



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, February 8, 2021

2:00 PM

Remote via Zoom

A. Call to Order

Chair Yochum called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

Present 9 - SARAH BOCHER, DONNA BRYANT, CAROL LORENZ, ESTHER OLSON,
CHAN STROMAN, Chair PAUL YOCHUM, TERENCE ESBECK, CASEY
THOMPSON, and ALAN FERGUSON

Absent 1 - BARBARA KATZ

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#) ADRC GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES FROM JANUARY 11, 2021
[RPT-712](#)

Attachments: [2021 0111 Minutes](#)

C. Action Items

1. Subcommittee Report on Virtual Hearing/Survey

Survey subcommittee members Bryant, Esbeck and Katz met with Fischer. Esbeck reported discussion of the following topics:

- Determine from who and how the data would be collected
- Making sure the survey language is simplified
- Contacting other ADRC's on how they did the same thing

Fischer stated survey participants would be ADRC customers who contacted the agency within the last 12 months and they would be chosen randomly through a data collection process out of the data system the ADRC uses.

Fischer stated Human Services has a Planning and Evaluation Unit and she'll contact them for guidance with the survey. This survey will also include questions on Covid's impact. Fischer will reach out to the Planning and Evaluation Unit for help and suggestions on the questions the survey will use.

Fischer will also be contacting other ADRC's for information on how they've collected data from surveys and virtual listening sessions.

Yochum requested the survey remain an action item through April. It is the goal for the subcommittee to be done with the survey by that meeting.

D. Future Meeting Items

Chair Yochum and the board have found the presentations helpful and would like to continue having them. Board members should send Fischer their thoughts on possible topics and presenters, so a list can be prepared for future discussion.

E. Presentations

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Lisa Pugh and Todd Costello, Co-Chairs on the Governor's Taskforce on Caregiving, presented a Power Point. Board Member questions were answered. A copy of the Power Point is attached to the minutes.

F. Chair's Report

Fischer followed up at the request of the board with the Office of Resource Center Development regarding the Geographical Service Regions (GSR) in the state. The response stated that this report was presented to the Long Term Care Advisory Council under Charge #2 Medicaid Long Term Care. The council reserves time on each agenda to hear from the public and the board could appear and give input about their concerns on the GSR changes.

The board wants to ensure that people maintain or enhance current Long Term Care services and that a change in GRS's would not cause people to lose services. Yochum asked if the board would like to draft something for this next meeting. Stroman reports that the next LTC Advisory Council meeting is 3/9/21. There is no agenda posted for this meeting yet. Stroman reminded the board that in the past the board had considered going to this group to present what they had heard at the listening sessions. Stroman commented that it may be too soon to do a draft. Boucher is interested in knowing where the idea for the GRS's came from and how the process would work. Olson felt the GSR changes came up in discussion regarding cost savings measures and would be wise to follow this issues. Olson is meeting with Rep Beth Meyers and will ask her about this issues. Stroman suggested monitoring the situation and then make a public statement regarding what is happening once more information is known. Stroman is willing to do this and will follow up this issue.

G. Board Member Reports

Bocher reports she is an advocate with the Wisconsin Board on People with Developmental Disabilities. As a panelist member she shared her perspective as a person with a disability who transitioned out of high school.

-Esbeck would like a copy of the slides from the presentation today. Fischer reports they will be attached to the minutes.

-Stroman would like a placeholder on a future agenda. The topic would be disparities in enrollment in LTC service system for students who were caught in the period before the grad policy went away. She has the data that Bill Huisheere provided. She has other data items she will request from Fischer and would like to do an analysis of this data and present the findings.

-Thompson thanked board members for forwarding information on the Covid vaccine. He said it will help to have additional local resources to reference.

-Supervisor Bare reported connecting Fischer with Carrie Springer, the county lobbyist, on the legislative agenda for the county and to try and get the ADRC reinvestment as part of the county lobby agenda. He is also putting forward a request for Fischer to report to the HHN committee about the work the ADRC is doing.

H. Manager's Report

Fischer has been communicating with Marcia MacKenzie, Dane County Corporation Council, to get clarification on specific questions the board had. When the ADRC host public hearing we are correct to post it in advance, register attendees, and take minutes. If the ADRC board would like to exchange information with the attendees then it should be posted not as a listening session but that there will be an exchange of information happening in the meetings. If the Board is interested in taking positions on certain items they should first make sure what the board is supporting are on the Dane County Legislative Agenda. Fischer will forward to board members the Legislative Agenda once finalized. Fischer reports that MacKenzie encourages the board to follow process and make sure not to communicate on behalf of the county when writing letters or making statements.

Fischer presented an update on the IRIS program. The ADRC will soon be responsible for assisting people who choose IRIS to also choose their Fiscal Employment Agent (FEA). Training for ADRC staff is on March 1, 2021 and the change goes into effect mid-March. Fischer will provide another update at the March's meeting. This was a formal change in the IRIS Waiver.

Fischer updated the board on the work the ADRC is doing regarding the Covid vaccine. Dr Elizabeth Chapman is presenting to the ADRC on the Covid vaccine. It is the goal for staff to help callers as much as possible and try to prevent anyone from having barriers to register for the vaccine. Fischer is working closely with Public Health to share information and work together with Public Health to get information out and for the ADRC to report issues the community has. For example one of these issues was what a person should do if they received their first vaccine while in a nursing home for rehab and are not there for the second dose. They're also working to assure those eligible can be placed on the eligibility and interest lists without obstacles. Fischer explained that issues with transportation to the vaccine have been addressed for people age 65 and older and the county is providing funding for this age group who need assistance.

Dane County came into entitlement for Long Term Care Programs on Feb 1. There is no longer a wait list and that anyone who calls the ADRC can enroll in any LTC option as long as they are functionally and financially eligible.

The ADRC continues to work closely with Income Maintenance (IM) on pandemic issues and people obtaining and maintaining benefits during the pandemic.

Call volume has increased and the top calls right now are related to the Covid vaccine and people wanting to find assistance with their taxes.

I. Reports to Committee

J. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: Monday, March 8, 2021, 2:00PM via Zoom

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

L. A motion was made by Bryant and seconder by Olson to adjourn the meeting.

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The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Warner ADRC Clerk III

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