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Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin
Location: Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry

November 13, 2104

Board Members Present: Joanne Leonard, Jim Hampton, Vernon Cahak, Bill Miller, Terri Sersch, Dan Sullivan, Larry Lebal, Doug Machon, Richard Hurlbert, Mike Feirer. Carl Vander Sanden and Loretta Baughan participated by phone in Merrill.

Board Members Excused: Jean Doty, Julie Webb, Sharon Rybacki, Vern Cahak

Others present: Linda Weitz, Jessica Gaedtke, Steve Prell, Mike Rhea

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:34am by Chair Joanne Leonard.

2. Public Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes from October 9, 2014

A motion was made by Mike Feirer and seconded by Doug Machon to approve the October minutes. Motion carried.

4. Education Item - Overview of Proposed Changes in Publicly-funded Community-Based Services

This item is carried over from the October Board meeting due to lack of time. Linda introduced the subject and gave background information on this item, reminding the board that the Family Care and IRIS programs are federal waivers to use Medical Assistance dollars for community based care. The concern from some groups is that the proposed federal changes to the waivers will reduce access to certain services. Mike Rhea, ADRC-CW Resources Services Director, presented some information regarding these proposed changes and how this impacts the Family Care and IRIS programs. Mike explained that the information we have received is that the changes include a better definition of “community based care”, in which Wisconsin has been a leader. Much of the concern regarding the changes has focused on vocational services and whether the new federal guidelines eliminate the payment for sheltered workshops as an option for vocational services. However, this is not clearly stated and there is a need for more clarification. Wisconsin prepared a proposed transition plan to the new federal guidelines and is waiting for a response. Mike shared information from different advocacy groups, who do not all agree on the best options for vocational services. The responsibility of the ADRC-CW is to be knowledgeable on the issues to be able to provide information to our customers and the community.

5. Executive Director's Report

In addition to the Executive Director's report in the board packet, the minutes from the Executive Committee's meeting were included. Linda highlighted some items in the Director's report. The Board members also asked a question about increase in suggested contribution price. This change is based on the need for increased support of the program, while keeping in mind the affordability for the consumer.

6. Discussion/possible action – Report from the Finance Committee

Larry Lebal reported on the discussion of the finance committee. All expenses were deemed appropriate. The group also began a discussion on a reserve policy and the tax levy. The Pro Card Policy is also implemented at this point.

7. Discussion/possible action - Budget adjustments

Steve Prell brought forward two small budget adjustments. The agency received additional funding in the NSIP grant and has also received donations above the projected amount. Those additional dollars are being used to pay for mileage costs. A motion to approve the budget adjustments was made by Mike Feirer and seconded by Larry Lebal. Motion carried.

8. Discussion/possible action - Approval of Applying for \$60,000 Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers (MIPPA) grant

This grant is for increased outreach to Medicare recipients and is similar to two other MIPPA grants that the ADRC-CW has received in the past. The intent of this grant is to offer additional funding to provide outreach for low-income and rural Medicare beneficiaries to ensure that they are able to access the benefits available to them. The grant is for a maximum of \$20,000 per year for 3 years. The ADRC-CW's 4-county region encompasses 7.5% of the entire state of WI. Due to the area involved, it is difficult to reach all geographic locations in our region. This grant would provide funding for a part-time, limited term employee to provide the extra outreach up to 20 hours per week. A motion to proceed with this grant was made by Bill Miller and second by Dick Hurlbert. Motion carried.

9. Discussion/Possible Action - Wausau building issues update

The analysis of the pool area has been completed, with multiple options presented, which was one of the areas delaying the decision regarding remodeling the building for the ADRC-CW. However, a final decision on the pool has not yet been made. Marathon County has approved a budget to repair the outside of the building to reduce the leaking in the area where the ADRC-CW resides, but no decision has been made regarding remodeling to make it a functional space for ADRC-CW needs. Linda put in a request to the state to see if we can carry over some dollars for remodeling expenses. If approved, these dollars could be used in 2015 once the Board makes a decision how to address the Wausau space issues. The ADRC-CW continues to pay rent for the space with no lease or agreement or no expectations regarding cleaning and maintenance. Joanne advised that we continue as we are at this point - informing the county about needs and concerns as they come up.

10. Discussion/possible action - 2013 Annual Report

Linda introduced the 2013 Annual Report. The purpose of this document is to report back to each of the County Boards. Linda has scheduled presentations to all four county boards. The Board approved of the new format used this year. The Board suggested that the Annual Report also be distributed electronically, which Linda will do.

11. Discussion/possible action - Canceling December ADRC-CW board meeting

The Board will wait until December 1st to determine if there will be a meeting, dependent on the issues up for discussion. Joanne mentioned that Executive Director surveys will be distributed to staff in December as usual.

12. Future Agenda Items & Location

- a. Succession planning
- b. Formal ADRC presentations
- c. Accomplishment of goals in 2014, determination of goals for 2015
- d. The location will be Wausau

13. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Miller and seconded by Doug Machon. Meeting adjourned at 11:07am