

**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 August 17, 2023 at 1:00

PRESENT: Kathy Walthers, Fawn Armstrong, Abby Wendland, Kathy Halbur, Marlene Tuma, Mike Hraban, Richard Tuma, Mark Schmitt, Mary Sue Timmerman, Mary Schneider, Shannda Ladwig

EXCUSED: Kathy Mai, Angie Harvey, Jeremy Jacobs, John Smatlak,

1. Call meeting to order Mark Schmitt 1:30pm
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting. Hraban motioned, M. Tuma
3. HHS- Please get the word that Public Health has survey until end of August anyone that lives/works in Rusk County that is works 15yrs or older can fill out. This helps with the 5-year Health Report.
4. Aging & Disability Resource Center/Senior Services
  - a) ADRC
    - i. Grants
      - i. CHW Grant- status update: non-renewal, ends December 2023.
    - ii. Event
      - i. Town Hall- went well, positive feedback, discussion of other topics- medical- have Prevea and Marshfield come, do we want to keep it after dining @5. Group voted yes. Do we want to move bingo to before dining? How often will we have town halls? Maybe twice a year? Depends on how many topics people want to have.
    - iii. Status update Parkinson's Disease/Lewy Body Dementia Support Group- 3 couples attending, 2 out of Rusk County. Word is starting to get out and think it will grow.
    - iv. Advocacy
      - i. Consider advocating for Health Aging Grants and OAA Funding- more funding for health promotions. Information for the bill was shared. Stepping On course starting end of September.
      - ii. Governor's Biennial Budget- approval for HDM, ADRC increase
    - v. Contact & Cases reports (reviewed)
  - b) Other
    - i. Aging Plan yearly review coming up with GWAAR.
    - ii. Discussed adding public comment to our agenda. Group said yes should be # 3 on agenda.
    - iii. Narcan vending machine trial.

Adjourn: Mary Schneider motioned, Mike Hraban 2:20 pm

Next Meeting date is **Thursday, October 19, 2023, 1:00 pm LEC.**

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