

**ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES  
November 6, 2019**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Tom Kelly, Bob Metropulos, Carol Pederson, Steven Schreier, Nancy Watry, Dr. Walt Gager, Jim Winkler

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED ABSENT:** Ed Hammer, Barbara Young

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dianne Jacobson, Joel Gottsacker, Dawn Johnson, Maria Cox

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lisa Charbarneau, Administrative Coordinator & Human Resource Director; Laurie Grosskopf, Citizen

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**Call to order:** Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 Watry/Metropulos to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.

**Public comment/communications:** Laurie Grosskopf lives just over the Lincoln County border, but her elderly father lives in Oneida County. Grosskopf previously worked for the Northern Area Agency on Aging (which administered Older Americans Act grant funds) so she is very familiar with the requirements of county aging units. She expressed concern that the proposed merger of the ADRC under Social Services is not a good fit to serve aging programs. Older American Act programs must involve the people they serve both as policy-makers and in service delivery. That is very different than how the Department of Social Services (DSS) operates. She questioned how DSS would know anything about operating the volunteer-based programs and the transportation programs. Grosskopf's father currently resides at Rennes (nursing home) and she also mentioned how the long-term care in Wisconsin is in shambles and needs to be addressed. Informational only, no action taken

**Minutes of October 9,2019:** Motion by Schreier/Gager to approve the October 9, 2019 ADRC Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

**Date/time/location of next meeting:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 9 a.m. on the first floor of the Health & ADRC building.

**2020 Department Budget; ADRC/Social Services Potential Merger Update:** Jacobson reviewed copies of the draft minutes from the Administration Committee's meeting on October 8, 2019 during the ADRC Department's 2020 Budget Hearing. The approved motion regarding the ADRC 2020 budget was, "*Motion by Hintz/Mott to proceed with the consolidation plan with Social Services and recognize a savings of \$130,000 in the budget.*" The Administration committee also put \$68,000 in the

Contingency Fund in the event the ADRC did not merge and the proposed ADRC reorganization occurred instead (projected to save approximately \$62,000).

Jacobson discussed a handout with an overview of the department reorganization plan (referred to as "Budget B") proposed by Gottsacker. Jacobson also explained copies of the Oneida County Budget Summary General Fund that was published in the River News on Saturday October 26, 2019. In the chart it stated a decrease of tax levy in the Department on Aging Budget, by 47.7% and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) overall revenue decrease of 16.2%. Jacobson distributed a chart of tax levy history used by the ADRC (formerly Department on Aging) for the past 15 years demonstrating Budget B would bring the ADRC budget to the lowest tax levy level in over 15 years. Finally, Jacobson reviewed a two-page document that outlines the significant concerns about merging under Social Services.

Jacobson stated she has received comments/calls from citizens who saw the legal notice of the 2020 budget in the paper including members from the Rhinelander's Women's Club and the League of Women's Voters expressing their concerns on these budget cuts. Jacobson said several of these people wanted to contact the media, but Jacobson asked them not to so we wouldn't risk unnecessarily frighten any of our older adults who rely on services. Several citizens have already expressed the desire to attend/speak at the 2020 county budget hearing on November 12, 2019. General discussion regarding a merger not being in the best interest of the ADRC and lack of evidence on the projected \$130,000 saving as a result of a merger. Additional comments regarding concern the Administration Committee could make these kind of weighty decisions without committee of jurisdiction's involvement.

Motion made by Kelly/Pederson to direct Kelly to make a motion at next week's November 12 County Board budget hearing to "*amend the 2020 Budget to move \$68,000 from the Contingency Fund into the Aging & Disability Resource Center's budget and end further discussion about merging the ADRC into the Department of Social Services and keep the ADRC a stand-alone department.*" Discussion. Winkler expressed concern for the Administration Committee's total disregard of the committee process in making this kind of drastic change to a department budget. All ayes, motion carried.

**Wis-DOT §.85.21 Specialized Transportation 2020 Application:** Jacobson presented the §85.21 2018 Specialized Transportation application Budget Summary. The required Public Hearing will be in the newspaper and held later this month. Motion made by Watry/Metropulos to approve the §85.21 Specialized Transportation application budget summary as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

**Dementia Care Specialist Grant:** Gottsacker reported on the Dementia Care Specialist Grant. The ADRC of Oneida County and the ADRC of Vilas County are applying jointly for this grant. The application is due this Friday, November 8, 2019 and Gottsacker is working with Vilas County to put the final touches on the application. Gottsacker reported that they have gotten many letters of support on receiving this grant

from such organizations as Oneida County Public Health, Social Services, and Alzheimer's Support to name a few. Informational only, no action taken.

**Nutrition Advisory Council Meeting Update:** Schreier gave the update. The Nutrition Advisory Council met on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>, did an onsite tour at Lynn's Catering, and then convened to conclude their meeting at the ADRC building. Overall the advisory council was impressed with Lynn's operation and she has currently switched to a different provider. Site Managers and diners are noting some improvements in the quality of some foods. Informational only, no action taken.

**One-Time Integration funding and proposed expenditures:** Jacobson reported that the new furniture has been ordered and may be here by the next meeting. Additional touches like painting and reception desk upgrades are being finalized as well. Informational only, no action taken.

**2020 Caterer Contract:** Jacobson presented the request from Lynn's Catering to increase the meal cost by 3% for 2020 (current \$4.62 to proposed \$4.76 per meal) due to increased costs. Motion made by Gager/ Metropulos to approve the requested 2020 price per meal and prepare the related contract for proper signatures. All ayes, motion carried.

**Northwoods Transit Connections Update:** Schreier gave the update on Northwoods Transit. They have looked at two possible locations to purchase for the new Transit location. One is in Rhinelander and the other is located in Eagle River. Informational only, no action taken.

**Vouchers, purchase orders and line item transfers:** Jacobson presented the vouchers, purchase orders and line item transfers for approval. Motion made by Schreier/Pederson to approve the vouchers, purchase orders, and line item transfers as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

**Monthly Reports: Staff and program reports:** Jacobson presented the monthly staff and program reports. Informational only, no action taken.

**Legislative Update:** None

**Future Agenda items for next meeting:** 2020 Budget, Dementia Care Specialist, Northwoods Transit Connections, RSVP, furniture and all usual agenda items.

**Public comment/communications:** None

**Adjournment:** 10:19 AM

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Committee Chairman

*Dawn Johnson*

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Committee Secretary