

**Rusk County Department of Health and Human Services
Aging & Disability Resource Center
Advisory Committee Meeting**

The Rusk County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board held its bi-monthly meeting on April 18, 2020 at 1:29
<https://bluejeans.com/2469220556?src=calendarLink> phone at: 888-748-9073 or 844-540-8065

PRESENT: Kathy Walthers, Lindsay Ohmstead, Angie Harvey, Kathy Halbur, Mark Schmitt, John Smatlak, Jennifer Hengst, Alice Kesan, Sheryl Kisling, Kayla Poppe, Ashley Nelson, Jeremy Jacobs,

EXCUSED: Chris Soltis, Erik Stoker, Peggy Hraban, Kathy Mai, Ron Moser, Marg Ellmann

AGENDA:

- Meeting called to order at 1:29 pm by Sheryl Kisling.
- Approval of minutes from previous meeting with corrections. Unanimous approval by all.
Adult Services Report: Report attached
- Children and Family Report: 4 County licensed foster homes. 12 kids in care 6- in foster care, 6 with relatives. Unit on a rotation with 2 people in the office at a time. New worker starting on Monday. Investigations still occurring. 9 families in CST. CLTS- 27 kids enrolled, no waitlist. We currently have 27 families we are serving. Lots of changes due to COVID19, staying in regular contact with all of our families to make sure they have the support they need. Will likely result in us using less of our budget because of the lack of use in services. Changes happening every day, just trying to keep up with that. Disenrollments are suspended unless a participant moves into a nonqualifying residence, requests to disenroll or passes away. Enrollment to Long Term Care can happen for participants aging out but there needs to be verification of no gap or change in services for that transition and must be proven to the state, they will be reviewing all disenrollments during this time. We are limiting face to face meetings, improving access to teleservices
- CVSO Report: Jeremy Jacobs reported, Erik is working remotely from home, stops in periodically and stated everything is going as planned. New action from Sen. Baldwin to help people get services that were previously denied. Mark states he believes there was legislation to look at all claims that had been denied, also states there are likely less trips to the VA because many trips are being canceled
- Healthy Living Classes: ADRC health promotions, everything is canceled or postponed due to COVID19. Have dates in mind for the fall but nothing set in stone right now to see what happens. Peggy is working on packets to go to home delivery participants to see if they have a need for materials from AMP Aging Mastery Program with WIHA, will likely go into the Source.
- Advocacy: Canceled advocacy day, moved to next year. Date for next year is Tuesday May 11, 2021.
- Other – Staff coverage in the ADRC, trying to not have everyone in at the same time, have at least one specialist year once a week minimum. When they are not in the office, are working from home. Angie I&A had an emergent functional screen to get a community member into memory care. Getting several calls with concerns of having people come into their homes as well as people being alone in their home. Currently working on 7 functional screens, possibly setting up more. Kayla DBS – having increased difficulty with getting information from SSA due to their staffing changes during COVID19, doing her best to help customers with urgent matters. Lindsay EBS calls are slowing down but still helping people over the phone with what can be done over the phone. WABS annual meeting up in the air with extension of Safer at Home.
- Checking on if we need to vote on Nutrition information during this meeting as know that the Nutrition Committee has its own. Bylaws in place. To make sure we are covered for the freezer. 3 door freezer quit working, it was well over 20 years old. To fix it would have been 2k but weren't sure if they could find the parts or if it would fix the freezer completely. Decided to go for a new one, Sheryl Kisling, HHS, and Property preapproved. It was delivered today, \$4520.54 was the total comes with a 5 year warranty. Motion to approve Freezer. Motion Kesan/Hengst approved.
- Mark states Kathy Mai will not be a County Board member anymore and wondered if Kathy could now be an ADRC board member. Kathy Walthers states that she asked Kathy Mai and she is willing.

Meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m. Jacobs/Hengst; all in favor.

Next Meeting date is **Thursday, June 18, 2020** 1:00 p.m. at the LEC Ladysmith.