

Commission on Aging Disability Board Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2021

The Commission on Aging and Disability met via ZOOM.

Members present: Sandra Kramer, Carolyn Denman, Belinda Granger, David Scribbins, Van Nelson, Virginia Wiedenfeld and Cindy Riley

Members absent: Patrick Manning, Linda Symons, Gary Peters and Sharon Knudson

HHS Staff present: Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, John Grothjan, Erna Dosch and Linda Batten

Others present:

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. Virginia Wiedenfeld made a motion to approve the agenda; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of March 10, 2021 Commission on Aging and Disability Meeting Minutes:

- Van Nelson made a motion to approve the March 10, 2021 Commission on Aging and Disability meeting minutes; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

4. Board Education: Project Lifesaver

- Roxanne showed a short video showing the benefits of Project Lifesaver.
- Roxanne said that currently there is one person on the program and that she received another referral yesterday.
- Roxanne reported that Project Lifesaver average time to find people ranges from 2 minutes to 2 hours.
- Roxanne said that the program is for people who wander.
- Roxanne also said that the signal from the transmitter signal is 1 to 3 miles.

5. Review Committee Terms:

- Roxanne went through each board members remaining time on the board.
- Carolyn Denman – term up in April of 2024.
- Sandra Kramer – term up in April of 2024.
- Virginia Wiedenfeld – term up in April 2024.
- Gary Peters – term up in April 2026.
- Van Nelson – term up in April 2026.
- Patrick Manning – term up in April 2026.
- Belinda Granger – term up.
- Linda Symons – term up in April 2026.
- Sharyn Knutson – term up in April 2022.
- Cindy Riley – term up in April 2022.
- David Scribbins – term up in April 2025.

6. Board Recognition of Belinda Grainger for service on the board:

- Roxanne reported that this would be the last meeting for Belinda Granger as her board term is complete.
- Belinda stated that she started on the board when Linda Symons was the manager of the Aging & Disability Resource Center.
- Belinda thanked everyone for everything during her time on the board.

7. Disability Benefit Specialist Program Update:

- Roxanne told the board that she would be reporting for Jodi Hines because Jodi is on another meeting.
- Roxanne went through Jodi's information from 2020. Jodi saw fewer people in 2020 due to the pandemic.
- Roxanne said because the number of contacts were down for Jodi, she helped Public Health with contract tracing and she helped with a number of other projects. Such as organizing/purging file and providing training to other Disability Benefit Specialists in the state.
- Roxanne then read a couple stories of people Jodi helped in 2020.

8. ADRC Update:

- Roxanne reported that the building will reopen on May 3 and that everyone must follow protection guidelines.
- Roxanne informed the board that we would have a DOT site review in May.
- Roxanne said that there would be quite a few programs coming up for the Dementia Care Specialist. Such as: Drive Through Memory Café and Savvy Caregiver.
- Roxanne said that the Caregiver Support Group might resume in June.
- Roxanne informed the board that Joanne Welsh is working on setting up the Welcome to Medicare schedule. However, each meeting can only have a maximum of five people.
- Roxanne told the board that she is working on setting up a play for August. It will be similar to Driving Into the Skid. The campus kitchen will be catering. This will be paid through the Regional Office.

9. ADRC Budget Update:

- Roxanne report that the ADRC budget is \$375,370 with \$61,458 spent and the Aging budget is \$97,424 with \$25,918 in expenses. However, you need to keep in mind that the Aging Budget has already received \$71,000 from the 85.21 grant.
- Roxanne said she sees no problem with either budget.

10. Regional Updates:

- Roxanne reported that ADRC is working closely with the Regional Dementia Care Specialist.
- Roxanne said other counties decided to go with the new state reallocation. However, after discussing it with Tracy Thorsen, it was decided to wait and see what happened. Because we are a Gen 1 ADRC, we get a higher rate than other counties. She said compared to other counties our size we have more contacts and programs.

11. Advocacy Opportunity: Aging Advocacy Online events

- Roxanne went through the Aging Advocacy online events with the board members. She said that if anyone was interested in being an Aging Advocate that they would need to email them.

12. Reports from Aging and Disability Organizations:

- Cindy Riley said the hospital is slowly opening and that they have more Swing Bed stays available.
- Cindy also said that the hospital is doing a Social Worker time study.
- Cindy reported that the hospital is doing a Suicide Task Force and looking at policies with the help of Northwest Connections and Myranda Culver.
- Cindy said that the hospital's Dementia Friendly Taskforce is back up and running.
- Verna Dosch reported that Richland Senior Citizens would have a brat stand at Bindls' on June 5 and 6.

13. Citizen Comments:

- Virginia Wiedenfeld asked when the Senior Meal site would reopen. Roxanne told her that conversations are happening right now regarding this. Roxanne said that the tentative date is July 1.
- Cindy Riley said that Richland County is one of the highest counties in the state for COVID vaccinations.
- Roxanne said that she thinks HHS (Health and Human Services) vaccination rate is 75 or 80%.

14. Schedule Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM and Conference Rooms A & B of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581.

15. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. was made by Van Nelson; Sandra Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Batten
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