

**Rusk County Department of Health and Human Services  
Aging & Disability Resource Center  
Advisory Board Meeting**

The Rusk County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board held its bi-monthly meeting on December 20, 2018 at 1:50pm in the Law Enforcement Center County Board Room, Ladysmith, WI.

PRESENT: Kathy Walthers, Lindsay Ohmstead, Jennifer Hengst, Jeremy Jacobs, Sheryl Kisling, Peggy Hraban, Kathy Halbur, Angie Harvey, Kayla Poppe, Chris Soltis

EXCUSED: Elizabeth Hanson, Ron Moser, Kathy Mai

**AGENDA:**

1. Call meeting to order at 1:50pm by Mark Schmitt
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting. M/S/P Hengst/Hraban
3. Adult Services Report – Chris reported that currently Brenda is working with 23 customers, moving care call to managed care; Brenda is managing 29 SSI-E recipients. She also reported that Brenda and she had recently met with a staff at a financial institution to educate them on what to look for in financial and elder abuse. The staff was so interested in this that they wanted to offer it as a class to their customers. Unfortunately that presentation that was scheduled but ultimately canceled due to lack of interest. However, that did not discourage the bank who will work with APS in a different marketing approach.
4. Children and Family
  - a. CLTS requests update – home with fencing project partially completed, will need to wait until spring to finish. No new requests at this time.
  - b. CLTS updates - New CLTS worker – Kayla Poppe
  - c. Review of the Annual CCOP Plan – no waitlist, will be organizing monthly on-going meeting group with staff and parents.
5. Veterans – Kathy read highlights from Erik
  - Total VA Federal Forms filed for veterans (Aug 1, 2018 – Oct 1, 2018) = 227. Fourteen Service Connected and Pension Claims filed. Drafted three congressional requests for assistance through Representative Sean Duffy's Office.
  - Facilitated admittance of one homeless Rusk County Veteran into the Veterans Housing and Recovery Program located in Chippewa Falls and one at King Veterans Adaptive Wing (in progress). Veteran at Chippewa progressing well, potential mental health treatment will be assessed. Veteran slotted for King, needs legal issues taken care prior to admission.
  - 11 Service Connected, Pension and specialized Claims finalized by the VA - Totaling over \$129,000 which directly goes in the pockets of Rusk County resident veterans and/or their surviving family.
  - Attended personal benefits brief with Rice lake VA Clinics management, received updates on Community Care Program, established CVSO direct contact points for specialty departments in the Minneapolis VA Medical Hospital.
6. Aging & Disability Resource Center/Senior Services
  - a) Introduction new staff – DBS Kayla Poppe, I & A Angie Harvey; both gave a brief biography about themselves.
  - b) Final review and approval 2019-2021 Aging Plan M/S/P Hengst/Kisling
  - c) Senior Care update –Lindsay reported that the state recently went back to the feds to renew the Seniorcare waiver asking for a 10 year renewal waiver (previously only a 3 year waiver). It had been approved through January 2019 but nothing further at this point. If senior care is not approved, it could trigger another Medicare Part D season.
  - d) Other Business
    - Medicare Part D season over with 600+ calls, letters, email, face-to-face meetings completed. Discussion about how Lindsay streamlined the process for clients this year and intentions for 2019 season.
    - Handouts on the recent ADRC surveys conducted by the state and the projected 2019 budget for the BRW ADRC.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. Hengt/Kisling

Next Meeting date is **Thursday, March 7, 2019**, 1:00 p.m. in the Law Enforcement Center Meeting Room following the Nutrition meeting.