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Barron County Commission on Aging
Tuesday, March 24th, 2026 9:00 – 10:30am
Government Center Veterans Memorial Auditorium

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<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Estimated time</u>
1. Call to order and introductions	9:00 am
2. Public Notice Compliance	
3. Approval of agenda	
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes – November 18, 2025	
5. Public comment	9:05 am
6. Fiscal Reports	9:10 am
a. 2025 Year End	
b. February 2026	
7. Health Promotions – 2026 Workshops	9:25 am
8. 2025 Volunteer Impact Report	9:35 am
9. Advocacy	9:45 am
a. Memory Care Designation Legislation (video)	
10. Staff reports and program updates	10:00 am
a. Nutrition & Transportation Programs	
b. Daybreak & Family Caregiver Programs	
c. ADRC report	
d. Director's updates	
11. Future Agenda Items - Elections, 2025 Fund Balance	10:25 am
12. Next Meeting – May 19 th , 2026	
13. Adjournment	10:30 am

To ensure a quorum, please e-mail or call Tristy at 715-537-6172 and advise if you will be attending this meeting. Thank you.

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cc: Anderson, Heil, Krug, Vaughn, Hakseth, Neuheisel, Knoll, Wenzel, Rasmussen, Jako, Administrator French, County Clerk, Webmaster, Staff, Chair Okey

Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.
Government Center Veterans Memorial Auditorium

Members present: Patti Anderson, Stacey Wenzel, Kathy Krug, Diane Vaughn, Kelli Rasmussen, Carole Knoll, and Deb Neuheisel
Absent: Bob Heil, Cheryl Hakseth
Others present: Jennifer Jako, Alisa Lammers, Darby Smith, Lisa Robinson, and Leanne Grover

Chair Patti Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Public Notice Compliance: Lisa Robinson stated we were in compliance with the open meeting Public Notification Laws.

Approval of the Agenda: Diane Vaughn made a motion to approve the agenda, Deb Neuheisel seconded, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes (October 21, 2025): Kathy Krug made the motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Diane Vaughn, motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Fiscal Report: Jennifer Jako reviewed the October 2025 fiscal summary report and reviewed the program's revenues and expenditures.

2026 85.21 Grant Application (vote): Jennifer Jako reviewed the grant application. The 2026 Barron County Specialized Transportation for Persons Age 60+ and Adults with Disabilities handout was distributed. The budget consists of grant funds of \$148,211 with a 20% required match in the amount of \$29,642.00, over-match of \$67,474.00, estimated passenger revenue of \$22,000, and Volunteer Services fund of \$5,000 for a total budget of \$272,327.00. Jennifer reviewed eligible passengers, transportation priorities, types of service, collaborators—CompassIL and Namekagon Transit, and ridership data and trends. Jennifer reported on the Public Hearing held on November 6, 2025 and reviewed the input received. Deb Neuheisel made a motion to submit Barron County's 2026 85.21 Grant application, seconded by Stacey Wenzel, motion carried.

2026 Meeting Dates: It was decided to continue meeting at 9 a.m. on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month. 2026 meeting dates would tentatively be: March 17, May 19, July 21, August 18, October 20, and November 17.

Advocacy and legislative issues: Jennifer Jako discussed Foodshare updates related to the Federal Government shutdown ending. She also discussed the State of Wisconsin Elder Task Force meetings being held.

