

Minutes
ADRC of Eagle Country Governance Board Meeting
January 24, 2020

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eagle Country Governance Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 24, 2020 in Conference Room AB of the Richland County Community Services Building, 221 W Seminary St, Richland Center, WI.

Members Present: Jack Jasinski, Chuck Whitsell, Marie Rakow, Bette Smart, Donna McGinley, Eling Jones, Terry Wolkowski, Donald Stirling,

Members Absent: Judy Ellington, Belinda Granger, Kerry Severson

Others Present: Becky Dahl, Roby Fuller, Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Char Norberg, Susan Blodgett, Ingrid Kovars.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson, Bette Smart, at 10:00 am.

Approval Agenda and Posting: Motion by Chuck Whitsell, second by Marie Rakow to approve the agenda and proper posting. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jack Jasinski, second by Chuck Whitsell to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2019 Meeting. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments:

Advocacy Actions and Updates

Handout of advocacy items included.

2020 Advocacy Days @ WI State Capital

Dates for Alzheimer's, Disability, and Aging Advocacy Days in packet. Contact the Regional or local office if you'd like to attend.

Assembly Bill 76 Regarding Training for Certified Nursing Aides (CNAs)

In November meeting we learned Governor Evers vetoed Assembly Bill 76. The bill went back on the floor again to overturn the veto. Because action was needed between meetings we sent our legislators a reminder that our region is still in opposition to this bill and attached the letter send in August 2017. The assembly was unable to achieve the required votes to overturn the veto therefore the bill remains vetoed at this time.

Senate Bill 380 Signed Into Law Nov. 25, 2019 Re: Services Covered Under Medical Assistance Provided Through Telehealth Technologies.

Nov. 25th we were made aware this bill was being signed into law in Richland Center. Becky Dahl was invited and able to attend the signing. This bill allows tele-health services to be billed to medical assistance. This really extends services to areas where there are gaps in services.

Guardianship Training Bill (LRB 2596)

This bill requires training in order to become a guardian. This will be a two hour training by adult learning. It would also be offered but not required to current guardians. Legislators had to co-sign on to this bill by January 21st. A few individual in the region sent letters in support of this

bill. It is going forward to the assembly and we are hoping for hearings. Clarification of what guardianship means.

Motion by Terry Wolkowski, second by Chuck Whitsell to send a letter to our legislators in support of Guardianship Training Bill (LRB 2596) with a board signed signature page. Motion carried.

WI Dementia Care Specialist Expansion Announced

On December 17 the state awarded 8 new Dementia Care Specialist grants. The new DCSs are all within a region or multiple counties working together. There are 16 counties in WI left without a Dementia Care Specialist. Training for the DCS program was discussed.

We should have Gina come back to do a board education again soon.

Update on Older American Act Funding

The president signed increased funding bill into law December 27th, 2019.

Review New Board Membership Processes

Letter of Interest Form, Board Membership Guidelines, Board Orientation

Ingrid Kovars will review board terms and bring to the next meeting.

New board member interest form was developed for potential board members. This will help guide them to tell us about why they are interested in serving on our committee. There is also a new guidelines document for what is expected of board members and who is allowed to or not allowed to serve on our board. We were able to test this and it has already helped identify potential conflicts of interest. We received feedback that this is user friendly. Discussion about conflict of interest. Board fulfillments and target groups were discussed. Discussion that when terms are up in April, Mauston could potentially fill the intellectual disabilities role and Crawford could fill the elderly position. Board Orientation document for the new regional director was created.

Approval for Recruitment/Interview Subcommittee Authority to Hire Regional Director

Motion by Donna McGinley, second by Elling Jones to give the Recruitment/interview Subcommittee authority to propose to Juneau County to hire the Regional Director on behalf of the ADRC of Eagle Country Governing Board. Motion Carried.

Regional Budget Actions and Updates

Approve Regional Director to sign 2020 Regional Office Lease

Motion by Marie Rakow, second by Donald Stirling to approve the Regional Director sign the 2020 Regional Office lease. Motion carried.

Approve Regional Director to sign 2020 Grant Agreement between State of WI Dept. of Health Services and ADRC of Eagle Country

Motion by Chuck Whitsell, second by Jack Jasinski to approve the Regional Director to sign the 2020 Grant Agreement between State of WI DHS and ADRC of Eagle Country. Motion Carried.

Approve Regional Office, Dementia Care Specialist Expense Sheets

Becky Dahl presented the Regional Office and DCS expenses. Handout included.

Motion by Chuck Whitsell, second by Jack Jasinski to approve the November and December 2019 Regional Office and Dementia Care Specialist expenses. Motion Carried.

Review Regional Budget

Becky Dahl presented the regional budget report. 2020 budget expectations, regional contingency fund and upcoming fiscal meeting were discussed.

Regional and Office Updates – Written Summaries

Handout included.

Next meeting date:

February 28, 2020 at 10:00AM

Other Discussion and Suggested items for Next Agenda:

Dashboard reports for 2019.

Adjourn: Motion by Jack Jasinski, second by Chuck Whitsell to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ingrid Kovars
Regional Quality Coordinator
Reviewed by Becky Dahl: BD