

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eagle Country Governance Board meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m., Friday, March 24, 2017 in Conference Room A&B of the Health & Human Services Building at 221 W Seminary St, Richland Center, WI.

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

Members Absent: Marie Rakow, Becky Hovde

Others Present: Char Norberg, Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber 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 Ken Schneider, second by Elling Jones to approve the agenda and proper posting. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bette Smart, second by Andrea Lombard, to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

none

Regional budget

Due to books not being closed for another week we do not have an exact number however it appears we will be closing the books with a surplus. For 2016 the Nursing Home Relocation grant was under spent and we have the opportunity to carry that over into 2017. Next month we will have a solid number for 2016.

2016 Regional Dashboard Report

Becky presented the 2016 Regional Dashboard Report and discussed with the board how dashboard reports are a powerful monitoring tool for the offices. Topics include unduplicated callers, home visits, MDS-Qs and enrollments, time reporting, etc. (next year we will call unduplicated callers = customers or individuals.)

Board Education: Dementia Care Specialist Program

Becky Dahl presented information about Dementia Care Specialists (DCS). There are currently 19 DCS in Wisconsin, serving 26 counties. A DCS has a special area of focus to support people with the disease and their families, ADRC staff, and communities to develop communities that friendly and supportive for people with dementia. Funding is ending at the end of 2017. With our growing demographics of those with dementia this would be of great loss to those counties. Statewide advocacy efforts are happening to continue funding the 19 DCSs and expand the program statewide. Opposing views are being sent to legislators between the Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of WI. Becky Dahl and Susan Blodgett held a meeting with Paul Rusk, the CEO of the Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance, to discover where their lack of support for the DCSs position originated. They learned of some tension between the Alliance and DCSs, a lack of cooperation and some turf issues were discovered. The Alliance also has a concern that a few of the evidence based programs the state has mandated the DCS. The Alliance would rather see the funding go to direct services like the ones they provide. With the vast amount of work needed in the field of supporting those with dementia the

goal is that we find a resolution to this tense situation to work in a collaborative relationship. A MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) may be a solution to detail best practices of collaboration. DCSs were awarded by grants. The state only had funding for 19 positions.

Regional Statewide Advocacy Actions:

Becky Dahl shared a letter to the Joint Finance Committee requesting continued funding and expansion of the Dementia Care Program, requested the board sign the letter. Motion by Donald Seep, second by Elling Jones, to have the ADRC of Eagle Country Governing Board approve and sign this letter and send it to the Joint Finance Committee and our legislators. Motion carried.

Becky Dahl also distributed documents relating to the state of healthcare in the national budget. Discussion of the cost of care in the future as well as elderly services and what will happen to Medicare.

Summarize Regional Updates – Office Managers:

RC: The office is piloting a satellite office in Viola one day per month. Working on Dementia Friendly Communities Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber met with the Ministerial Association and the Rotary Club. There will also be another Train the Trainer session with the Alzheimer's Alliance in May. At the local Health and Human Services Board meeting this month, the Board decided the ADRC Low Vision Support Group staff member will be laid off in June. This service will no longer be offered. Staff will go back to 40 hours per week in April. The Senior Expo will take place on April 9th at the Woodman Senior Center. The transportation program will be offering free rides to this event and advertizing such. Medicare maze is being held monthly.

Mauston: the Disability Benefit Specialist and Elderly Benefit Specialist attended Disability Legislative Advocacy Day at the State Capitol. The office is working on a volunteer appreciation week event and a newsletter article. Each of the mayors in Juneau County are taking a proclamation to recognize volunteers to their boards. The new intern has started. The new building has been approved and they will be breaking ground by the end of April. It is estimated they will be able to move in between January and March of 2018. The Star Times is doing an article on home delivered meals and will be interviewing a participant and caregiver.

PdC: The office will be piloting a satellite office in Gays Mills City Board Room Thursdays from 1:00-4:00pm and advertising their presence. A Powerful Tools class will be started with the local hospital and Grant County. There are six people signed up so far, they are hoping for 15.

Baraboo: none.

Citizen Comments: none

Next meeting date: April 28, 2017

Other Discussion and Suggested items for Next Agenda:

Adjourn: Motion by Andrea Lombard, second by Ken Schneider to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:03a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ingrid Kovars
Administrative Secretary