar to come up with a cost for options counseling. When you move that further into a cost of delaying the need for nursing home placement, delaying the need for hospital readmissions and how much money contact with an ADRC save other places.

A few counties were able to look at the initial testing on it and ask questions.

The State is participating in is a nationwide calculator, multiple states that are working on this investment grant. Dane county ADRC was asked to participate in the national return on investments in terms of people in nursing homes looking to relocated back into the community.

Fischer provided an update to the board on the hiring process.

There is a new initiative happening in some counties where there is an app that works between the ADRC and EMS. If EMS goes out on a call and they do a pickup off the floor for someone who has fallen can do an automatic referral to the ADRC. Dane County has not signed on yet, want to see what kind of numbers they are talking about and want to be able to meet the demand but the ADRC is attending a meeting to look into this opportunity to partner.

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

ADRC Board Meeting, Monday, April 13 at 1:30 pm

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by KATZ, seconded by OLSON, that the meeting be adjourned at 3:46 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - BOCHER, KATZ, KILMER, NICHOLS, OLSON, STROMAN, YOCHUM, ESBECK and THOMPSON

Absent: 2 - BRYANT and LORENZ

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jana Moll, ADRC Clerk III