

ADRC Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Location: Law Enforcement Center Conference Room
311 Miner Ave E, Ladysmith, WI 54848

Members Present: Mark Schmitt, Karolyn Bartlett, Kathy Halbur, Bob Olsgard, Sharon Rollins, Vlad Sajka, Michael Schroeder, John Smatlak, Mark Van Etten and Rudy Walz
Absent: Bob Heil
Others Present: Jennifer Jako, Jeff French, Louie Okey, Linda Hand, Angie Harvey, Mike Hraban, Fawn Hryniewiecki, Alisa Lammers, Kayla Poppe, Heidi Syvinski, Mary Updike, Kathy Walthers

Chair Mark Schmitt called the ADRC Governing Board Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Introductions were made.

Public Notice Compliance: Jennifer Jako stated we are in compliance with the open meeting Public Notification Laws.

Approval of the Minutes (February 1, 2022): Mark Van Etten made a motion to approve the February 1, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Sharon Rollins, motion carried.

Public comment: None

Elder Benefit Specialist Presentation and Collaborating with Information & Assistance Specialist – Fawn Hryniewiecki & Angie Harvey: Slide presentation by Fawn explaining population served as well as the different types of supports/services/benefits an EBS assists customers with. Angie provided a brief overview of how an I&A Specialist might be the starting point for a customer and then partner with the EBS to assist with benefit needs.

2021 Fiscal Year End – Heidi Syvinski: Review of unaudited 2021 Fiscal Year End information (audit in process). Question about “keeping the funds”. Discussed that Barron and Rusk Counties both return excess funds to the GPR funds within their counties. Excess funds in Washburn County go to a fund balance fund.

ADRC Reorganization – Jennifer Jako: Discussion of why Barron County is pursuing ADRC reorganization, including the different philosophies of working as an integrated agency between Barron/Rusk and Washburn.

Fiscal Impact: information sheet attached

Timeline:

- 5/4/2022 – Barron County Executive Committee – taking up 2 resolutions, 1st for Barron County to withdraw from the 3-county regional ADRC. 2nd resolution to join with Rusk County to form a 2-county ADRC. If the resolutions pass here, then,
- 5/16/2022 – Barron full County Board meeting to vote on the resolutions. If the resolutions pass here, then,
- Rusk County to determine if they will join with Barron County – will need to pass resolutions.
- Later in May/early June: Notice of intent to the state and Rusk & Washburn Counties of Barron County’s withdrawal from the 3-county ADRC and intent to form a 2-county ADRC with Rusk County.
- 180 Day Waiting Period required by the state during which time application for the 2 new ADRC’s will need to be completed/submitted to the state.
- Change to the ADRC of Barron & Rusk Counties and the ADRC of Washburn County effective 1/1/2023.

Questions/Discussion around integration/culture/reorganization.

Health Promotion Coordination Update – Alisa Lammers: Overview of workshops just finished and currently being offered. Partnership with Security Health to lead the Living Well with Chronic Conditions – provide assistance with marketing, filling the class and a co-leader. Developed a workshop combining Powerful Tools for Caregivers and Savvy Caregiver – creating The Confident Caregiver workshop. Wrote a grant to be able to offer on-site respite for the caregivers to bring their family member to while they are attending The Confident Caregiver – has been very successful. Leader recruitment continues. Will be offering monthly informational sessions and attending the upcoming Dining at Five events to provide information on what it is to be a leader.

Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) Update –Alisa Lammers: Presented the Point in Time Caregiver slide presentation including: the growth in caregivers on the RCAW registry, Adult Day Programs, Assisted Living Respite Services, In-Home Help Providers, cost, minimum requirements and time to get care in place.

Jennifer Jako: Dementia Resources, *Fortune Cookies* plays being offered in each county in June using carryover funds from 2021. Lunch Bunch – social nutrition opportunity for caregivers and people living with dementia. 30 people from all 3 counties attending at Turtleback Golf Course in Rice Lake on a monthly basis. Boost Your Brain and Memory being offered in all 3 counties. “Reelin’ in New Memories” scheduled for July in Spooner.

