

**ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
August 19, 2020**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Steven Schreier, Vice Chairperson Carol Pederson, Russ Fisher, Robert Thome Jr., Dr. Walt Gager, Joan Hauer, Dawn Winquist, Nancy Watry,

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED ABSENT: Ted Cushing

STAFF PRESENT: Joel Gottsacker, Dawn Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Charbarneau, Human Resources Director; Heidi Chavez, DSS Financial Services Supervisor

Call to order: Chairperson Steven Schreier called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on the first floor of the Health & ADRC Building, 100 W. Keenan Street, Rhinelander, WI. The meeting has been properly posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and the facility is handicap accessible.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Gager/Pederson to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

Public comment/communications: None

Minutes of July 22, 2020: Motion by Thome/Gager to approve the July 22, 2020 ADRC Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Date/time/location of next meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room, Oneida County Courthouse.

Closed Session: Chairperson Schreier called for a roll call vote to go into Closed Session: closed session pursuant to Wisconsin §19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility. (Topic – Consideration of recommendation of appointment of director and placement on wage scale.) The committee will return to open session and may ratify any matter(s) discussed in closed session. Roll call vote: 9:05 – all ayes.

Return to open session/ratify any matter(s) discussed in closed session: Motion to return to open session at 9:18 a.m. Roll call vote: all ayes, motion carries. Recommendation to be forwarded to LRES to recognize Joel Gottsacker as ADRC director at Grade N Step 6 (control point). All ayes motion carried.

ADRC/DSS Alliance: Gottsacker reported that a public hearing is set for September 10, 2020 at 1:30 PM in the County Board room. It will be a joint meeting of the ADRC, DSS, and LRES Committees. The notice of the public Hearing was posted by Charbarneau in the Lakeland Times and River News. Charbarneau reported that there will be a presentation before the public comment.

Walt Gager stated frustration with the idea of the ADRC/DSS Alliance and that no one can give him a good explanation as to why it is being pursued. He further stated that he does not think a merger will save money or assist in the provision of services.

Watry questioned the estimated savings as presented. Charbarneau responded that the fiscal impact for the alliance, part of the savings \$130,000 estimate is a large piece of this of the tax savings is from the ADRC budget. The ADRC administrative costs will be allocated to DSS administrative costs and funding. There is also the saving of eliminated positions.

Watry inquired about ADRC spending. Gottsacker responded that the entire grant was spent last year and on target to spend the whole grant this year. Which will be able to save tax levy dollars and give it back at the end of the year.

Watry asked if under an Alliance of the two departments, would the DSS director be able to fit the additional work into her schedule and also will the DSS director receive an increase in pay? Charbarneau responded that Rideout has indicated that the workload increase is acceptable and that an increase in salary will not occur because the work would be "more of the same kind of work" and not new or additional work.

Pederson asked what will happen to the ADRC committee should the merger go forward. Charbarneau stated that the committee structure cannot change until there is a county board election, therefore, the committee will stay the same until the 2022 elections. Rideout and Gottsacker will report to this committee until the committees are restructured. Charbarneau referenced The Human Service committee which has citizen members. Gottsacker stated that one option is to create an Advisory committee. The representation would be advisory to Social Services. The veteran services commission operates in this manner. Winquist stated that she has seen this in several for the counties that she covered while with the State, and it worked fine.

Winquist noted that there are some vocal citizens who will likely speak at the public hearing. She asked what will happen if all comments are opposed. Charbarneau responded that there likely will be a follow up joint meeting to discuss the community feedback.

Watry stated that the amount of county levy in the ADRC represents about 14-15% of the ADRC budget. The proposed decrease would reduce the county level to 9-

10%. She stated that is not many dollars committed by the County to the aging and disabled residents of our county.

Informational only, no action taken.

2021 Budget: Gottsacker presented the 2021 Budget and Supplemental information requested by the Administration Committee. Thome requested clarification on a couple items. A separate single budget was presented for the RSVP. Gottsacker requested approval of that budget to be sent on to Finance for inclusion into the larger County budget. Motion made by Watry/Winquist to approve and move forward to the Administration Committee. All ayes, motion carried.

Aging Unit Plan Review: Gottsacker handed out the review at least meeting. He asked if the committee would like to add or change anything to the goals section of the plan. No changes were requested. Informational only, no action taken.

Coronavirus pandemic response: Gottsacker reported that the staff is coming in one or two days per week. All staff and clients are required to be wearing their masks. All ADRC software is web-based and cell phones should be able to be used as hot spots. Informational only, no action taken.

RSVP grant update: The RSVP position was approved on August 18, 2020 at County Board so we can move forward to post the position. The RSVP requires an advisory committee and the bylaws were sent over to Corporation Counsel and will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. The RSVP grant is \$82,500 and has local match requirements, which can be in-kind. A request was made to United Way for \$5,000 and it has been approved depending on their fund raising this fall. A request was also made to the Rhinelander Women's Club. Informational only, no action taken.

Northwoods Transit Connections Update: Schreier reported that the commission has two new members Billy Fried to replace Bob Mott for Oneida County and Marv Anderson to replace Vern Wiggerhauser for Vilas county. Ed Hammer's citizen member position was filled by Dawn Winquist. A repayment plan to Vilas and Oneida Counties for \$50,000 each was approved by the commission. The plan is to repay \$5,000 to each county over the next 10 years. At the request of the ADRC of Vilas County, Transit will reestablish the Eagle Eye route every Monday and every other Friday going to Boulder Junction and Manitowish Waters. The commission will be working with an accounting firm in the future to ensure fiscal controls are in place. Wipfli has communicated that they will no longer provide audit services to the commission. There is an ongoing DOT audit. Informational only, no action taken.

Vouchers purchase orders, and line item transfers: Motion made by Fisher /Watry to approve the vouchers, purchase orders and line item transfers as presented. All ayes, motions carried.

Monthly Reports & Legislative Update: Gottsacker presented the monthly reports and emailed an update in the legislative to committee members. Informational only, no action taken.

Future Agenda topics: Public Hearing, RSVP by laws a resolution to create the Rsvp advisory committee and all usual agenda items.

Public comment/communications: None

Adjournment: 10:37am

Committee Chairman

Committee Secretary