Staff Report & Program Updates: (a) Nutrition & Transportation Programs – Darby reported we will once again be participating in the “Share the Love” Event in conjunction with Subaru with the goal of promoting the MOW program, encouraging volunteerism, and receiving a share of the revenues raised. We will be putting out bids for a new MOW vehicle replacement for 2026. The 2018 Ford Focus MOW vehicle is no longer running and will be placed on Wisconsin Online Surplus auction. We received two different food donations recently: hamburger from Todd's Remi-Mix and green beans from Seneca. Darby shared the MOW customer comments compiled from the last three months; these comments assist us in making the menus. Darby shared that the State of Wisconsin DOT has notified us that our 2024 5310 vehicle award is starting to be processed. (b) Daybreak/Family Caregiver/Health Promotion Programs – Alisa Lammers reported that effective December 30, 2025, Daybreak programming at the Rice Lake Senior Center will temporarily move to the Barron Methodist Church location for anticipated 12 weeks due to a remodel project at the Rice Lake Senior Center. The State of

Wisconsin will be notified. Alisa will talk to participants and caregivers and work with them on potentially providing additional transportation during this time to help avoid any barriers to attending in Barron. Alisa reported the 2025 Health Promotions programs have ended and she is planning for 2026, including adding the Mind over Matter program. Alisa continues work on a potential EMS fall referral pilot system in both Barron and Rusk counties. (c) ADRC report – Leanne gave an update on Medicare Part-D open enrollment and both Elder Benefit Specialists (EBS) are completely booked. The ADRC will give other resources such as Medigap hotline to get help. Leanne shared staffing updates for Rusk County – currently recruiting an EBS and I&A, and training a new DBS. Leanne also informed the board that the new receptionist in the Barron location is starting Monday, November 24th. (d) Director’s updates – Jennifer updated the board on the Centenarian Celebration. Chair Anderson informed the COA about Lona’s meal site breast cancer awareness event in November and the upcoming holiday fun in December.

Future Agenda Items – 2025 Year End Fiscal Report, tentatively DCS presentation on Dementia Friendly Communities work and/or Low Vision Support Group presentation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th, 2026 at 9 a.m. at the Government Center Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Barron.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Wenzel, Secretary
Recording secretary: Jennifer Jako

Minutes are not official until approved at next meeting.

**Barron County Office on Aging Fiscal Summary
2025 Year End**

Programs	County Levy	2025 Budget	Revenues		Expenses		Difference
Nutrition							
Congregate	\$39,025	\$331,560	\$338,238	102%	\$310,293	94%	\$27,946
Home Delivered	\$211,397	\$913,703	\$677,608	74%	\$744,658	81%	(\$67,050)
Nutrition Ed & Counseling	\$2,450	\$20,379		0%	\$17,645	87%	
Transportation	\$55,828	\$226,771	\$223,703	99%	\$237,265	105%	(\$13,562)
Adult Day Care	\$15,168	\$131,891	\$102,288	78%	\$111,373	84%	(\$9,085)
Family Caregiver Support	\$4,548	\$58,547	\$63,637	109%	\$57,848	99%	\$5,790
In-Home Service		\$4,161	\$4,329	104%	\$4,329	104%	\$0
Health Promotions	\$660	\$7,254	\$10,153	140%	\$7,340	101%	\$2,813
Administration	\$54,911	\$119,502	\$105,750	88%	\$133,640	112%	(\$27,889)
Agency Mgt, Public Info, Salaries							
Special Projects		\$11,509	\$26,958	234%	\$14,422	125%	\$12,536
Loan Closet, Growing Connections, Music & Memory							
Total	\$383,987	\$1,825,276	\$1,552,666	85%	\$1,638,813	90%	(\$86,147)

