

**ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
April 27, 2022**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Mr. Ted Cushing, Ms. Rita Mahner, Ms. Joan Hauer, Mr. James Unger, Mr. Steven Schreier; Ms. Linnaea Newman (2:15 p.m.), Ms. Debbie Condado (2:15 p.m.)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED ABSENT: Mr. Russ Fisher

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Barb Newman, Northwoods Transit Connection

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Ms. Amanda Thome, Presenter Financial Elder Abuse; Mr. Bob Thome, Jr.

Due to not having a quorum, Mr. Ted Cushing, Chairperson in consultation with Scott Holewinski, County Board Chairperson named Mr. Steven Schreier to be a Temporary Committee Member at the ADRC Committee Meeting on April 27, 2022.

1. Call to order:

Chairperson Mr. Ted Cushing called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. in the Spruce Room at the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), 100 Keenan Street, 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. Joan Hauer seconded by Mr. James Unger to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

3. Public comment/communications:

No public comment.

4. Minutes of March 23, 2022:

Motion by Mr. James Unger, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier to approve the March 23, 2022 ADRC Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

5. Election of Vice Chair:

Mr. Russ Fisher was nominated to be Vice Chair. Motion by Mr. James Unger, seconded by Mr. Steven Schreier, to elect Mr. Russ Fisher as Vice Chair. All ayes; motion carried.

6. Date of next meeting:

May 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the ADRC.

7. Financial Elder Abuse Presentation: Presenter Amanda Thome:

Ms. Amanda Thome from Morgan Stanley did a Financial Elder Abuse Presentation. This presentation explained What is Elder Financial Abuse, Who Does Elder Financial Abuse Affect, Red Flags Indicating Financial Exploitation, Warning Signs of Financial Abuse, What can Seniors do to Protect Themselves. After Ms. Thome's presentation, Ms. Mary Rideout went over the 2021 Financial Exploitation for Oneida County statistics. Informational only, no action taken.

8. Northwoods Transit Connections Update:

Ms. Barbara Newman reported:

- They currently have a part-time driver position open.
- They are currently in the process of being audited
- They have received their fourth quarter WI DOT payment.
- The Committee received the Ridership Report.

Informational only, no action taken.

9. 2021 Social Services/ADRC Annual Report:

Ms. Mary Rideout went over the Annual Report. This is a draft so if anyone has any changes or corrections please let us know. This will need to be presented to the County Board in May. Informational only, no action taken.

10. Staffing Update-Dementia Care Specialist:

Mr. Danielle Przybylski, Dementia Care Specialist started on April 11, 2022. She introduced herself to the committee. Informational only, no action taken.

11. Dementia Innovations Update:

Mr. Joel Gottsacker reported that they had a meeting in April. They will be beginning to work with Dispatch to train them to assist people with Dementia in a medical model rather than through law enforcement, though law enforcement would continue to be involved. The next meeting is May 10, 2022. The hope is to be up and running by January 2023. There is a need for additional education is needed for dispatch, EMS and the community. Informational only, no action taken.

12. Cycling without Age:

Normally the \$85.21 Grant would be given to the Transit Commission to cover costs associated with delivering transportation to the elderly and disabled. Due to pandemic funding, the Transit Commission's costs have been covered entirely by Federal funds in 2020 and 2021. This resulted in the \$85.21 grant being put into the trust account, which has a balance of over \$200,000. Mr. Joel Gottsacker presented the Cycling without Age Program, which provides the opportunity for older adults who can no longer ride a bike a ride in a "trishaw" – a three-wheeled electric bike like a reverse rickshaw. This would mainly be used to get people who are in assisted livings/nursing homes etc. out and on a ride but not intended for a taxi service. The bicycles cost approximately \$10,000-\$15,000 per bike. The pilot of the bike would be a volunteer (with training) possibly through the RSVP Program. Would like to get a sponsor who would organize the rides, etc. and we would provide the bikes and the volunteers. Mr. Gottsacker is meeting with different

organizations. Will bring back to the committee as the process progresses. Informational only, no action taken.

13. Citizen member per diem – update:

Ms. Mary Rideout explained that this is still being finalized. There are other committees that have longer meetings and we would like to include all the information so this can be a complete product. Will get the final language and present in May. Informational only, no action taken.

14. Conflict of Interest Policy Assurance – ADRC Committee Members:

Mr. Joel Gottsacker reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy with the Committee. We will need each member to sign and return to Mr. Gottsacker.

15. Committee Vacancy:

Mr. Gottsacker reported that a Press Release was done. All applications will be brought to the next meeting. Informational only; no action taken.

16. Vouchers, Purchase Orders, and Line Item Transfers:

Mr. Joel Gottsacker presented vouchers to the committee. Motion made by Ms. Joan Hauer, seconded by Mr. James Unger to approve the vouchers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

17. Monthly Reports/Advocacy:

Mr. Joel Gottsacker distributed the ADRC Newsletter. Just a reminder that May 11, 2022 is Aging Advocacy Day. There is training in the morning and afternoon followed by phone calls to legislators later in the day. If anyone is interested in participating please let Mr. Gottsacker know by Friday so he can schedule. Informational only, no action taken.

18. Future Agenda topics:

- Usual agenda items.
- Next meeting will be May 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the ADRC

19. Public comment/communications:

No public comment

20. Adjournment: 2:45 p.m.

Committee Chairman

Committee Secretary