



# 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 8, 2024

3:30 PM

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

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The public can attend in person at 2865 N. Sherman Avenue, Madison WI 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@countyofdane.com](mailto:moll@countyofdane.com)

**A. Call To Order**

*Staff present: Jennifer Fischer and Howard Thomas*

**Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.**

- Present** 5 - Chair DAVID PETERSON, KIERSTIN HUELSEMANN, SARAH BOCHER, ANGELA GIFFORD, and PAUL YOCHUM
- Absent** 4 - BARBARA NICHOLS, Secretary CASEY THOMPSON, Vice Chair ESTHER OLSON, and TERENCE ESBECK

**B. Consideration of Minutes**

[2023](#)  
[MIN-384](#) ADRC BOARD MINUTES

**Attachments:** [10-9-23 ADRC Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by YOCUM, seconded by GIFFORD, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.**

**Attendance Update**

*Olson and Thompson joined the meeting.*

- Present** 7 - PAUL YOCHUM, Secretary CASEY THOMPSON, Vice Chair ESTHER OLSON, Chair DAVID PETERSON, KIERSTIN HUELSEMANN, SARAH BOCHER, and ANGELA GIFFORD
- Absent** 2 - BARBARA NICHOLS, and TERENCE ESBECK

## C. Presentations

### 1. John Washa, DVR Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist

[2023](#) GETTING STARTED WITH DVR  
[PRES-186](#)

**Attachments:** [Getting Started with DVR 08\\_2021](#)

[2023](#) DVR BROCHURE  
[PRES-187](#)

**Attachments:** [DVR Brochure](#)

*State of Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist John Washa provided an overview of the program and answered Governing Board members' questions.*

## D. Action Items

### 1. Formation of Nominating Committee

*A consensus was reached that the Governing Board Bylaws should be changed so that the Nominating Committee be convened after the County Board Supervisor appointments in May rather than in January.*

**This Item was tabled**

## E. Chair's Report

### 1. Discuss Recruitment and Retention of Board Members.

*Members offered suggestions for improving recruitment and retention of members.*

## F. Board Member Reports

*None.*

## G. Manager's Report

### 1. SAMS Report Walk-Through

[2023](#) 2023 ADRC STATISTICS  
[RPT-474](#)

**Attachments:** [Jan-Dec 2023](#)

*ADRC manager Jennifer Fischer reported consumer contacts in 2023 increased by 8 percent over 2022. Email contacts were up 17 percent, Long-Term Care enrollments increased by 11 percent, and new consumer contacts increased by 8.5 percent.*

## 2. ILSP update

*Fischer reported there are 785 individuals on the waitlist for the Independent Living Supports Program. Of the approximately 500 cases assigned to workers to date, 134 have been completed, 199 have been submitted to the state so far and 167 are in progress with the Care Coordinators. The state recently gave counties the opportunity to request additional funding for the program and two LTE jobs have been posted to help with enrollment, which is open until the end of March. Once enrolled, individuals have 12 months to spend the funds. Examples of items that participants have purchased so far include ramps for homes, cleaning services, shopping services, transportation services, lift chairs and adjustable beds.*

## 3. General ADRC Update

*Fischer reported that in the most recent state budget, an additional \$5 million was earmarked for ADRCs, \$313,612 of which has been allocated to Dane County. With 100 percent time reporting, more funds will be generated and it is hoped new positions can be created. The Disability Benefits Program continues to experience a lengthy wait for a scheduled appointment.*

## H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*Next meeting: Monday, February 12, 2024 at the ADRC and via Zoom.*

*Fischer will reach out to Dane County's Housing Access & Affordability Division about presenting to the Governing Board in February.*

## I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

*None.*

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

*None.*

## K. Adjournment

**A motion was made by BOUCHER, seconded by OLSON, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas pending Governing Board approval.*