In-direct costs (not included above) \$471,922 \$855,909 \$2,297,198

Trust accounts & scholarship \$'s are not reflected in the revenues or expenses

**Barron County Office on Aging Fiscal Summary
Month Ending February 2026 (17%)**

Programs	County Levy	2026 Budget	Revenues		Expenses	
Nutrition						
Congregate	\$103,754	\$370,438	\$113,789	31%	\$42,724	12%
Home Delivered	\$219,700	\$829,402	\$238,735	29%	\$92,155	11%
Nutrition Ed & Counseling	\$1,400	\$22,194			\$2,556	12%
Transportation	\$97,116	\$272,327	\$274,864	101%	\$33,000	12%
Adult Day Care	\$69,323	\$142,073	\$71,748	51%	\$10,980	8%
Family Caregiver Support	\$8,200	\$60,001	\$8,200	14%	\$7,442	12%
In-Home Service		\$3,128	\$0	0%	\$1,015	32%
Health Promotions	\$627	\$7,073	\$727	10%	\$793	11%
Administration	\$69,716	\$123,152	\$69,766	57%	\$31,764	26%
Agency Mgt, Public Info, Visiting, & I & A						
Special Projects		\$16,691	\$1,533	9%	\$2,180	13%
Loan Closet, Aging Mastery, Growing Connections						
Total	\$569,836	\$1,846,479	\$779,362	42%	\$224,610	12%

In-direct costs (not included above)

\$440,433

\$1,010,269

\$2,286,912

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Daybreak Survey Results – February 2026

5 of 7 surveys returned

How strongly do you agree with the following statements?
(circle one for each)

- *Daybreak provides reliable respite I can depend on.*
Strongly Agree 5 | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree
- *My loved one feels safe and well cared for at Daybreak.*
Strongly Agree 5 | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree
- *Daybreak staff understand my loved one's individual needs.*
Strongly Agree 4 | Agree 1 | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree
- *Communication from Daybreak staff meets my needs.*
Strongly Agree 5 | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree
- *Daybreak helps my loved one remain socially engaged and active.*
Strongly Agree 5 | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree

What is the greatest benefit you receive as a caregiver from Daybreak?

- A break for myself 4
- Peace of mind knowing my loved one is safe & cared for 3
- Reduced stress/burnout 4
- Ability to continue working or manage other responsibilities 2
- Consistent routine 3
- Improved understanding of dementia or caregiving
- Emotional Support from staff
- Connection to other community resources

What is the greatest benefit your loved one receives from attending Daybreak?

- Social Interaction with peers 5
- Structured daily routine 2
- Reduced Isolation 2
- Meaningful activities appropriate for their abilities 2
- Safe & Supervised environment 2
- Sense of purpose or belonging 4
- Physical Activity or movement 4
- Improved mood or emotional wellbeing 3
- Mental stimulation and cognitive engagement 3
- Other: please specify "Really, all of the above"

Are there any aspects of the Daybreak program that are challenging or do not meet your expectations?

- No 5
- Yes (please explain): 0

What improvements or changes would you suggest for the program?

1. "Everything seems to be working well for ____ so far. He really enjoys when they have outings."
2. "Daybreak is a godsend. Offering it M-F would be great & maybe for an hour or 2 longer. Otherwise it is PERFECTION!"

Final Thoughts

Is there anything else you would like us to know about your experience with Daybreak or your caregiving journey?

1. Caregiving for me has been so far ok. Will see what the future brings. His days at Daybreak have been beneficial to me as well as him.
2. I can't say enough good things about Daybreak. It has added so much joy to my mother's life (and therefore mine). The volunteers, Esther, Ruby & Peggy are amazing, as is Brian. They make the class wonderful.
3. So grateful for this program for my mom & myself. Katrina is well done with this. Communication is good also w/her. Thank you.
4. This is a wonderful program-my mom loves it, and I very much appreciate the assistance.

2025 HEALTH PROMOTIONS REPORT



2025 PROGRAM OVERVIEW - BARRON & RUSK

JANUARY 1, 2-35 - DEC 31, 2025

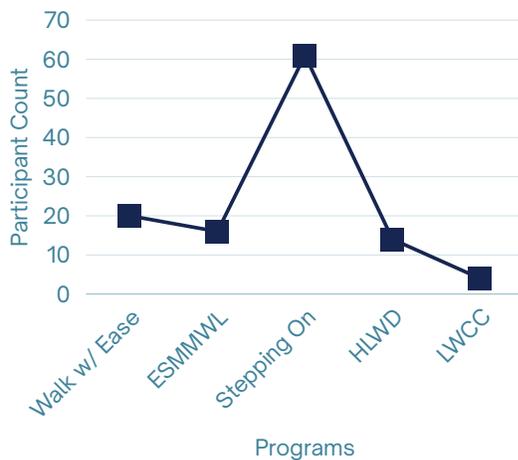
113 Participants



6 Different EB Programs

- Healthy Living with Diabetes
- Living Well with Chronic Conditions
- Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less (virtual)
- Stepping On
- Walk with Ease (self directed)
- Mind Over Matter