Advocacy – Jennifer Jako: Aging Advocacy Day on 5/11/22. Ability to be trained on effective ways to make contact with legislators re: the top aging issues. Both Rusk & Washburn Counties are offering the opportunity to have a group advocacy session - attend the training together.

ADRC Reports – Mary Updike:

Geographic Service Regions (GSR) Changes (Handout)

The state is working on combining the Geographic Service Regions across the state. Currently there are 14, plan is for there to be 7. We are currently GSR 7 and we will be combining with GSR 1. As GSR’s combine, any Long Term Care program that currently serves in a region has to agree to cover the entire newly combined region.

The goal is that there are at least 3 options of Family Care and 3 options of IRIS in each GSR. We currently have 3 IRIS agencies, TMG, Connections and Advocates4U. In GSR 7 we currently have 1 MCO – Inclusa. In GSR 1 they currently have two MCO’s, Inclusa and My Choice Wisconsin. Both will be serving the new GSR Region 1. Request for Proposals have been sent out to see if any other MCO would want to provide service in the newly combined GSR 1. We may or may not have more than 2 – that remains to be seen. Anticipating this will be effective 1/1/23 for our GSR and the rest will roll out over the next 5 years.

Public Health Emergency Unwinding

Currently the Feds/State of WI are looking at July 16, 2022, as the tentative date the public health emergency will end. This means contract requirements for how we provide services will resume effective that day.

- Face to Face requirements for the Long Term Care Functional Screen will resume – previous limited virtual options via a waiver request/permission will resume.
- Being able to use verbal signatures for enrollment/disenrollment of LTC programs will be discontinued.
- People who are currently on MA will get a new renewal date scheduled out over the next 12 months – they will continue to be enrolled in services and will not have to pay cost shares until their renewal is complete. They cannot be disenrolled prior to their renewal due date unless they request to be disenrolled or move out of state.
- Anyone currently enrolled in a LTC program will also need to have a LTC-FS (done by FC and IRIS program screeners) completed within the month of a person’s MA renewal to determine if functional eligibility remains in place along with the financial eligibility.
- Once this starts, EBS/DBS will be busier assisting people with renewals/verifications, etc. I&A will be busy processing disenrollments as people are found financially and/or functionally ineligible.

Contacts/Enrollments Report – 1st Quarter 2022 Long Term Care contact reports were reviewed and explanation of new information being gathered provided.

Personnel – Jennifer Jako:

- Administrative Assistant retired – new hire on 4/25/22.
- Daybreak Coordinator is retiring in June, part-time DCS will be taking that position, transition starting on 5/30/22.
- 2 Community Health Workers to provide support regionally for the Home Delivered Meals program (Char Mlejnek) to help with more involved assessments/assist with linking them with resources as needed. The other CHW (Mary Boe) will work with the DCS, assist with facilitating the Boost Your Brain & Memory and offering Memory Screens. Helping with linking them with their physician if they want.
- DBS position remains open in Washburn County – no applicants at this point. Washburn County is working to increase that position to full-time. In the meantime Washburn County is working with the program attorney to determine providing services as well as the DBS in Barron is able to offer taking a case a week. Possible need for wait list could happen, but not as of yet.

Director Updates – Jennifer Jako: 4 ADRC Governing Board members' terms are expiring. Grateful thankyou's to Karolyn Bartlett, Michael Schroeder, Bob Heil and Mark Schmitt for their years of service and advocacy on behalf of the ADRC and its customers.

Mike Hraban is a new Rusk County Board of Supervisors member who has been assigned to the ADRC Governing Board.

Next Meeting – the next meeting is scheduled for August 2nd, 2022, at Mosaic in Cameron. Bob Olsgard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:49 p.m., Mark Van Etten seconded, motion carried.

Submitted by: _____
Bob Olsgard, Secretary

Recording Secretary: Mary Updike

Minutes are not official until approved at the next meeting