

**RUSK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

The Rusk County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board held its regular monthly meeting on April 20, 2017 at 1:00. In the Law Enforcement/County Board Room, Ladysmith, WI. The meeting was called to order by Mark Schmitt. Kathy Walthers, Lindsay Ohmstead, and Melissa Dixon were present from ADRC office.

PRESENT: Sue Selzler, Sheryl Kisling, Erik Stoker, Jeremy Jacobs, Kathy Mai, Alice Kesan, Kathy Silvernale, Peggy Hraban,

EXCUSED: Chris Thorson, Ron Moser, Lynne Stanger, Jennifer Hengst,

- APS reported: Good collaborative efforts with APS and ADRC. APS referrals to the ADRC are not declining. Community Link Inc. taking/communication for crisis plans. APS and ADRC are looking at ways to make sure that we utilize Elder Abuse funds so that they do not go back to the state. There have been some staff changes. Ted East is not the Administrative Coordinator. Jeremy is now the Director of HHS. There is currently an opening for Manager of APS. Information on the position and application is available on the website. Irene (IM Manager) retired after 42 years.
- CLTS: Sue requested approval for \$16,268 for a 17 year old that needs a van lift that opens from the rear. This is no cost to the county the funds all come from the state. Motion to approve: Kisling/ Kesan approved. Children's waiver at the state level went through a federal audit and is failing in all six criteria. Training and mass changes are coming. Four children are on the waitlist. Gov. Walker's budget removes the waitlist and expands the M/A card services. If this were to pass there would no longer be a waitlist across the state.
- Veterans: VA Choice is used to help veterans get to doctors' appointments in a timely and convenient manner by allowing them to use local medical providers with VA does not offer a medical provider close or timely. The application however has proven to be cumbersome. Erik is helping with applications. Erik met with the new Ladysmith Adult Day Services. Erik reported that they have an open house on April 28 3-6 pm. Alice reported that West Lake has it Adult Day open house on April 27th 3-7 pm. Both places offer care for adults in need of supervision and a safe place to be during the day. Adult day services to have VA pick up at least 2 hours a day.
- ADRC
- Aging Assessment (self-assessment) reviewed and asked for approval of assessment. Motion to approve: Silvernale/Kesan approved.
- Living Well with Chronic Conditions class starting 4/21/17 in Ladysmith.
- Legislative Advocacy session at 2:30 today 4/20/17 immediately following the meeting.
- Legislative Advocacy Day May 17, 2017 in Madison RCTC is providing a van and driver for 8 riders. If interested contact Kathy Walthers. We will leave from the court house at 5am that morning.
- Independence Your Way Event 5/4/17 9am-12pm at the Ladysmith Senior Center. There will be vendors, speakers, and free lunch.
- Discussed looking at different option for the Source so that we have more space. Sheryl agreed to join meeting to explore other options.
- Sip and Swipe Café grant to teach people how to use tablets.
- Knights of Columbus are taking application to assist elderly with yard work, raised gardens, and other simple needs. Applications were sent with meals drivers.
- Tri Cty ADRC Barron location hired a part time I &A specialist

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. Kesan/Kisling

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the LEC