1118 Hours of programming



2025 Rusk Workshops: 4

2025 Barron Workshops: 9

FALLS COALITION- RUSK 2025

Started a collaborative falls coalition in Rusk County January 2025.

- 17 Active Community Partner Agencies
- Implemented EMS/ADRC Falls Referral Program

STEPPING ON SATISFACTION

100% of Stepping On Participants in 2025 would recommend the program to a friend or family member.

94% of Stepping On participants in 2025 reduced their fear of falling after participating in the 7 week program.

TESTIMONIAL

“I appreciate all the wonderful programs the ADRC has for us. I always feel welcome.”

2026 HEALTH PROMOTIONS GOALS

- Develop a Barron County Falls Coalition in partnership with area EMS providers, public health, MCO's and IRIS agencies, care facilities, healthcare organizations, adult protective services, veterans services, community members, etc.
- Implement the new Mind Over Matter (MOM) program in both Barron & Rusk Counties with at least 1 workshop held in each county in 2026.
- Recruit at least one new MOM facilitator
- Offer one Stepping On Workshop for visually impaired participants in Barron County
- Recruit at least 1 new Stepping On Facilitator
- Explore offering the StrongBodies program in Barron County in partnership with Mayo Clinic Health System.
- Continue partnering with other community agencies to promote healthy living opportunities open to older adults and adults with disabilities (private businesses, volunteer groups, community libraries, UW-Madison Extension, healthcare organizations, etc)

2025 Volunteer Impact Report

Senior Dining Program

5972

Hours volunteered at 8 dining sites



21,442

Congregate Meals Served

88,948

Total Meals Served in 2025



2434

Total Number of Older Adults Served (unduplicated)

Home Delivered Meals



63,506

Meals delivered

2509 Hours volunteered delivering meals

13270

Miles donated



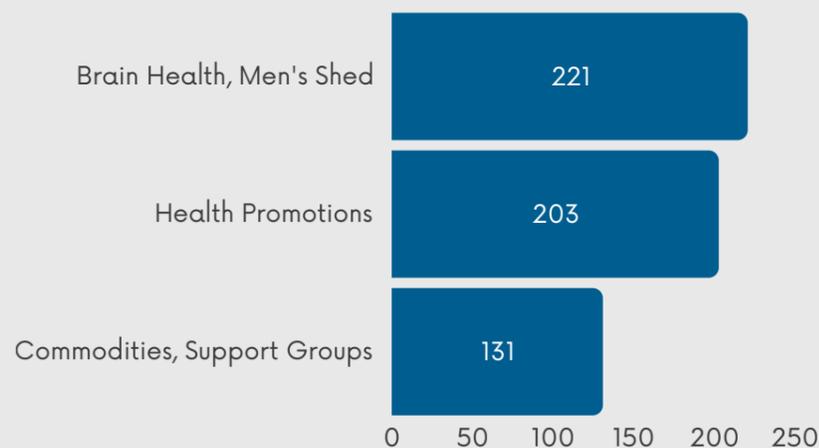
Daybreak Program

2100

Hours volunteered serving 15 adults with dementia



Volunteer Hours in Other ADRC Programs



Total Volunteer Monetary Impact

\$315,028



343

Active Volunteers in 2025

Source: Independent Sector website. <https://independentsector.org/resource/value-of-volunteer-time/>