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Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin Board Meeting
Location: 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill, WI
June 9, 2016

Board Members Present: Larry Lebal, Vernon Cahak, Doug Machon, Joe Hoppa, Jim Hampton, Bob Reichelt, Danielle Yuska, Tim Buttke, Sharon Rybacki and Jean Doty via video conference.

Board Members Absent: Mike Feirer, Terri Sersch, Julie Webb, Joel Lewis and Kevin Koth.

Others present: Alyssa Vruwink, Linda Weitz, Steve Prell, Mike Rhea, Erin Wells, Laurie Grefe,

1) Call to order:

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Doug Machon at 9:35 a.m.

2) Public comments:

There were no public comments.

3) Introduction of New Board Members:

Due to their absences, new board members were not introduced.

4) Approval of Minutes:

A motion made by Vernon Cahak, seconded by Tim Buttke to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

5) Discussion/possible action: Appointing a new member to the finance committee

Linda reviewed the responsibilities and duties of the ADRC-CW Finance Committee. Motion to nominate Tim Buttke to serve on the Aging & Disability Resource Center Finance Committee made by Bob Reichelt, seconded by Vernon Cahak. Motion carried.

6) Discussion/possible action: Report by the finance committee

The finance committee did not meet due to lack of quorum.

7) Discussion/possible action: Final lease review of Wausau office space

Linda presented a summary of the negotiated major lease provisions that she did not expect to change, in addition to the full 30 page lease that included some of the edits that were made by Marathon County Corp Counsel.

Jim Hampton asked if there was an out clause that would void the lease in the event of funding issues. Linda confirmed this clause will be included in the lease and will be added during the Corp Counsel's ongoing editing process.

Motion for Chairperson Doug Machon to sign Ghidorzi's Wausau office space lease after approval of the Marathon County Corp Counsel made by Larry Lebal, seconded by Bob Reichelt. Motion carried.

8) Discussion/possible action: Marshfield building update

Linda presented an update regarding the potential new office space location in Marshfield. She informed the board that she expected to bring a decision item forward fairly soon, and that to date the Marshfield Community Center is in the process of finalizing the design costs. Linda has not had further discussions with the Marshfield city planner and the city of Marshfield does not have a lot of the lease details worked out such as utilities and cleaning. Linda intends to meet with the city planner on June 23 to discuss lease terms.

9) Education item: Update on State Plan for Community-Based Services (Family Care/IRIS) and Impact on Customers

Mike Rhea presented an educational item on the proposed changes to the community based long term care programs, Family Care and IRIS. Board members received a historical overview and how their purpose was to ensure a cost-effective way to ensure eligible recipients remained independent, healthy, and live in the community as long as possible; as opposed to going into a nursing home or an institution. These programs eliminated waiting lists for eligibility; prior to Family Care, some counties had a 3 or more year waiting list for services. In 2006, the State decided to expand Family Care from the 5 pilot counties to counties throughout the state through a scheduled expansion plan. Later, the expansion plan was slowed, but today, Family Care is available in all but eight Wisconsin counties. The state contracts with 7 different Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to administer Family Care benefits. ADRCs screen interested customers to determine their eligibility for Family Care or IRIS. In addition, customers must be financially eligible, as this is a Medicaid program.

IRIS, which stands for "Include, Respect, I Self-direct" is a self-directed program in which the customer's functional screen results are used to determine an allocated budget for their needs. If the customer elects the IRIS program, they work with a navigational IRIS consultant in developing a plan for services which includes hiring their own workers. When an ADRC-CW Resource Specialist meets with a customer, reviews service options available, determines eligibility for Family Care/IRIS based on the customer's direction, both the Family Care and IRIS programs are presented as options to customers and the customer decides which program is right for them.

The recent budget passed by Governor Walker approved a proposal to examine a redesign of the Family Care and IRIS programs. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services was directed to create and submit a conceptual paper outlining proposed changes to the Joint Finance Committee. To date, the Family Care /IRIS 2.0 concept paper has been submitted to the committee and the paper is still in review and no action has been taken.

The proposed changes include a consolidation from 13 service regions to 3 across the state, which have not yet been identified. MCOs would be replaced by licensed insurance providers that would be referred to as Integrated Health Agencies (IHAs). Each of the three regions would have three Integrated Health Agencies to provide services in that region.

The new system would oversee customer's long-term care support needs, and would also manage customer's acute and primary medical care. ADRCs would continue to determine customer eligibility and present IHA enrollment options; however it is not certain what the differences between IHAs would be. If these changes as proposed in the concept paper are approved, a waiver will still need to be submitted to the federal government for approval.

Mike's presentation stimulated an insightful discussion by board members regarding the impact these proposed changes may have on the lives of individuals with disabilities, older individuals, and their families. Even though the concept paper changes have not been approved or implemented, some procedural changes within programs have begun that have already had an impact on families.

10) Executive Director's Report

Linda presented highlights of the executive director's report, including the number of Senior Farmer's Market Vouchers distribution and the quarterly community outreach update. She also invited board members to next month's annual All Staff's Celebration of Success on July 27th. The ADRC-CW also received the Security Health Plan grant that will be allocated to enhance direct referral processes with medical providers to increase enrollment and participation in fall prevention programs.

11) Future Agenda Items & Location:

The next meeting will take place at the Marshfield Public Library's Beebee Forum Room on July 14 at 9:30 a.m. Suggested agenda items: review of the draft fiscal policy, and discussion of security procedures for each office.

12) Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Reichelt; seconded by Vern Cahak. Motion carried and the meeting ended at 11:03 a.m.