

**ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
September 28, 2022**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Mr. Ted Cushing, Mr. James Unger, Mr. Russ Fisher, Ms. Joan Hauer, Ms. Melanie Fralick, Ms. Rita Mahner, Ms. Debbie Condado, Ms. Nancy Watry

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** Ms. Linnaea Newman

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED ABSENT:** None

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

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**1. Call to order:**

Chairperson Mr. Ted Cushing called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Health Committee 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. Rita Mahner, 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 August 24, 2022:**

Motion by Ms. Debbie Condado seconded by Ms. Joan Hauer to approve the August 24, 2022 ADRC Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

**5. Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Health Committee Room at the Health & ADRC building.

**6. Presentation: Spark Alliance by Ashley McLaughlin of ArtStart:**

Ms. Ashley McLaughlin did a presentation on ArtStart. ArtStart is a nonprofit, charitable organization that has been in operation for the past eleven years. The mission of ArtStart is to strengthen our community through arts education and cultural engagement. Spark Alliance is a cultural program for people with early to mid-stage memory loss and their care partners. Programs are designed to keep participants actively engaged in their communities by providing experiences that stimulate conversations, provide peer support and inspire creativity through creative engagement, workshops and programs. Spark Alliance is targeted to start in March of 2023.

**7. Northwoods Transit Connections Update:**

Northwoods Transit Connections is in need of a Mechanic as well as a couple of part-time drivers. Informational only, no action taken.

**8. Aging Plan Goals:**

Mr. Joel Gottsacker reviewed the Aging Plan Goals and the status of each. Informational only, no action taken.

**9. Dementia Innovations Update:**

A task force was created and the group successfully reoriented the dementia crisis response paradigm. Oneida County dispatch handles all of the emergency calls in the county. If a call is dementia-related, they will now send EMS and not law enforcement to try to avoid hospitalization or mental health admission. We do have data from the past so we can compare to see if the initiative is working. Informational only, no action taken.

**10. Family Care MCO Acquisitions:**

Inclusa and Lakeland announced that they are being acquired by a larger insurance company. The concern is these larger insurance companies may not be focused as much on the individual but rather more financially focused. This would be a great opportunity for Advocacy. Informational only, no action taken.

**11. Cycling without Age:**

Mr. Joel Gottsacker reported that Cycling without Age is on the front cover of the ADRC Newsletter. On Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> trishaws will be at Milestone in Eagle River and at Friendly Village in the afternoon. On Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> trishaws will be at Pumpkin Festival from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Trishaws are on order.

**12. Acceptance of Donation from Bronson Family:**

Mr. Joel Gottsacker reported that the Bronson family has donated \$1000 to the ADRC in memory of Dorothy Bronson. Dorothy came to the ADRC frequently when she was able. She recently passed away. Motion by Ms. Rita Mahner, seconded by Ms. Nancy Watry to accept the donation and forward to the County Board. All ayes, motion carried.

**13. Vouchers, Purchase Orders, and Line Item Transfers:**

Mr. Joel Gottsacker presented vouchers to the committee. There were no line item transfers. Motion made by Mr. James Unger, seconded by Ms. Melanie Fralick to approve the vouchers as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**14. Monthly Reports/Advocacy/Workers Compensation:**

Mr. Joel Gottsacker stated that Workers Compensation should not have been on the agenda. On financial reports, the nutrition funding is not as dire as the report looks as the ARPA Funds have not been applied yet. It is projected that the ADRC will have about a \$70,000 surplus at the end of 2022. Informational only, no action taken.

**15. Future Agenda topics:**

- Usual agenda Items.

- If you have any items for the next Agenda contact Mr. Joel Gottsacker or Mr. Ted Cushing.

**16. Public comment/communications:**

No public comment

**17. Adjournment: 9:45 a.m.**

  
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Committee Chairman

  
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