

Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin

Aging Advisory Committees Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2013

**Mission:** The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin promotes choice and independence through personalized education, advocacy, and access to services that prevent, delay, and lessen the impacts of aging and disabilities in the lives of adults.

Committee members present: **Marathon County:** Bob Beck, Dona Schwichtenberg, Pam Frary; **Lincoln County:** Margaret Robl, Bill Kolar; **Langlade County:** Barbara Lehrer, Jalaine Streng **Wood County:** Katie Clark, Marion HoKamp, Patty Ruder; **At large representatives:** Rose Boron

Excused: Beth Schulke, Vicki Faoro-Anderson, Lil Tower, Becky Huebner-Leu, Arlene Meyer, Jane Lange, Jacqui Stoehr

Others present: Linda Weitz, ADRC-CW Executive Director; Doug Below and Jennifer Cummings.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Linda Weitz, Executive Director, at 10:02 a.m.
2. Public Comments: Happy 85<sup>th</sup> birthday to Katie Clark. Many thanks for the delicious treats provided by Katie! Katie expressed her interest in transportation and hopes that options will be numerous in the future—her best birthday present.
3. Approval of Minutes – July 17, 2013: Motion made by Bob Beck seconded by Pam Frary with unanimous vote of approval.
4. Director's Report and Updates since Last Meeting:

Membership announcements: Beth Schulke, former advisory committee member from Langlade County, will be available to attend the November meeting. We have a Wood County vacancy. Please get the names of any interested candidates to Linda.

Management Team Changes: Sharon Davission, Director of Resource Center Services, has resigned from her position and we are recruiting to fill it. This is the first management resignation in the past four years and we are hoping to hire someone with excellent management skills.

Affordable Care Act: The ADRC-CW plays a role in informing the public about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and signing up for Marketplace Insurance, even though the majority of our target population, older adults receiving Medicare and individuals receiving Medical Assistance due to a disability, are not affected by the ACA. A discussion was held regarding the local efforts for community partners to share accurate information and make sure resources are available in the community to assist people.

Participation in the Veteran's stand down event: The ADRC-CW was invited to participate in this event by the Marathon County VA officer, Scott Berger. This is the first time it is being held in our service area and we are looking forward to the opportunity to reach out to veterans.

Other Updates: The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Caregiver Retreat will be held at Dales Weston Lanes on October 10<sup>th</sup>. We hired a new site manager at SSMH-Karen Tatro, who is doing a wonderful job. Medicare Part D open enrollment will be start soon and our Benefit Specialists will again provide assistance to those who need it, assisted by trained volunteers. We will be working on a new quality plan, which will focus on our customer survey process. Estate recovery changes, including divestment and spousal impoverishment laws, are coming. We encourage individuals to seek legal advice from an attorney who can give expert advice.

***2013 Goal Areas: Nutrition Program Review,  
Implementing Strategic Planning Outcomes***

5. 2014 Budget Update- This is the time of year when we complete our 2014 budget. As far as the nutrition program, we were aware of reductions due to the Older American Act (OAA) allocation, however, 2014 will see further reductions due to the sequester. To address these fiscal reductions in the nutrition program the following changes were made: 1) We kept the sites open, but reduced the number of days in White Lake and Pickerel meal sites. 2) The Wisconsin Rapids Parkview site was closed and individuals are able to attend other sites in that community. 3) The Antigo Parkview site manager resigned, and the decision was made not to fill this position and close the site, due to its close proximity to the other Antigo site and due to serving a high % of individuals under 60. 4) Per the direction of a new ADRC-CW Board policy, an RFP was issued for the meal contract in the Wausau/Marathon County service area. Lynn's Catering, currently serving Lincoln and Langlade Counties, was awarded the contract, with a savings of over \$26,000 in the first year and over \$103,000 in the next three years. These changes, listed above, adequately addressed our budget shortfall in 2014 and at this point, we do not anticipate having to make any further reductions to the nutrition program.
5. Board Strategic Planning – The ADRC-CW board is working on finalizing our strategic plan. The two strategies are as follows:
  - 1) How can the ADRC-CW provide better services to individuals with disabilities?
  - 2) How can the ADRC-CW deal with county, State, Federal funding fluctuation issues in the future?

At the next meeting, we will bring these issues to the advisory committees to determine a starting point.

8. Next meeting, date, place : November 20<sup>th</sup> 10-noon in Wausau.

9. Adjournment: Motion made by Bob Beck and seconded by Katie Clark. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 11:52 a.m.