

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 21, 2023 at 1:00

PRESENT: Kathy Walthers, Abby Wendland, Angie Harvey, Kathy Halbur, Marlene Tuma, Mike Hraban, Richard Tuma, Mark Schmitt, Mary Sue Timmerman, Jeremy Jacobs, John Smatlak
EXCUSED: Fawn Armstrong, Shannda Ladwig, Kathy Mai, Mary Schneider

1. Call meeting to order Mark Schmitt 1:09 pm
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting. M. Hraban 1st, Smatlak 2nd
3. Public Comment
4. HHS- Allocation of money to fix East doors, new employees, community health assessment/plan- mental health, AODA, health disparities top concerns, Source Article Controversy
5. Aging & Disability Resource Center/Senior Services
 - a) ADRC
 - i. ADRC Moderations Project- Peer Place, Logo, Resource guide
 - ii. 2024 Reallocation of funds- new budget, funds to generate new part time position for I&A assistance
 - iii. Advocacy
 - i. Update Doors- Estimated start date January/February, fix cement around doors
 - ii. Sidewalks- Hraban and Timmerman to review sidewalks by Walmart, discuss with Doug
 - iv. Grants
 - i. CHW Grant (Funded until March 2025)
 1. State gave 100,000 to 3 counties: Barron/Rusk- referrals for high risk MOW customers (part time); Dunn- working with Hmong population (full time); Jackson- referrals for high risk customers, preventing APS mandates, ect and customers that may otherwise “fall through the cracks” (Full time)
 2. Growing Connections- (Alzheimer’s Association)
 - v. Fawn Coverage- Back Mid-February, Abby covering both positions
 - b) Aging
 - i. Aging Plan- Starting work on Next 2025-2027 (May 8th, 2024)
 - ii. Next Town Hall- Iteam partnership reach out, Medical Topic to pair with Health Disparity HHS- Marshfield and Prevea, potential luncheon
 - c) Other
 - i. No other updates

Adjourn: 2:22 pm, Marlene Tuma 2nd John Smatlak

Next Meeting date is **Thursday, February 15, 2024**, 1:30 p.m. in the Senior Center.
2024 Bi Monthly (Feb 15 SC-1:30 pm, April 18 LEC- 1 pm, June 20 LEC-1 pm-**note date change**, August 15 SC- 1:30pm, October 17 SC- 1:30 pm, Dec 19 LEC- 1 pm- Potluck 12:30pm)

This agenda was prepared by Kathy Walthers, Program Manager of the ADRC under direction of Mark Schmitt committee chair.