

Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2019

The Commission on Aging and Disability met in conference room A/B in the Community Services Building at 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581

Members present: Sharon Knudson, Sandra Kramer, Carolyn Denman, Cindy Riley, David Scribbins, Van Nelson, Gary Peters, Linda Symons and Belinda Granger

Members absent: Virginia Wiedenfeld, and Paul Kinney

HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Tracie Lee, Kristine Olson and Linda Batten

Others present: Robert Sheire

1. Call Meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by David Scribbins

2. Posting and Agenda: Linda Batten verified the agenda was posted properly. Gary Peters made a motion to approve the agenda; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of January 9, 2019 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

- Sandra Kramer made a motion to approve the January 9, 2019 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Carolyn Denman seconded. Motion carried.

4. Board Education – Assistive Technology – Tracie Lee and Kristine Olson:

- Tracie explained to the board that Assistive Technology use is this years' process improvement project.
- Tracie and Kristine sent around to the board examples of different items/tools to help aging or disabled people. Some of the examples were: large print or larger playing cards, forks with a larger handle or a hole through the handle, a weighted fork, spoons with a larger handle, a non-skid plate, a plate guard, rope lights that can help a person see to get to the bathroom in the dark or other rooms, etc.
- Tracie and Kristine informed the board that the ADRC is partnering with Independent Living on this. They noted Independent Living has a wide variety of items to help people stay in their homes. Additionally, they explained a lot of these items can be found on Amazon.

5. DHS Survey Report on “The Impact of Family Caregiving on Wisconsin Employers”:

- Roxanne handed out to the board a packet of information she found about Family Caregiving in Wisconsin. She then went through this with the board and explained how this effects everyone.
- Additionally, Roxanne gave all the board member a sheet from the Alzheimer's Association about what the numbers are currently in Richland County for dementia/Alzheimer's and how the numbers will grow as the population ages. These numbers are based on people that are diagnosed. Most people think this number is much larger.
- Sharyn Knudson, Schmitt Woodland Hills Social Worker, informed the board that Schmitt is opening an Adult Day Care, in the near future. The hours will be Monday thru Friday from 9:00 to 3:00 to start off. If all goes well, they hope to expand the hours from 8:00 to 4:00. People that are interested in this would need to go through a registration process. To help save cost, the person would need to bring their own lunch.

6. 2018 Aging Plan Review and Approval:

- Roxanne reviewed through the 2018 Aging Plan with the board. She explained the process and goals that were either met or not met for each item. When goals were not met, she discussed reasons why.
- Sharyn Knudson made a motion to approve the 2018 Aging Plan; Gary Peters seconded. Motion carried.

7. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- Cindy Riley reported the hospital is getting Purple Angel certified and that the Operating Room at the hospital has been remodeled.
- Cindy further stated that Cindy Hanold and Deb O'Connell have retired.

8. ADRC Budget review:

- Roxanne reported to the board that the books have not closed for the 2018 ADRC budget. However, from what she sees. Everything looks good and Transportation may have a surplus.
- Roxanne said that so far the 2019 ADRC budget is where it should be for as far as we are in the calendar year.

9. ADRC Update:

- Roxanne told the board that we are still waiting for the new mini-van. She said the last she heard, it was being modified for the lift. She said that the new Pine Valley van will be coming at a later date.
- Roxanne reported to the board that there were 15 people that came to "Let's Talk about Dementia" in Lone Rock and 13 people in Richland Center, the final session will be held tomorrow in Viola.
- Roxanne said that on Friday there will be a Jobs Olympics at Southwest Tech.
- Roxanne will be sending two staff to Dementia Live training at the ADRC in Dodgeville. The Dementia Care Specialist grant will pay for this training.
- Roxanne informed the board that there will be Powerful Tools for Caregivers training in August and that she will be sending 1 I&A to be trained.
- Roxanne said due to a shortage in health care workers she is in discussions with other counties regarding their programs/lists for personal care workers. The hope is to have a list of qualified people as a resource for in home services. These individuals would not be county employees.
- Roxanne reported to the board there was a change in staff. Tracie Lee quit as an Information and Assistance person. However, she has been rehired.
- Roxanne let the board know that Senior Expo – Living 50 Plus at the Community Senior Center will be on April 17th from 9:00 to 2:00.

10. Aging Advocacy Day – May 14, 2019:

- Roxanne discussed Aging Advocacy Day with the board and requested that if anyone is interested in going to the Aging Advocacy Day on May 14th, to let her know. She said people can carpool or if enough people want to go, we can possibly have one of our busses take people.

11. Citizen Comments:

- Sandra Kramer went through, with the board, what is currently planned for the American Legions 100th birthday celebration.
- David let everyone know that he has been approached about getting on different boards throughout the state. However, at this point, he has not made a decision on if he will do this.

10. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms A & B of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581.

11. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, April 10 2019 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Sandra Kramer; Carolyn Denman seconded. Motion carried. ;

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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