

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 20, 2023 at 1:30

PRESENT: Kathy Walthers, Angie Harvey, Kayla Poppe, Fawn Armstrong, Kathy Halbur, John Smatlak, Marlene Tuma, Mike Hraban, Richard Tuma, Mark Schmitt, Shannda Ladwig (virtual), Jeremy Jacobs, Mary Schneider, Mary Sue Timmerman

EXCUSED:, Kathy Mai,

1. Call meeting to order Schmidt- 1:02pm
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting. One change made that was correct in the handout given and Hraban and M. Tuma
3. HHS Update Jeremy Jacobs; APS Brenda seeing more financial exploitation both family and scams; Kaylee Bugbee – Environment Health Officer - Community Wellness Coordinator; Hiring Sanitarian in the process; Hiring ES position; CCS hiring 2 additional workers; VA-n/a
4. Aging & Disability Resource Center/Senior Services
 - a) ADRC
 - i. Grants
 - i. CHW Grant- status update Dementia piece done end of May; Nutrition piece until the end of 2023.
 - ii. Marshfield Grant Hopefully know this month or May if we get funding and if it will extend into next year; Kayla Poppe does Boost your brain and memory classes – Had viewings of Robin’s Wish and a local author, 39 people attended both Ladysmith and Rice Lake showing
 - ii. COVID Unwinding update May 1st, last meal site will be open; MA participants got letter telling them about their renewals
 - iii. DBS position DBS/CLTS split to 2 positions approved by Finance, goes to County Board on Tuesday. Kayla Poppe has given her notice; May 26th last day.
 - iv. Events
 - i. Independence Your Way Event speakers: Kevin Julien talk about scams; panel for Covid unwinding; many vendors will be present; at Indianhead upstairs; no registration required
 - ii. Advocacy day; topics – transportation, ADRC EBS, HDM, Caregiver Support
 1. Sandwich
 2. Register Live link and how to register on handout
 3. Transportation ride being offered – bus with Chippewa & Eau Claire
 - b) Other Kathy Halbur – talked about Senior Town Halls to talk about what is important to local citizens; Inviting State Senator Cory Tomczyk and State Representative James Edming to a listening session to start with at Dining at 5 in July. Mary Sue suggested calling their schedulers to see if they are available that date. Kayla talked about Disability Advocacy Day.

Hraban Motion to adjourn, Timmerman 2nd at 1:58pm

Next Meeting date is **Thursday, June 22, 2023**, 1:00 p.m. in the County Board Room/LEC