

**ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
June 23, 2021**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Mr. Steven Schreier, Mr. Russ Fisher, Mr. Robert Thome, Jr., Ms. Rita Mahner, Ms. Monica Pritchard, Ms. Nancy Watry, Mr. Ted Cushing

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: None

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED ABSENT: Ms. Joan Hauer

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

OTHERS PRESENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: None

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 Mr. Ted Cushing, seconded by Mr. Russ Fisher 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 May 26, 2021:**

Motion by Mr. Russ Fisher, Seconded by Ms. Rita Mahner to approve the May 26, 2021 ADRC Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 28, 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. **2022 Staffing Request:**

- Mr. Joel Gottsacker reported that there are seven LTE, Nutrition Site Manager positions that are fully funded by the Nutrition Program. Motion by Mr. Ted Cushing, Seconded by Mr. Robert Thome, Jr. All ayes; motion carried.

7. **Northwoods Transit Connections Update:**

Mr. Steven Schreier gave an update:

- Marv Anderson will chair the committee, Billy Fried will be the Vice Chair and Steven Schreier will be the secretary.
- The committee is looking into the possibility of electronically being able to sign checks. The cost is approximately \$500 per year but then could be signed from any location.
- The conditional use permit for the transfer station at the building where Northwoods Transit is located was appealed and then approved so we may be looking for a different building.
- Have reinstated the Three Lakes, Arbor Vitae and Lake Tomahawk runs as of June 1, 2021.

Informational only, no action taken.

8. **Lead ADRC Specialist Position:**

- The Lead ADRC Specialist was approved by the County Board. It is posted internally. Currently have two Specialists that are eligible and one is not interested in the position. Informational only, no action taken.

9. **2022-2024 Aging Plan:**

Mr. Joel Gottsacker reported that he continues to work on the Aging Plan.

- The ADRC continues to solicit input. Surveys were sent with home delivered meals, 134 responses received. The trend seems to be more assistance with home/chores and more transportation options.
- Working on goals. Need to have established by the end of July.
 - Adult – Supportive Home Care being referred to the ADRC as most are eligible for non-nursing home Family Care.
 - Create My Meal My Way congregate dining. Looking at Fish Fry on Fridays. Here in Rhinelander Fish Fry will be at Cabaret Cove which would still fall under the meal program. This is a pilot. If it is popular then could get bids and establish in other locations.
 - Chef Salad Alternative – want to expand to more than one entre.
 - Caregiver Program – Increase outreach.
 - Advocacy – Host education programs AARP etc.
 - Health Equity – The Bureau of Aging & Disability Resources clarified that our goals should be around ground work to become informed on the

issues.

- Transportation is an issue that needs to be addressed – more flexibility is needed.

10. Health Promotions Programming:

- UW Extension will be doing Strong Bodies, which will start July 12th. The ADRC will also collaborate with the YMCA to deliver health promotion programs. The ADRC is in discussion with UW Extension for a more formal contractual relationship to deliver health promotion programs.

11. ADRC Re-Opening Update:

- Mr. Joel Gottsacker reported they re-opened on June 14, 2021. Congregate meals are being served at all sites except for Woodruff. The ADRC had nine diners on site the last two days. Take out meals are still permitted for those individuals who choose not to dine in.
- Have had requests from others to use space at the ADRC.
- Discussion if additional publicity is needed to change people's life patterns as they got used to staying home. Mr. Gottsacker feels that it is just going to take time.

12. ADRC/DSS Alliance Update:

- Have weekly System Improvement meetings that is focusing on how to combine all the funding sources for older people.
- Social Services is part of the RSVP Program. They got their first applicant.
- Working on budget. Will have a Joint meeting with both committees in August.
- Informational only, no action taken.

13. Advocacy Update:

- Joint Finance Committee working on the budget. Getting advocacy requests. There increases for nursing homes and for direct caregivers.
- Personal Care rate increased by quite a bit..
- Medicaid dental will be increased. Most dentists currently do not take Medicaid because the reimbursement rate is too low.
- Dementia Care Specialists positions were approved for implementation statewide.

14. Vouchers purchase orders, and line item transfers:

Mr. Joel Gottsacker presented vouchers and line item transfers to the committee. Motion made by Mr. Ted Cushing, 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. We are on track of where we should be. Informational only, no action taken.

16. Future Agenda topics:

- Update on open position on the committee. Currently have an open position to represent people with developmental disabilities.
- Usual agenda items

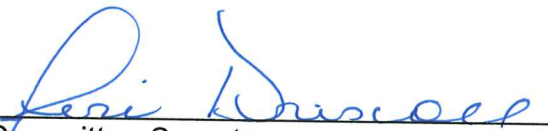
17. Public comment/communications:

None

18. Adjournment: 9:48 a.m.



Committee Chairman



Committee Secretary