

**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 October 19, 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, Lynne Stanger and Melissa Dixon, were present from ADRC office.

PRESENT: Jeremy Jacobs, Kathy Mai, Jennifer Hengst Alice Kesan, Kathy Silvernale, Chris Atwood, Elizabeth Hanson, Peggy Hraban, Erik Stoker, Ron Moser, Sue Selzler, Chris Kammerud, Sheryl Kisling,
EXCUSED: Chris Soltis,

- APS reported: Intensive Outpatient needed at LE Phillips. Preventative efforts to get person to a stable environment such CBRF or AFH.
- CLTS: No requests mostly for the rest of the 2017. Budget went through. The new budget will help with eliminating the CLTS waitlist. All children on the waitlist should be off by the end of the year. Lynne reported that she is working with the schools on transition. Schools should be starting transitions in to DVR sooner.
- Veterans: Erik reported that he has been working with many Veterans. New ID cards for veterans that provide discounts, passes, ect.... VA will be issuing new cards. Most Rusk County people have VA cards. Will be done through a website and most likely at Tomah and Minneapolis. The VA is looking at adding presumptive to those exposed to Agent Orange. This could be hypothyroidism, Parkinson like disease, high blood pressure, and strokes. Secretary Zimmerman coming to Ladysmith Oct 25th between 2-3 pm at the VMA. "Smart Recovery Program" is a new program where veterans can meet with peer groups for any and all addiction in Rice Lake and Hayward.
- ADRC: Chris Kammerud and Jeremy Jacobs answered budget question. The Kathy Silvernale motioned for month by month spending reports to be shared at meetings quarterly or bi yearly to update on ADRC and Aging spending. Kisling/Mai approved.
- Discussed portable printer, wheeled brief case purchase to help EBS with growing customer numbers. This equipment will allow the EBS to be able to hold events where 20-30 people at a time will be able to be served vs in the same time frame only 2-3 people would have been able to be seen.
- Reviwed ADRC Committee By Law and will make a motion to approve at next meeting.
- The 2017-19 Biennial Budget has been passed as 2017 Wisconsin Act 59. Items of interest included in the final budget are: On going funding for the Dementia Care Specialist program. Funding for the 19 existing Dementia Care Specialist positions is included for FY 2018 and an expansion to 24 positions is funded in FY 2019; Funding and position authority for two positions at the Board on Aging and Long-Term Care for ombudsman services for people age 60 or older who are receiving services through IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct); Changes to the Medical Assistance Purchase Plan (MAPP) and Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD) Medically-Needy Medicaid (MA) programs to expand income and asset eligibility and allow more working individuals with disabilities to get needed health coverage; A 2% rate increase fro Medicaid personal care (MAPC) in each year of the biennium; 50,000 in each year for Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at the University of WI Madison. A 2% increase for specialized transportation assistance for counties (s. 85.21 Elderly & Disabled; Transportation Assistance Program.); A \$297,000 increase for tribal transportation aids over the two year budget period.
- DBS- Lynne Stanger had her DBS Annual Review with her lawyer. Lynne is doing a wonderful job. Comments like: Good documentation and clearly understood notes, way above state average client services agreements completed. Very well organized and prepared. Good communication with her Lawyer and attends all required meetings. All and all a very good review.
- Kathy Walthers reported findings on have a publisher print the Source. Two publishers where interested. They would only commit for either a year or if they had enough ads to pay for their work. So the Source would go up in size due to ads but not give us any more space. We would still have to set up our pages and they would adjust them. Also, we would need to still distribute. This was discussed by the group and no more action on this subject will be done at this time.
- Shared ADRC Long Term Care/Contact Report 2nd Quarter numbers. (See attached)
- Leslie F. wrote for an Immunization Grant- that would Tri Cty ADRC Public Health Departments to conduct adult vaccine awareness and education.
- Chris Atwood announced that Home Health Program will end at the end of the year. No new clients will be seen after Nov1, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m. Silvernale/Kesan

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the LEC