

**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 February 15, 2024 at 1:30

PRESENT: Kathy Walthers, Abby Wendland, Angie Harvey, Kathy Halbur, Marlene Tuma, Mike Hraban, Richard Tuma, Mary Sue Timmerman, Jeremy Jacobs, John Smatlak

EXCUSED: Fawn Armstrong, Shannda Ladwig, Kathy Mai, Mary Schneider, Mark Schmitt

1. Call meeting to order Kathy Halbur 1:31 PM
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting. M. Timmerman 1<sup>st</sup>, M. Tuma 2nd
3. Public Comment- Prevea no longer taking referrals, Rusk County Transit- has Mobility Manager that can help set up rides and give customers options.
4. HHS- talk of options for Prevea, healthcare disparities- press release
5. Aging & Disability Resource Center/Senior Services
  - a) ADRC
    - i. Advocacy
      - i. Doors- Handicap doors are in.- right on for estimate of cost.
      - ii. Save the Date May 14<sup>th</sup>, Aging Advocacy Day- Will send out registration when available.
      - iii. Next Town Hall- With Independence Your Way, M. Timmerman will send letters to elected officials, date and location tentative. Looking at May 29<sup>th</sup>. Topic Health Care
    - ii. ADRC Reallocation Funds- reviewed and update on the status of adding an additional Information and Assistance position.
    - iii. DBS Change- Abby transition to Barron Co.- last day March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Add is in the paper for new DBS.
    - iv. Health Promotions- shared upcoming classes.
    - v. Reviewed ADRC Report- Contacts and Enrollments
  - b) Aging
    - i. Aging Plan Assessment- Shared Survey. Asked group to help hand them out. Discussed the listening sessions.
  - c) Other
    - i. Update on Peer Place (Data system). On hold due to some issues. The plan is still to be able to start using it sometime in 2024.
    - ii. Other updates-M. Timmerman City called regarding sidewalk matching. M. Hraban discussed landings/plowing, K.Walthers discussed April meeting- there will need to be an election the chair will need to change and possible vice chair. M. Schmidt and M. Hraban will be done. Vice Chair K. Halbur will be done in June.

Adjourn: 2:47 PM M. Timmerman 1<sup>st</sup>, M. Hraban 2nd

Next Meeting date is **Thursday, April 18, 2024, 1:00pm**  
2024 Bi Monthly (Feb 15 SC-1:30 pm, April 18 LEC- 1 pm, June 20 LEC-1 pm; August 15 SC- 1:30pm, October 17 SC- 1:30 pm, Dec 19 LEC- 1 pm- Potluck 12:30pm)