

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eagle Country Governance Board meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m., Friday, September 22, 2017 in Conference Room A&B of the Health & Human Services Building at 221 W Seminary St, Richland Center, WI.

**Members Present:** Vern Demers, Marie Rakow, Elling Jones, Bette Smart, Donna McGinley, Belinda Granger, Teresa Wolkowski, Ken Schneider, Donald Stirling, Becky Hovde

**Members Absent:** Lane Delaney, Donald Seep

**Others Present:** Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Susan Blodgett, Char Norberg, Jeanne Christie, 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 Marie Rakow, second by Ken Schneider, to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2017 Meeting. Motion carried.

**Citizen Comments:** None

### **Regional Budget Report**

Becky Dahl reported on the regional budget. The Managers and fiscal staff of the four offices will be having a budget meeting. This will be a time to answer questions and discuss the regional budget. Reclassification of staff in the Prairie du Chien office was discussed. Jeanne Christie and Becky Dahl will be meeting with the personnel department on this issue. Staff salaries were discussed. Succession planning was discussed for the regional manager.

### **Update on Integration Grant Application, Baraboo Office**

Becky Dahl reported an integration grant process has started to move the Baraboo office to the second floor of their current building. This grant would need to be spent by the end of 2017. Sauk County has been very supportive of this move. This looks like it is still possible at this point.

### **Continued Discussion on Regional Model**

Recap of discussion from August meeting and further discussion. The region is very valuable because it gives us a bigger/collaborative voice to advocate for our region and our customers. Moving forward it will be beneficial to have regional budget meetings with fiscal staff to remain transparent and keep questions answered. It was suggested this conversation be tabled until after the fiscal meeting. Motion by Ken Schneider, second by Donald Stirling to table discussion until October meeting. Motion Carried. The consensus is that we would like to see more checks and balances and transparency from the fiscal agent. The management team will report next month on the fiscal meeting. The relationship between the fiscal agent and the regional manager will be discussed as well.

### **Board Education: Highlights of Aging and Disability Network Conference**

Recap of the Aging and Disability Network Conference. Highlights include a lockbox grant for the opioid epidemic which the Richland County Health Educator has been awarded, Char Norberg and Becky Dahl are interested in doing an advocacy presentation at the next conference. Trauma informed care, AARP livable communities was well presented. The AARP website has a wealth of information.

### **Regional Statewide Advocacy Actions:**

Recap on CNA advocacy to maintain training hours at 120 versus 75 proposed to match federal requirements. This motion seems to not be going anywhere presently. We still feel it is more important to provide quality of care and increase wages in order to fill CNA positions.

A new health care bill is being proposed Gram/Cassidy/Johnson bill. This bill takes money away from Medicaid and seems quite detrimental to our consumers. WAN document was discussed. Letter to our senators was suggested. Organizations are coming out against this bill pretty strongly right now. Becky Dahl summarized letter in opposition to this bill. Motion by Ken Schneider, second by Donald Stirling to sign the signature page and send letter of opposition to all Wisconsin legislators. Motion Carried.

There is currently a proposed bill affecting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) that would change legislation away from civil rights and give businesses 120 days to make progress on barriers of accommodation. This bill makes the process very lenient for businesses with barriers and makes the individual with disabilities responsible for giving written notice to the business detailing how they feel discriminated and then site legislation of ADA in order to educate the business. This singles out those with disabilities and reduces their status as a protected class. All the responsibilities would fall on those with disabilities to rectify the businesses' wrong doing. This puts a great hardship on those with physical disabilities who would now be held responsible for educating the businesses they need to patronize. There are currently no monetary gains when an individual wins a civil lawsuit, the business is simply required to rectify the barriers. There are incentives to help businesses make their location accessible. Education to businesses would be great but not at the expense of the disabled individual. Char Norberg and Bette Smart drafted a letter for the board. Motion by Elling Jones, second by Ken Schneider to sign the letter and send to our legislators. Motion carried.

### **Summarize Regional Updates – Office Managers:**

**RC:** The Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) and Transportation Secretary will be doing outreach in the community and a clinic in Viola in collaboration with the Richland County Energy Assistance program. The transportation program is starting to do a route every Monday to communities with smaller stores for grocery shopping and a fall trip to a local orchard in early October. Stepping On classes are beginning and Tai Chi classes are being planned. Medicare Maze and Dementia Friendly Communities are taking place monthly. The Health and Human Services department had a de-escalation training, and towards the end of the year will have an active shooter training.

**Mauston:** The new building is on schedule and is anticipated to be move in ready in early 2018. The Nutrition Program meal site is changing to the American Legion. Dining at 5 is taking place the second Tuesday of each month and has been really well attended. Medicare Part D prep and outreach is taking place. Starting Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Information & Assistance Specialists will be doing Adult Protective Services intake in order to catch issues the ADRC is able to help with. The office is finding a way to make the Limited Time Employee a permanent position.

**Baraboo:** Medicare part D Clinics will be held again this year. Typically these see about 50 people per day and last year 700 people were seen. The Powerful Tools class is complete and the attendees want to continue as a monthly support group. GWAAR's Don't Mess with my Medicare presentations took place. There are proceedings to have a new dining site at the VFW in Reedsburg and a small grant was awarded for a breakfast restaurant model in Spring Green.

**PdC:** For Medicare Part D and open enrollment, the EBS and DBS are giving presentations and informing those from last year of services as well as advertising. Powerful Tools for Caregivers now has 2 leaders trained and gives tools and resources to caregivers. There will be an outreach expo with education and presentations at Hoffman Hall. The elder rights project and chair yoga will be at this event as well as music. As an Alzheimer event in October there will be a two hour session with a doctor from Mayo Clinic. Dinning at 5 has started and is very well attended. The satellite office going well. Transportation is busy and waiting to hear about grants.

**Citizen Comments:** none

**Next meeting date:** October 27, 2017

**Other Discussion and Suggested items for Next Agenda:**

**Adjourn:** Motion by Ken Schneider, second by Donna McGinley to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ingrid Kovars  
Administrative Secretary