

**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 June 22, 2017 at 1:00. In the Law Enforcement/County Board Room, Ladysmith, WI. The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Hengst. Kathy Walthers, Lindsay Ohmstead, Lynne Stanger and were present from ADRC office.

PRESENT: Erik Stoker, Jeremy Jacobs, Kathy Mai, Peggy Hraban,

EXCUSED: Chris Thorson, Ron Moser, Sue Selzler, Alice Kesan, Mark Schmitt, Melissa Dixon, Kathy Silvernale, Sheryl Kisling,

We did not have a Quorum for this meeting:

- APS reported: Brenda is working diligently with some tough cases. New Behavioral Health manager starting 6/26/2017 at 8 am; Chris Soltis. We have one customer that has moved out of Clark County facility and has returned to the community. This person has is doing well.
- CLTS: Email from Sue reported by Lynne: I do not have any requests for a one time high cost. We will be up to 6 kids on our waitlist for CLTS services. I have not heard if the Governor's Budget went through as to the elimination of the wait list for kids in Wisconsin. I do know that the State is not sure how they are going to handle this, or at least they are not telling us.
- There are changes coming to CLTS. 2 new things that came about today in our teleconference is the elimination of a disability requirement to get waiver services. They will provide more instruction later. Personal cares will now be assessed by Liberty, which becomes effective on July 1st. The state is working on upgrading some IT systems to streamline the enrollment process for children. Again, not a ton of information was provided, but they seemed pretty excited about it! We still have 15 on our list of children currently being served. 3 youth will transition into the adult world soon.
- Veterans: Currently Veteran's that are 100% disabled can use up to one acre of land that they live on to and not that they don't have to pay taxes on. There is a proposal to have this include people that are anywhere from 100% - 70% disabled have this tax benefit. Other states have similar programs and the taxes are prorated by the disability amount. So if you are 70% disabled you might have 70% of your taxes deferred.
- ADRC
- We still have two opening to meet our minimum committee member needed. Discussed that Kathy Mai has been off for over a year. Kathy Mai reported that she would be interested in joining again. Kathy Walthers reported that Liz Hanson is interested as well and will come to the August meeting. We would be missing a person less than 40 years of age yet. Discussed talking to Lindsay Brost (dietitian under 40 years old) to see if she would be interested in joining the meeting.
- Advocacy Day on May 17th went very well. We had 5 people from Rusk County go. We discussed: Medicaid (M/A) Personal Care rate increase, Continuation and Expansion of the Dementia Care Specialist program (DCS), funding for Healthy Aging Grants, Specialized Transportation funding. To date the M/A was increased by 2%; DCS is funded for 2018 with expansion planned to all counties in starting in 2019; Nothing new was added for Healthy Aging Grants and they have not voted on Specialized Transportation as of this meeting.
- Independence Your Way Event 5/4/17 9am-12pm at the Ladysmith Senior Center. Participants liked the new format of a half day. The prizes were very nice and people had to be present to win. There were 15 vendors, 35 plus participants.
- Aging Assessment approval was discussed and passed around. (attached)
- Discussed ADRC Contract Revisions Summary. (attached) Mostly minor changes.
- Looked over the Committee By-Laws. Each person took a copy to review. (Attached.) Some of the issues are: The name is Rusk County Aging and Disability Resource Advisory Board- There is no Rusk County ADRC only there is a Tri County ADRC; there can only be one Board for the Tri County ADRC- there can however be a ADRC (ADRC, Aging, Nutrition) Committee that is specific to a county. Next meeting we will discuss possible changes.
- Information shared on the American Health Care Act: Discussed the possible changes. States may get a capped amount for M/A and/or have cuts. Shared WAN Advocacy and information from the Hill. (attached)
- Next meeting will be in August on the 4th Thursday not the 3rd. (August 24th)

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m. Hraban/Hengst

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the LEC