

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

Nutrition Services held its regular bi-monthly meeting on October 22, 2020 at Following the 1 pm Nutrition meeting. At the LEC and by <https://bluejeans.com/7155322203?src=calendarLink> Phone Dial-in 1.408.419.1715 or.408.915.6290

1. **PRESENT:** Kathy Walthers, Angie Harvey, Kayla Poppe, Fawn Hryniewiecki, Kathy Halbur, Mark Schmitt, John Smatlak, Erik Stoker, Joshua Unterschuetz. Alice Kesan, Ron Moser, Shelli Scheffield Jeremy Jacobs, Shelli Scheffield, John Smatlak

EXCUSED: Peggy Hraban,, Chris Soltis, Jennifer Hengst, Ashley Nelson, Kathy Mai,

2. Call meeting to order by Mark Schmitt at 1:03 p.m.
3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting. Alice Kesan motioned, John Smatlak 2nd
4. **Adult Services Report:** Attached
5. **Children and Family:** Blinds- under \$1000, (saved \$1000) Bring high cost items to committee. Specified different with the state changes, within the regular range, anything over \$2000 (don't have to bring it to the state). Has to be approved by DHS. Audit- went well. 10 kids that were audited, 4 came back for errors. One due to typo, two for support pay through CCS, last-COVID using hourly instead of respite. Submitted fixes to the errors to move forward (due by Jan 15). Continued to have an increase in referrals and in children in the program. About doubled this year compared to last year. Parental payment: maximum that can be charged from the county. Start the conversation about payments. Some families are paying more than others. Average full-time employee would have a max of 36 person caseload. Very time consuming and other counties have support staff to help with paperwork. Kayla- should be 33% but is about 50%. Looking at maybe hiring someone new for the county (depending on budget). Mandated by the state, they determine what the income level is. Up to 350% FPL have \$0 parental payment liability. After 350% then 1.8% of service plan cost.
6. **Veterans:** New Business- Processing claims, getting backpay for veterans. Thousands of dollars.
7. **Aging & Disability Resource Center/Senior Services**
 - a) I &A changes:
 - i. Option Counseling: Go over options and documents conversation. Updates include a new form with two pages. Peer reviews. Extra reporting. Added to the functional screen.
 - ii. Functional Screen: Now: Note and send letter before the 30th day to notify them that the screen will not be done. They would be able to appeal it and take it to court come January 1st. Medical records can take up to 60 days. Average screens for the year: up 40 more screens. Angie- 5 screens a week.
 - iii. MCO changes: Two or three IRISes in the area.
 - i. Once screen is calculated, get a budget for the person. Starting next year, I&A will no longer be able to see the budget. Won't know until they decide on that program. Fiscal Employment Agency, in Rusk County 5, customer gets the choice of which one to work with. These agents will be giving out the money to pay out cares.
 - ii. Starting next year, I&As need to be retested for functional screen every two years.
 - iv. More: MDS -Q: referral for those who don't want to be in the nursing home anymore. Last week, MDSQs report had to be done by the nursing

home. Now IA have to do the report if they receive a phone call from the nursing home.

- i. Forward health changes, with suspended Medicaid. Not fully sure what that is yet.
- b) Budget (Tri County) Rusk County- HHS covers Liability Insurance (only one under another program). Helps us save funding because we share some of the same services (fiscal etc). Barron pays for marketing and outreach-did receive extra funding but chose to hire a health promotion employee for all three counties. Also, fiscal people are paid from that funding. Contacts/Enrollments- attached.
- c) DBS review: Last week, DBS review attached. Kayla is super-duper amazing and is going above and beyond. Jason is her program attorney (disability rights of Wisconsin). Monetary impact: \$726,577 (January-December 17th). Average full time: 60 open cases, she has about 500 open cases. Does have 28 clients that were above age limit because of open time between prior EBS and current EBS. Looking to expand DBS position to a full-time position. Use funding for that position instead of purchasing billboards and things like that. Higher level of persons with disabilities (about 15%) in Rusk County due to lower cost of living.
- d) 2022-2024 Aging plan: Draft due by July 202. First goal: Community Involvement- board members agreed to help distribute the questionnaires. We will still do listening, video, online postings, etc.
- e) Virtual Benefits of Bites on January 14th 12:30pm (Follow up from outstanding item from last meeting).
- f) ADRC Resolution: Was discussed at the Human Services Committee. Ron Moser motioned, Alice Kesan 2nd to endorse resolution to increase funds for the ADRC.
- g) COVID update: 2.5 months, health officer for Rusk County (Jeremy). 50-60 positive surge. Disease investigation, contact tracing, crisis standard of care, testing facilities and sites, isolation/quarantine. In the last week, down to single digit numbers in positive cases. COVID vaccines- 4 phases. 1- frontline workers (hospital), 2-LTC pharmacy program (staff and residents) and trickled down. State level decided.

Motion to adjourn: Halbur motioned, Moser 2nd at 2:45pm

Next Meeting date is **Thursday, February 18, 2021**, 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center Nutrition to follow.

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