

ADRC Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 6, 2024 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Barron County Auditorium
335 E Monroe Avenue, Barron, WI

Members present: Kathy Halbur, Bob Anderson, John Smatlak, Rudy Walz, Louie Okey, and Vlad Sajka.

Excused: Sharon Rollins, Rob Ludwig, and Mike Russell

Others present: Jennifer Jako, Tristy Hopp, Terri Mikyska, Kathy Walthers, Mary Updike, Leanne Grover & Abby Wendland

Vice-Chair Kathy Halbur called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Introductions were made.

Public Notice Compliance: Tristy Hopp stated we were in compliance with the open meeting Public Notification Laws.

Approval of Agenda: Bob Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Rudy Walz, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes (May 7, 2024): Bob Anderson made a motion to approve the May 7th minutes, second by Rudy Walz, motion carried.

Public comment: None.

Elections – Chair, Vice Chair, & Secretary: Chair – the floor was opened for nominations. Nomination for Kathy Halbur, no other nominations, Louie Okey made a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kathy Halbur as Chair, seconded by Bob Anderson, motion carried. Vice-Chair – nomination for Sharon Rollins, no other nominations, Bob Anderson made a motion to close the nominations, and cast a unanimous ballot for Sharon Rollins as Vice Chair, seconded by Louie Okey, motion carried. Secretary – nomination for Rudy Walz, with no other nominations, Kathy Halbur made a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Rudy Walz as Secretary, Bob Anderson seconded, motion carried.

EBS Presentation – Leanne Grover & Abby Wendland: Leanne provided an overview of the Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) position & duties. This position serves 60 years of age and older with resources and assistance in health insurance, income support, social security disability, supplemental income, food share, housing and utility assistance and so much more. Leanne shared that she and Abby provide outreach and education to the community and answered questions from the board.

2025 Budget Discussion – Jennifer Jako: Jennifer informed the board how the budget works and that they will have to vote on the budget. She informed them that revenues include, General Purpose Revenue (GPR), Medicaid, other grants, and County Levy. Main Expenditures are staff wages and fringe. She also let the board know that Heidi Syvinski will be attending the next meeting in November to answer any questions the board may have regarding the budget.

Health Promotions Update & Caregiver Initiatives – Jennifer Jako: Health Promotions: Jennifer provided current marketing strategies handout for the board to review and give any additional ideas. Jennifer stated that Alisa Lammers is hitting all areas of marketing and is working hard to have workshops the community wants. Jennifer also provided upcoming workshops that Alisa will be providing. Alisa will be

attending the November meeting to answer any questions the board may have. Caregiver Initiative: Jennifer informed the board that Wine, Women & Dementia was great and provided education. Jennifer stated that Alisa Lammers & Trisha Witham have held Confident Caregiver series throughout the year and our last event is the Caregiver Skills Fair on October 8.

Advocacy: Jennifer informed them this is Barron County's 50th Anniversary for the Nutrition Program and Darby Smith put together an event and had 110 people attend. Kathy Halbur reminded the board to vote on August 13, 2024

ADRC Reports: Contacts/Enrollments – Mary Updike provided a handout with numbers from last year and this year and wanted to highlight that the cases are becoming more involved. Jennifer informed them the current data system will be going away when the state transitions to a new data system in the fall. The State is also transitioning us from a local resource database to a state-wide resource database.

Personnel – Jennifer reported Barron County that Kim Cobb retired in June and Jennifer Raddatz has been hired to fill her position. Terri Mikyska is retiring September 13 and Tristy Hopp has been hired to replace her position. Mary Updike retires in December. Rusk County is recruiting for a new I & A Specialist and a new DBS.

Director's Updates – Jennifer reported that they had an all staff training on July 25 and went very well. Jennifer and Kathy shared updates on each county's Aging Plan development.

Agenda items for next meeting – 2025 Budget and Aging Plan Goals

Next meeting – November 5, 2024 in Barron

Adjournment – Bob Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m., seconded by John Smatlak, motion carried.

Submitted by: _____
Rudy Walz, Secretary

Recording Secretary: Tristy Hopp

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