

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eagle Country Governance Board meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m., Friday, August 26, 2016 in Conference Room A&B of the Health & Human Services Building at 221 W Seminary St, Richland Center, WI.

Members Present: Vern Demers, Ken Schneider, Belinda Granger, Marie Rakow, Elling Jones, Donna McGinnley, Bette Smart, Andrea Lombard, Donald Stirling, Donald Seep,

Members Absent: Lane Delaney, Becky Hovde

Others Present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Char Norberg, Becky Dahl, Ingrid Kovars, Rebecca Schmitt, Susan Crowley.

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice Chairperson, Vern Demers, at 9:30 am.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ken Schneider, second by Andrea Lombard to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

None

Board Membership – Welcome

Donald Stirling, Representing Crawford County Board of Supervisors

Introductions for new Board Members

***Board Elections – Chair and Vice Chair**

Elections for Chairperson were held. Motion by Marie Rakow, second by Bette Smart to nominate Vern Demers for chairperson. A unanimous ballot was cast for Vern Demers as Chairperson. Motion carried and Vern Demers was declared elected Chairperson of the ADRC of Eagle Country Governing Board.

Nominations for Vice Chairperson were held. Motion by Ken Schneider, second by Elling Jones to nominate Donald Seep for Vice Chairperson. Motion carried. Motion by Donald Seep, second by Ken Schneider to nominate Elling Jones for Vice Chairperson. Motion carried. Motion by Marie Rakow, second by Donald Seep to nominate Betty Smart for Vice Chairperson. Motion Carried. Ballots were cast and read to the board. Donald Seep – 2, Elling Jones – 3, Bette Smart – 4. Bette Smart was declared elected Vice Chairperson of the ADRC of Eagle Country Governing Board.

ADRC of Eagle Country Board Member Roles

One of the functions of a governing board member is to educate their local boards. Bette Smart does a really nice job of this at her local boards. Bette Smart discussed how she educates her boards on the bigger picture of the Aging and Disability Resource Center. Her education includes sharing board education topics, advocacy, and ADRC functions. Becky Dahl informed

the board about the upcoming training she will be involved in to educate new directors on the roles of the governing board.

Updated Board Contacts and Term Limits

Updated contact lists and term limits were distributed.

Regional budget

Becky Dahl reported a surplus in the budget. There will be some fine tuning to the budget tracking spreadsheets and a more concrete number will be presented at the next meeting

Update/Progress 2016 Contract Compliance Plan

This will be a standing agenda item until we are fully in compliance. The Richland Center staff will be moving within their building to have more accessible offices. The Mauston office will be moving. The Baraboo office is considering a floor change within their building to have all staff in one location.

Board Education: Long Term Care Presentations

Becky Dahl explained the role of the ADRC in the Long Term Care process. Becky Dahl presented the enrollment packets the region uses and how it is used to provide information in an unbiased way. ContinuUs and Care WI both provide Family Care which is a MA program so there are no differences in services. Care WI offers Partnership and ContinuUs does not. Discussion on how the function of the ADRC plays into Long Term Care. The goal of Family Care and IRIS is to keep people in their homes as long as possible and functioning within the community rather than going into a nursing home. Only 3% of the unduplicated consumers the ADRC of Eagle Country served in 2015 went into LTC programs. It takes a lot of work to do get them into LTC but there is a much broader scope of services we provide to individuals to help them remain in their communities with dignity. Spend down was discussed.

ContinuUs

ContinuUs is currently one of the options in the Eagle Country Region who provides Family Care. They will be merging with a few other MCO's and have a much bigger area to cover, name to be determined. They have a mobile staff.

Care Wisconsin

Care Wisconsin is a non-profit, income is invested back into the organization for growth and to meet the needs of members. They currently provide Family Care, Partnership (in Sauk only), and Medicaid SSI. They will have an office local to Eagle Country soon. Discussion on the difference between Family Care, Partnership and self directed supports. Long term care eligibility is based on financial and functional disabilities. The functional screen is used to determine eligibility which is an ADRC function. Once the ADRC has determined eligibility we will give enrollment counseling and enroll them in the program of their choice. Being unbiased is a big part of enrollment counseling, we cannot give opinions about which Managed Care Organization (MCO) to choose. Care teams and roles of care team members were discussed.

IRIS

Include Respect, I Self Direct (IRIS) is a truly self directed program. Customers will have an IRIS consultant assigned to them but they will need to interview and hire their own staff. They will have a budget assigned to them based on Functional Screen results and they budget for what supports they need. With IRIS you can truly choose your providers. IRIS is meant to pay only from services within your own home and Community Based Residential Facilities (CBRFs), whereas MCOs for Family Care and Partnership will pay for Nursing Home costs. With IRIS individuals are given \$X per month and it can be

spent in the best way they decide to continue living at home and out of the Nursing Home.

Regional Statewide Advocacy Actions

Nothing new to report. Standing agenda item.

Summarize Regional Updates – Office Managers:

RC: The move of staff into new offices has been approved and construction should start October 1 and be complete by November 30. This will make staff offices more accessible. The office has seen an increase in number of customers served on a daily basis. The Elder Benefit Specialist has Medicare Part D clinic coming up in October. Moving forward with Dementia Friendly Communities and a train the trainer meeting was held. The ADRC gave out food bags during the point in time homeless count with the homeless coalition. Count not out yet but will have it for the next meeting. Discussion on homelessness.

PdC: a new Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) started the 25th. The Prairie du Chien parks and recreation director sent a thank you note for the transportation the ADRC provided to events during the summer. The Senior Expo is planned for September. The office has seen a 59% increase in unduplicated customers from last year to the same time this year.

Mauston: The office participated in the Juneau County Fair parade. Aug 10 on local radio morning show talking about ADRC/aging services. There will be a caregiver open house in November which will include respite and education for caregivers. Property for the move has been acquired.

Baraboo: The office is looking for ways to add another Information and Assistance Specialist (I&A). The office is also looking at nutrition and transportation program updates.

Region: There was a receptionist staff training was held last week. Topics included: customer service, contract, and importance of their role in the ADRC.

Citizen Comments: none

Next meeting date: September 16, 2016

Other Discussion and Suggested items for Next Agenda:

Ombudsman services. Personal Safety for home visits policy. Business plan.

Adjourn: Motion by Ken Schneider, second by Elling Jones to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:27a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ingrid Kovars
Administrative Secretary