



# 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?*

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Monday, January 13, 2025

3:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person  
at 2865 N. Sherman Avenue in  
Madison or virtually by Zoom

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The public can attend in person at 2865 N Sherman Avenue, Madison 53704.

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If you want to submit a written comment for this meeting, or send handouts for board members, please send them to: [moll.jana@danecounty.gov](mailto:moll.jana@danecounty.gov)

**A. Call To Order**

*Staff present: Jennifer Fischer, Bill Huisheere, Carrie Springer, Howard Thomas*

**Chair Peterson called the Meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.**

- Present** 4 - Vice Chair CASEY THOMPSON, Chair DAVID PETERSON, Secretary SARAH BOCHER, and ESTHER OLSON
- Absent** 2 - BARBARA NICHOLS, and LISA JACKSON

**B. Consideration of Minutes**

[2024](#)  
[MIN-379](#) NOVEMBER 2024 MINUTES

**Attachments:** [11-18-24 ADRC Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by THOMPSON, seconded by OLSON, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.**

**Attendance Update**

*Nichols joined the meeting at 3:34 p.m.*

- Present** 5 - BARBARA NICHOLS, Vice Chair CASEY THOMPSON, Chair DAVID PETERSON, Secretary SARAH BOCHER, and ESTHER OLSON
- Absent** 1 - LISA JACKSON

## C. Presentations

### State of the County Executive's Office (Chief of Staff Carrie Springer)

*Springer provided an update on the transition process following the election of Melissa Agard as Dane County Executive in November and answered Board Members' questions. Springer, who previously served as Dane County's Legislative Liaison, also provided guidance about how the Board can best go about educating lawmakers regarding proposed or pending legislation.*

## D. Action Items

*None.*

## E. Chair's Report

*None.*

## F. Board Member Reports

Olson - State budget, ADRC requests, Need 4 advocacy

*None.*

## G. Manager's Report

### 1. ADRC Update

*ADRC Manager Jennifer Fischer shared that the person hired to fill a 2024 Information and Assistance Specialist vacancy started today. The ADRC is also in the process of hiring for a 2024 retirement and the new Information and Assistance position that was added in the 2025 budget.*

*Advertising recently began for the additional Disability Benefits Specialist position provided in the 2025 budget. In other staffing news, ADRC Supervisor Joe Purcell plans to retire in February, marking the first departure by a member of the original supervisory team since the ADRC opened in 2012.*

*Fischer reported the State of Wisconsin used American Rescue Plan funds to transition from the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) to the PeerPlace Networks database late in 2024. The adjustment period continues. Among the major positives of PeerPlace is the ability to see statewide info and the ability for workers to create their personal caseload for easier access. The transition has temporarily impacted generating accurate data reports.*

*I&A's helped 1,391 individuals enroll in long-term care programs during an extremely busy 2024.*

## 2. ILSP Update

*Fischer reported work continues to enroll individuals in the Independent Living Supports Pilot (ILSP), which offers short-term, flexible, limited services and supports for people at risk of entering Medicaid-funded long-term care. The pilot ends in March. Payments to consumers had been being handled by Premier Financial Management Services, but the State of Wisconsin has assumed that role and is providing training for those working on the project on January 14. It is expected that the transition will allow better access to information for those workers trying to track and facilitate the allotment of the allocated funds. Fischer plans to collect and share some of the many ILSP success stories in Dane County.*

## H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. at the ADRC and via Zoom

*Olson plans to invite a representative from the State of Wisconsin's Bureau of Aging & Disability Resources to provide information about how funding flows. She also will share, for future discussion and potential action, the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network's Issue Brief that calls for a \$19.9 million allocation in the 2025-2027 state budget to provide reliable, equitable and accurate funding to the state's ADRCs, factoring in the costs of addressing population growth and rising expenses.*

*Additional suggestions for presentation topics included:*

- 1. Dr. Barbara Bowers on the growing gap between what Licensed Practical Nurses are being taught in school and the more complex activities they are being tasked with in long-term care facilities.*
- 2. The need to promote the migration of foreign nurses to the United States to help alleviate personnel shortages and the visa issues that arise in those situations.*

## I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

*None.*

## J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

*None.*

## K. Adjourn

**A motion was made by THOMPSON, seconded by OLSON, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.**

Minutes respectively submitted by Howard Thomas pending Governing Board approval.