

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 December 19, 2024 at 1:00

PRESENT: Kathy Walthers, Angie Harvey, Fawn Armstrong, Mark Schmitt, Marlene Tuma, John Smatlak, Richard Tuma, Michelle Seator, Jeremy Jacobs, Mike Russell

EXCUSED: Alice Kesan, Shannda Ladwig, Mary Sue Timmerman, Mary Schneider, Lisa Strop, Keith Jacobson

1. Call meeting to order- 1:03pm Schmitt called meeting to order
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting. Motion: Seconded:
 - a. correction, 2025 instead of 2024, 02/20, 04/17, 06/19, 08/21, 10/16, 12/18. Motion to approve as amended: Mike R., John S. Seconded.
3. Public Comment
4. HHS- shift from Starlink to Brightspeed, fiber optic at \$40/mo.
 - a. Two new employees in ES
 - b. Current employee moving over to CF
 - c. IA interviews.
5. Aging & Disability Resource Center/Senior Services
 - a) ADRC
 - i. Advocacy- Medical Services-Mary Sue report- Sanford Merger- should have an announcement in January. Michelle Seator present for questions.
 - ii. ADRC Modernization Project Update (Signage)- Hasn't received finalized one from the state. Changes will be in place by end of February.
 - iii. ADRC Positions Status update
 - i. Information and Assistance Position- will have more info next meeting.
 - iv. Part D updates- Fawn- 241+ appts in the 31 days of in office.
 - v. DCS updates: Men's Shed, reviewed DCS Project Template
 - vi. Health Promotions updates: Stepping On Pilot, 2025 workshops
 - i. 126 unduplicated; 136 duplicated Health Promotion participants with a 20% increase from 2023 between the two counties. Rusk County having 9 new participants.
 - vii. ADRC Annual Budget- Reviewed
 - viii. ADRC contacts/enrollments- Reviewed
 - b) Aging
 - i. 2025-2028 Aging Plan Draft was approved.
 - c) Other
 - i. Other updates- Falls Prevention Committee (1/13/25)
 - ii. State resource directory live, not open to public yet. Barron and Rusk will keep theirs for 2025.

Adjourn: Marlene T motioned, John S seconds. 2:02pm

Next Meeting date is **Thursday, Feb 20, 2025**, 1:00 p.m. LEC

Corrected:

2025 Bi Monthly (Feb 20 LEC-1:00 pm, April 17 SC- 1:30 pm, June 19 LEC-1 pm, August 21 LEC- 1:00 pm, October 16 SC 1:30 pm, Dec 18 LEC- 1 pm- Potluck 12:30pm)