

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

February 26, 2015

PRESENT: Barbara Robinson, Lori Rasmussen, Larry Epstein, Pat Finder-Stone, Jessica Nell, Corrie Campbell, Ramon Fierros, Joan Swiggert, Beth Relich, Lisa VanDonsel, Melanie Macszka, Pat Hickey.

ALSO PRESENT: Devon Christianson, Christel Giesen, Guadalupe Mercado, Debra Bowers, Laurie Ropson, Jake Thompson, Janet Zander, Kay Vanlaanen, Tina Whetung, Diana Brown.

EXCUSED: Marvin Rucker.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Robinson at 8:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INTRODUCTIONS.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Epstein/ Sup. Campbell moved to adopt the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF January 22, 2015:

Sup. Campbell/ Ms. Relich moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 22, 2015. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Ms. Rasmussen is currently participating in Lighten Up program and highlighted what an outstanding program it is.

85.21 PLAN APPROVAL AND CONTRACT:

Ms. Giesen provided an update on the status of the 85.21 plan and RFP process since the January 2015 ADRC Board Meeting. The ADRC received one application through the RFP open procurement process to provide services currently offered through the American Red Cross Transportation Program. The scoring team went through the process of reviewing, scoring, and interviewing the submitted response to the RFP and is very pleased to submit the intent to award and contract to NEW Curative. NEW Curative has previously worked with the ADRC and Red Cross for many years to provide transportation services, as a partnership. This award will allow the continuation of service for consumers as well as volunteers and has the goal to fill gaps with rural transportation.

Ms. Giesen reviewed 85.21 Transportation draft application and summary including the budget and the various contracts and services included in the plan. The application will be submitted to the Department of Transportation now that the new provider has been selected and the required approvals through the local Transportation Coordinating Committee has been secured.

Ms. Finder-Stone/ Ms. Hickey moved to approve the proposal of Brown County submitting the intent to award NEW Curative to the Department of Transportation. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. AGING PLAN ANNUAL SELF-ASSESSMENT:

The ADRC is required to create a 3 year Aging Plan on a regular cycle. We are currently on the last year of the 2013-2105 cycle. We will be required to beginning planning for our 2016-2018 plan during this year. Annually, we must review our plan goals, make comments and adjust goals accordingly. This self-assessment requires our ADRC Board's review and approval. Ms.

Christianson reviewed the past three year plan with comments and review in the Aging Unit Self-Assessment for 2014 handout Ms. Christianson stressed the importance of the ADRC Board input and our outreach into the community to gather information on needs as we build our plans. The ADRC Board will receive more information on the 2016-2018 planning process and how they will be involved at future Board meetings.

Ms. Swiggert added that there was a consumer who was hearing impaired, who she spoke to yesterday, that is very pleased with the hearing loop and commented on how it has affected his life.

Mr. Epstein/ Ms. Rasmussen moved to approve and accept the amendment of the Aging Plan Annual Self-Assessment and submit to GWAAR. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: COMMITTEES

Ms. Christianson reviewed the ADRC committee and Taskforces for 2015. It is very important to the ADRC that staff members have genuine input to the strategic direction of the agency. The ADRC is a team based organization that values employee, consumer and board member participation on the goals and objectives for each year. Ms. Christianson invited all Board members to review the committees and reach out to the committee chair if they would like to be a part of a committee.

C. GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: ISSUES AFFECTING OUR POPULATION:

Ms. Zander is the Advocacy and Public Policy Coordinator for the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging. Ms. Zander was previously a director of the ADRC of Portage County for almost 20 years. Ms. Zanders reviewed the "Summary of Proposed Changes Related to Aging & Disability Programs" handout to highlight the proposed changes with the Governor's 2015-2017. Some of the budget proposals include:

- Requires adults aged 65 and older needing prescription drug coverage to apply for, and if qualified, to enroll in a Medicare Part D plan versus just automatically enrolling in SeniorCare (Wisconsin's prescription drug program). Uses SeniorCare as a wrap-around program only.
- Reduces state funding by over \$15 million in the biennium.
- Eliminates the Long Term Care option IRIS. IRIS is a self-directed option for long term care in which the individual is allowed to choose and manage their own services. Board member Nell added that she has an advocacy website with a lot of information about the issue: www.saveiris.org
- Eliminates Regional District's and instead contact with companies that will operate state-wide. The current Managed Care Organization's Lakeland and Care Wisconsin would be eliminated.
- Eliminates requirement for ADRC's to have governing Boards. This means that the statutes in place at the moment to be able to represent all of the community would be eliminated. The proposal also allows the Department of Health Services to contract with a private entity for all or some services of resource centers. This means that the ADRC's would no longer be required to provide all services. This puts all a lot of services and programs at risk.

Ms. Zanders recommended that the Board act quickly and advocate as much as they can.

FINANCE REPORT:

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2015 FINANCE REPORT:

Ms. Bowers referred to the January 2015 Financial Highlights to demonstrate expenses and revenues for the month of January.

Ms. Relich/ Ms. VanDonsel moved to approve and place on file the January 2015 Financial Report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESTRICTED DONATIONS:

There were no restricted donations received in the month of January.

Ms. Relich/ Ms. VanDonsel moved to approve the Restricted Donations for January, 2015. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. PRELIMINARY NET ASSET REPORT: UNRESTRICTED: COMMITTED ASSIGNMENT

Ms. Christianson reviewed the Draft Preliminary ADRC Net Asset Report 2014 to solicit feedback on how the information is presented. This format will be used in March to present the final preliminary net asset report.

FAMILY CARE UPDATE: One week prior to this meeting there was another consulting agency, Lutheran Social Services, awarded the contract to administer IRIS. For the ADRC this means there will be a fourth option for enrollment counseling. The Group Enrollment Counseling Meetings have been scheduled and will begin next week. Ms. Christianson and Supervisor Corrie Campbell presented to the Brown County Human Service Committee on the transition, workforce issues, and timelines.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. VanDonsel announced that March is MS awareness month. On April 19, 2015 there will be a MS walk and suggested the ADRC have a booth present.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be March 26, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. This meeting will include a group picture of the Board of Director's.

ADJOURN: Ms. VanDonsel /Mr. Epstein moved to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Guadalupe Mercado, Office Assistant