

**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, 2024 at 1:00

PRESENT: Kathy Walthers, Angie Harvey, Fawn Armstrong, Jeannie Ollinger, Mary Schneider, Jeremy Jacobs, Kathy Halbur, Shannda Ladwig, Mary Sue Timmerman, Marlene Tuma, John Smatlak, Mark Schmitt, Sherry Wallace, Richard Tuma.

EXCUSED: Mike Russell

1. Call meeting to order 1:08pm Motion: Marlene Tuma, Seconded: John Smatlak
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting. -update to cost for internet \$25,000 and NOT \$225,00.
3. Public Comment- none
4. HHS -Children & Family Services employment down, looking at expanding parameters for wages and education. Accessible doors at senior center need to be fixed.
  - a. Veteran's column Source- requesting article to be benefit driven, starting with new VSO. VSO Retirement 8/9, 3 applicants qualified.
5. Aging & Disability Resource Center/Senior Services
  - a) ADRC
    - i. Advocacy
      - i. Date May 14<sup>th</sup>, Aging Advocacy Day – discussed how it went- Went great 7 people went to represent Rusk County.
      - ii. Next Town Hall- With Independence Your Way -We had a presenter for end of life choices and a Panel to discuss Health Care options. A video of the event is on Facebook and partners sites.
    - ii. ADRC Positions Introductions: Information and Assistance position- Virginia Jacobs starts 6/24/2024 DBS position- Jeannie Ollinger 5/20/2024
  - b) Aging-2025-2028 Aging Plan
    - i. Survey results- see attached
    - ii. Reviewed Focus points
  - c) Other
    - i. Other updates
      - Activities- Mary Sue Timmerman organized an art class at Flambeau
      - Kathy Halbur asked for Senior Farmer Market Vouchers Field Trips rides form RCTC. Shannda reported that the biggest bus through RCTC is retiring. Looking at transportation options. They will connect and work to see if trips are possible.
      - Commodities are now waitlisted for new signups. Only allowed 90 participants and have 91 currently. With 1 on the wait list.

Adjourn: Motion: Mary Sue 2:23pm Seconded by John Smatlak

Next Meeting date is **Thursday, August 15, 2024**, 1:30 p.m. at Senior Center  
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)