

**ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
May 26, 2021**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Mr. Steven Schreier, Mr. Russ Fisher, Ms. Joan Hauer, Ms. Rita Mahner, Ms. Monica Pritchard, Ms. Nancy Watry

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Mr. Robert Thome, Jr, Mr. Ted Cushing

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Joel Gottsacker, Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Jeri Driscoll

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Timothy Kuehn, Compassus, Ms. Chris Reed, Compassus

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Roger Youngren, Northwoods Transit Connections Manager

1. **Call to order:**

Chairperson Mr. Steven Schreier called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on the second floor of the Oneida County Board Room-Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave, Rhinelander, WI and via Zoom. The meeting has been properly posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and the facility is handicap accessible.

2. **Approval of agenda:**

Motion by Ms. Nancy Watry, seconded by Ms. Joan Hauer to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

3. **Public comment/communications:**

None

4. **Minutes of April 28, 2021:**

Motion by Mr. Russ Fisher, Seconded by Ms. Joan Hauer to approve the April 28, 2021 ADRC Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

5. **Date/time/location of next meetings:**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. on the second floor, Oneida County Board Room-Oneida County Courthouse, 1 S. Oneida Ave, Rhinelander, WI 2nd floor and via Zoom.

6. **Vice Chair nominations and election:**

- Mr. Steven Schreier nominated Mr. Russ Fisher. All ayes; motion carried.

7. **Northwoods Transit Connections Update:**

Mr. Roger Youngren, Transit Manager gave an update via Zoom.

- There were approximately 1600 rides in April. Transit has relaxed some of the guidelines but masks are still required at least until September 13, 2021.
- We will be resuming the Three Lakes route in July.
- The conditional use permit was denied for the new potential buyers of the property on Hwy 47. This buys a little time for relocation.

Informational only, no action taken.

8. **Compassus Hospice:**

Mr. Timothy Kuehn and Ms. Chris Reed presented Compassus Services:

- Brochures handed out – Honoring Each Life with Compassion, Integrity and Excellence, Hospice myths and facts as well as Wisconsin Hospice Service area map.
- They presented a summary of the services they provide. They are patient centered, have a rapid response, 24-hour on-call where a nurse is always available. They go to the patient's wherever they are. Some prefer a CBRF or other facility while others may prefer to be at home. They contract with all CBRF's in the area. They educate facilities on how to care for people on end of life care and have been doing this for years.
- Went over how they surround each patient and family with care, provided by a diverse team of medical professionals, counselors and volunteers from Aides, Nurses, Volunteers, Medical Directors, Physicians, Bereavement Coordinators, Spiritual Counselors and Social Workers.
- They have a daily census between 120-160 patients.
- Compassus is not part of Ascension. They are under the understanding that Hospice House will be staying open until October 31, 2021 but are not accepting new people. Aspirus will absorb Season of Life, but not sure what Aspirus will do with it. It is sad season of life is closing but Compassus does provide the service just at a facility or a person's home wherever they choose.

9. **Lead ADRC Specialist Position:**

- The ADRC is creating this title, not adding a new position. The position will be filled with an existing ADRC Specialist with additional duties. This position would require Social Work Certification. The creation of this title will not require any additional money, as it was already in the budget. The pay would move up one pay grade and be the same as a Social Worker pay grade. Motion by Mr. Ted Cushing, seconded by Ms. Joan Hauer to approve the Lead ADRC Specialist Position. All ayes; motion carried.

10. **2022-2024 Aging Plan:**

Mr. Joel Gottsacker reported that he continues to work on the Aging Plan. The ADRC continues to get community input via committee meetings and online survey. The same issues arise year over year – transportation, assistance with chores, etc. Mr. Gottsacker reported that they do not have to have a public hearing before the draft plan is finalized. They need to get to GWAAR by July 23, 2021. They will review and recommend any changes and the final needs to be submitted in October. Informational only, no action taken.

11. Coronavirus Pandemic Update – Reopening plans:

- Mr. Joel Gottsacker reported that on June 14, 2021 the ADRC will re-open for congregate meals and small activities. A meeting with Site Managers will be held on June 9, 2021 to go over the guidelines/requirements such as masks. Oneida County residents aged 65+ are at a 87% vaccination rate. Informational only, no action taken.

12. ADRC/DSS Alliance Update:

Mr. Joel Gottsacker reported:

- They worked on the Lead ADRC Specialist as presented above.
- They are working on the 2022 budget. This will be aligned with Social Services and make it one budget.
- Informational only, no action taken.

13. Advocacy Update:

Hosted Advocacy Day on May 12, 2021. There were a number of people in attendance. Representative Swearingen is supportive and understands the need for dementia care specialist. The hope is that it ends up in the budget as well as other caregiving needs.

14. Vouchers purchase orders, and line item transfers:

Mr. Joel Gottsacker presented vouchers and line item transfers to the committee. Motion made by Ms. Joan Hauer, seconded by Ms. Nancy Watry to approve the vouchers, purchase orders and line item transfers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

15. Monthly Reports:

Mr. Joel Gottsacker presented the monthly reports to the Committee.

- Will be getting news from the American Rescue Plan whether we are getting funding.
- Would like report quarterly on rides and meals.

Informational only, no action taken.

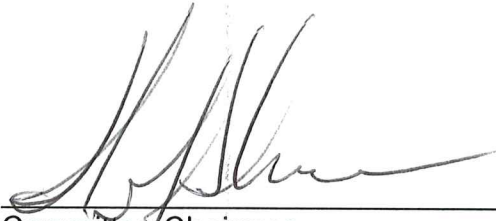
16. Future Agenda topics:

- Once sale finalized, have Season of Life-Aspirus come to the committee meeting.
- New facility in Eagle River for people with Dementia – Legacy of the North once it is ready and open for business.
- June 14, 2021 opening update.
- Usual agenda items

17. **Public comment/communications:**

None

18. **Adjournment:** 9:52 a.m.



Committee Chairman



Committee Secretary