

PROCEEDINGS OF THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF BROWN COUNTY BOARD MEETING

February 27, 2020

PRESENT: Bev Bartlett, Deborah Lundberg, Megan Borchardt, Tom Smith, Dennis Rader, Randy Johnson, Eileen Littig, Robert Johnson, Mary Johnson, Mary Derginer, Amy Payne

EXCUSED: Tom Diedrick

ABSENT: Sam Warpinski

ALSO PRESENT: Laurie Ropson, Devon Christianson, Christel Giesen, Debra Bowers, Kristin Willems, Tina Brunner, Patricia Lassila, Luceth Escandell, Nimo Abdi, Laura Steigerwald

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Johnson at 8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INTRODUCTIONS:

Ms. Christianson introduced Patricia Lassila to the ADRC Board. Ms. Lassila will be the nomination to Represent Oneida on the ADRC Board of Directors.

ADOPTIONS OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF January 23, 2020:

Ms. Littig/Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes for the January 23, 2020 Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED with no negative vote.**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

FINANCE REPORT:

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2019 FINANCE REPORT:

Ms. Bowers referred to the January 2020 Financial Highlights and ADRC Summary Report to demonstrate the preliminary expenses and revenues for January.

Supervisor Borchardt/Ms. Lundberg moved to receive the January 2020 finance report and place on file. **MOTION CARRIED with no negative vote.**

B. REVIEW OF RESTRICTED DONATIONS:

There were no restricted donations received in January 2020.

US CENSUS: UPDATE AND INVOLVEMENT – KRISTIN

Ms. Willems referred to a PowerPoint to explain the importance of residents completing the upcoming 2020 Census. Discussion ensued. Ms. Willems asked Board members to share this information with the groups in which they are involved to maximize the response in Brown County. Ms. Willems promised to send the board links to the census website for future reference.

NEW WEBSITE – LAURIE ROPSON

Ms. Ropson presented the ADRC Board with the new “Board Com Central” web page on the ADRC site. This site will include Board communication including meeting agendas and minutes, calendars etc. Beginning in March, Ms. Willems will email the Board the link to communicate that board docs are there to review. Ms. Willems asked that Board members let her know if they would like hard copies made.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

A. UPDATE ON LEGACY GIVING:

Ms. Christianson shared that the taskforce is still meeting and will be presenting recommendations/options at an upcoming board meeting

B. FUTURING – CAREGIVING REVIEW:

Ms. Christianson explained that she along with the Coordinators are in discussion/training regarding Forecast Analysis. She has tasked them with looking for and documenting "Signals" they see in the news and online regarding Caregiving. Ms. Christianson will continue this discussion and focus with the Coordinators and will be providing updates and opportunities for the board to participate.

STAFF REPORT: TINA BRUNNER BENEFIT SPECIALIST COORDINATOR:

Ms. Brunner introduced Laura Steigerwald to the board. Ms. Steigerwald is one of the supervising attorneys for the Elder Benefit Specialists. Ms. Steigerwald explained that her role is to be available for questions, training, to represent clients that need legal support. Some examples would be to assist with housing evictions, small claims court etc. This assistance is provided regardless of income level. Ms. Steigerwald provided examples of social security appeals for two ADRC customers that she is currently working to assist.

Ms. Brunner asked for the boards support in advocating for additional funding for additional EBS roles as there is a strong need for additional help for customers.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Christianson shared that each year through the budget process the board approves a grant for specialized equipment for customers of the Office of the Blind and Visually Impaired. The ADRC receives a "Thank You" each year for this.

Ms. Christianson provided an update regarding the concern over the Coronavirus. Ms. Christianson shared that Public Health would provide information and the ADRC would inform and educate customers on best practices to keep themselves safe.

Mr. Johnson shared his observations that all agenda items for this meeting were aligned within the updated Mission/Vision/Values. Mr. Johnson also wanted to point out and appreciate the level of staff participation in the meeting.

NEXT MEETING – ADRC- 300 S. Adams St. March 26, 2020 at 8:30 AM.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Smith/Ms. Lundberg moved to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED with no negative vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin Willems,
Administrative Services Coordinator