

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eagle Country Governance Board meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m., Friday, October 28, 2016 in Conference Room A&B of the Health & Human Services Building at 221 W Seminary St, Richland Center, WI.

Members Present: Marie Rakow, Donald Seep, Vern Demers, Bette Smart, Donna McGinley, Belinda Granger, Andrea Lombard, Becky Hovde, Lane Delaney, Donald Stirling,

Members Absent: Ken Schneider, Elling Jones

Others Present: Susan Blodgett, Char Norberg, Becky Dahl, Ingrid Kovars

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

Approval Agenda and Posting: Motion by Donna McGinley, second by Donald Seep to approve the agenda and proper posting. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Donna McGinley, second by Marie Rakow to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

none

Regional budget

Becky Dahl reported on the regional budget. There is currently a \$20,000 surplus projected for the year. The possibility of having a board education on time reporting and how it plays into the budget was discussed. Time reporting goals, private pay, and the varying demographics throughout the region as factors that play into the projected budget were discussed. Discussion of how the federal funding is captured.

Old Business

Motion by Marie Rakow, second by Bette Smart to postpone this item until later in the meeting. moved. Motion carried.

Aging Network Conference – September Highlights Susan Blodgett and Lane Delaney reported on Conny Codesta, the keynote speaker, spoke about personality types and how people interact with each other. Overall staff and Lane reported the Conference was even better than last year with many opportunities to learn and network with other agencies and organizations.

Advocacy Award

Award given to the Aging and Disability Professionals Association of Wisconsin (ADPAW) Advocacy/Legislative Committee (originally called the core team). This committee was developed during the last budget period and was able to unite ADRC/Aging directors, community and educate our legislators about ADRC functions. The award was given to recognize the significance of what the committee was able to accomplish in making the ADRC well known, our legislators know about the ADRC and know directors by name. This board played a role in this goal by writing advocacy letters and supporting counties to sign the resolution.

Business Acumen

This is a discussion that we've given away our services in the past and in order to stay in business we need to sell our services. At this point the state is looking only at marketing Aging services and charging Managed Care Organizations and insurance companies. Discussion on the ADRC remaining unbiased when staff are providing options counseling. Discussion on learning from for-profit and non-profit entities.

Board Education: Memory Screening

Becky Dahl spoke about why giving memory screens are important and how they are given across the region with consistency. Memory screens are of utmost importance because when we know a memory issue exists individuals are able to get early treatment which allows them to stay in their home much longer and out of expensive publicly funded long term care facilities. The tool the ADRC uses is not a diagnosis but identifies signs that there may be a memory issue. ADRC staff discuss importance of seeing their physician to get a proper diagnosis and treatment. The tools we use are evidence based. Specific items in the mini cog assessment were discussed.

Old Business

Dr Flower's research – Becky Dahl explained our history of Dr. Flowers' research. On November 21st Eagle Country will have its individual review of the data from the 2015 report.

Inclusion Diversity signage

Recap of discussion of diversity and inclusion from the previous meeting. The request we put to this board is that we make a statement that "the ADRC of Eagle Country Governing Board is committed to respecting and demonstrating diversity and inclusion, by providing environments where all people feel supported, listened to and able to do their personal best." It was discussed that asking the local high school art department to design a sign for the Baraboo Office. The diversity definition Becky provided to the board is very all encompassing and could be included in the brochure and/or website. A statement of non-discrimination could be posted in offices. Becky Dahl read the commitment statement again. **Motion by Donald Seep, second by Marie Rakow to approve the statement verbatim as a statement of the ADRC of Eagle Country Governing Board. Motion carried.**

Regional Statewide Advocacy Actions: Questions for Debates

In a recent debate between Representative Ed Brooks and his contender Art Schrader Becky Dahl developed a few questions to be asked of the candidates about the ADRC and healthcare worker shortages. Questions were distributed to the group. These questions can be used for local questions in candidate debates in any communities.

Money Follows the Person advocacy letter– we have not heard the outcome of this letter yet.

Summarize Regional Updates – Office Managers:

RC: All ADRC staff are moving to the other side of the building in late November or early December. ADRC staff presented to local teachers on Youth In Transition, encouraging teachers to refer parents to the ADRC for transition into adult services. The recent Stepping On classes have finished. The Elder Benefit Specialist is doing computer based classes for Medicare Part D. The office will try a satellite office in Viola in December. Transportation will be organizing bus tours through the local Rotary Lights display. The Dementia Friendly Communities initiative has 4 businesses trained to receive purple angels.

Mauston: the office is holding an annual caregiver open house which will include presenters for caregivers, etc. A new bus driver was hired who has brought wonderful insights to the ADRC about the bus program. The office had a meeting with the local hospital in which they were given ADRC information. The hospital will now be giving ADRC folders to discharged patients that may need ADRC services. Staff attended a resource fair at the new Lisbon and organized a panel discussion with the Sheriffs department to discuss who the ADRC is, who we serve, and how we can collaborate with local law enforcement.

PdC The Senior Expo had great attendance. The local Dementia Friendly Coalition finished a dementia specific resource guide. Dining at 5 event, which is an evening meal site event was well attended. The office had a meeting with ContinuUs to discuss enrollment/disenrollment, issues were worked through region wide at this meeting. The office has several presentations with community partners coming up. The Stepping On classes have been completed.

Baraboo: The office is preparing for the 2017 budget. A 77% staff person has been requested in the 2017 budget. Susan has been tracking the staff overtime (500 hours between 5 exempt staff) and the percentage of increase in customers from last year is (20%) they will also be removing the EBS from the ADRC GPR budget. The request is that tax levy pay for the two EBS positions to free up funding for the 77% I&A staff person. A caregiver evening was held. The school district asked for ADRC help to form a support group for grandparents as parents.'

Regional: 2017 meeting dates handed out.

Citizen Comments: None.

Next meeting date: December 9, 2016

Other Discussion and Suggested items for Next Agenda:

Adjourn: Motion by Marie Rakow, second by Belinda Granger to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:24a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ingrid Kovars
Administrative Secretary