

Minutes
ADRC of Eagle Country Governance Board Meeting
April 23, 2021

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eagle Country Governance Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 23, 2021 through video or phone call via Zoom. This meeting can be attended by dialing 1-312-626-6799 and using meeting ID: 860 1544 5212 when prompted.

Members Present: Bette Smart, Elling Jones, Marie Rakow, Judy Ellington, Terry Wolkowski, Jack Jasinski, Donald Stirling, Bill Stehling, Belinda Granger, Kerry Severson, Pat Dearth, Crystal Clark

Members Absent: Kerry Severson, Donald Stirling

Others Present: John Grothjan, Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Rob Fuller, Gina Laack, Quinn Hause, Ingrid Kovars, Pam Kul-Berg, John Muenta, Diane Cox

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

Approval Agenda and Posting: Motion by Jack Jasinski, second by Elling Jones to approve the agenda and proper posting. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Judy Ellington, second by Bill Stehling to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2020 Meeting. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments:

Welcome from John Grothjan and Bette Smart

Board Education: John Muenta Sauk County APS

Gina Laack spoke about working with Adult Protective Services (APS) as a Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) and introduced John Muenta.

John Muenta, Sauk County Adult Protective Services, presented on what APS is and how it works with the ADRC. Topics included neglect/self-neglect, financial abuse, guardianship, who can make referrals and the process of action, investigation, and connection to services, funding, collaboration with the ADRC and the DCS.

John Muenta answered questions and talked about examples. Pam Kul-Berg talked about partnering with John/APS and how together they're able to assess safety and moving forward with shared cases. APS, DCS and the ADRC staff work together closely to fill as many needs as possible for individuals.

Approve Regional Office Expense Sheet and Dementia Care Specialist Expense Sheet

Motion by Jack Jasinski, second by Marie Rakow to approve the March Regional Office Expense Sheet Motion carried.

Motion by Jack Jasinski, second by Marie Rakow to approve the March Dementia Care Specialist Expense Sheet. Motion carried.

Advocacy Updates

ADRC Reinvestment, Joint Finance Listening Sessions Talking points document

John Grothjan gave an update on the Governor's Biannual Budget process. We will send out talking points and listening session information to anyone interested.

Board members requested the Region write a letter to legislators advocating for ADRC funding.

John Grothjan informed the board three counties in the region would benefit from reinvestment but one county would receive less funding than they are currently allocated.

A letter will be drafted and presented to the governing board for any who would like to sign.

Update from Pat Dearth assisting with Crawford County Vaccinations

Pat Dearth updated how many vaccines Crawford County has been able to give and what groups have received them. They county is seeing a decrease in the demand for vaccines.

Board transitions in April, recognition of retiring board members

John Grothjan recognized Bette Smart and Marie Rakow. Certificates of recognition were digitally presented and will be delivered. Thank you both for your years of service.

Letter of interest and motion to invite Heidi Randall to join the Governing Board

Motion by Jack Jasinski, second by Terry Wolkowski to accept Heidi Randall's letter of interest and suggest to the Juneau County Board she be approved to serve on the ADRC of Eagle Country Governing Board representing the Elderly. Motion Carried.

Regional and Office Updates

Handout included.

Mental Health referral processes and no wrong door support

Office managers spoke about how mental health is handled in each office.

Richland Center – the office partners with behavioral health and has a referral form back and forth. Crisis workers are in the same building when needed. The ADRC staff collaborates with behavioral health and APS to provide full service when possible.

Prairie du Chien – in the same building as behavioral health, mental health clinic, and APS. Able to do home visits and joint meetings. The office does training with Mental Health and is able to discuss regularly, coordinated efforts.

Mauston – there is a new Mental Health supervisor and building relationships. APS staff getting trained in crisis.

Baraboo – also located in the same building and goes through an intake process. They are able to make direct contacts with crisis workers.

Possible regional outreach in August

With DCS carryover funding the region is planning events in three of the four counties with The Remember Project and a performance from senior musical group Alive and Kickin'. This will be contingent on being able to safely gather with the approval of our public health departments.

Pam Kul-Berg zoom in person welcome and updates

Pam Kul-Berg gave an update on the DCS program. Many referrals, virtual and in person support groups, Memory Café's, restarting coalitions, working with APS, staff trainings, Dementia Live, SAAVY Caregiver, Book Club and Boost Your Brain and Memory.

Next meeting date:

May 28, 2021 @10:00AM via Zoom

Other Discussion and Suggested items for Next Agenda:

Transportation programs.

Adjourn: Motion by Jack Jasinski second by Bill Stehling to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ingrid Kovars
Regional Quality Coordinator