



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSION ON AGING/AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD

ADRC AT LINCOLN CENTER
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM OR VIA
REMOTE CONNECTION
1519 WATER STREET
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

Thursday, March 7, 2024

4:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chair Jones Ferk.

Present: Eleanor Brush, Bernie Couthurst, Bob Gifford, Ann Hubbard, Cathy Jones Ferk, Lynne Kissner, Bob Larson, Judy Ordens, Mike Splinter.

Excused: Steve Fritz

Staff Present: Director Cindy Piotrowski, Nutrition Manager Kristi Cooley, Senior Center Manager Kate Giblin, Finance Manager Peggy Konkel, Administrative Assistant Heather Wynne.

Staff Attending Virtually: Caregiver Support Manager Tonia Simmons, RSVP Manager Lindy Vruwink, Assistant Director Maureen Miller.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 1, 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve made by Gifford, seconded by Splinter. Motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion or negative votes.

REPORTS

2. Vendor Report January 2024

Nothing out of the ordinary.

3. Budget Review

2023 ended with ADRC and ADC favorable to budget.

4. Resource Center Reports

EBS reports from Oct-Dec which is the busiest time or year with open enrollment. 650 clients served.

DBS served 138 clients from Oct-Dec

LTC holding steady at 855 clients enrolled as of January.

5. Nutrition Update

- Advisory Council Minutes 2.21.2024
- HPPP Grant Letter Form Budget Amendment

Advisory Council Minutes and HPPP Grant information shared.

6. Directors Report

The 2024 Community Resource Directory has arrived. While this is printed in conjunction with the United Way, ADRC Admin Rose Williams does a lot of work to coordinate, compile and check for accuracy.

March is Nutrition awareness month. Reminder that HDM is not just about food but also a wellness check. A safety check was done earlier this week after a concerning incident.

Nutrition dining site numbers are on the increase.

Pop-ups are very popular and the next 3 months' events are full.

Senior Prom in conjunction with the YMCA will be May 3. Dinner at 5 is also a pop-up. Dance at 6.

April 16 is National Healthcare Decisions Day. ADRC is holding a POA Presentation with Attorney Ashley Reimer, from Lauterbach Legal.

Current legislation is at the state senate and then on the Governor's desk. It allows a hospital to appoint a representative on behalf of a patient if there is not one named. Opposed by WMN, BPPD, Disability Rights WI. WI Hospital Association is pushing the bill AB 1088/SB 1027. Anyone can call the Governor's office to share their opinion.

New movie series, Tilting the Lens, Focus on Developmental Disabilities in film this month at Lincoln Center.

The second Puzzle Palooza has just wrapped. Another is planned for early summer.

ADRC Fest • The Sequel. May 22 from 12:30 • 5:00 p.m. Speakers planned to present on Ageism and the new legislative maps.

Suggest to have a presentation on the new voting machines.

7. Advocacy Update

Aging Advocacy Day is May 14 in Madison. If anyone is interested in attending we can have a group from the ADRC.

Disability Advocacy Day is March 20.

8. Reframing Aging / Ageism

- Introduction, Quick Start Guide
- Communication Best Practices

Reviewed handouts and watched a video.

9. Anti-Harassment Policy & Acknowledgement

Reviewed policy and collected signature pages. County Board Supervisors that are also CONADRC Board members are exempt if already signed for County Board.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

10. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- Request for special meeting attendance
- Approval of attendance of special meetings
- Special meeting attendance reports

Motion to approve Gifford and Splinter to join Senior Policy Advocates made by Brush, seconded by Couthurst. Motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion or negative votes.

11. Director Piotrowski to participate in Advocacy

Director Piotrowski requested to participate in Advocacy related activities on behalf of the Aging & Disability Resource Center.

Motion to approve made by Gifford, seconded by Hubbard. Motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion or negative votes.

12. Additional hours for DBS

Proposed 2 hour increase for DBS reviewed and discussed.

Motion to approve made by Gifford, seconded by Brush. Motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion or negative votes.

13. Nutrition Program Operations Proposal

Nutrition Program Operations policy update reviewed.

Motion to approve made by Couthurst, seconded by Kissner. Motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion or negative votes.

14. Senior Center Strong Bodies Equipment Limitations

Reviewed Strong Bodies equipment policy.

Motion to approve made by Hubbard, seconded by Brush. Discussion around liability.

Motion withdrawn by Hubbard and Brush.

Director to discuss with Corp Council and bring back to Board for vote.

15. RSVP FGP Recognition Proposal 2024

Proposal reviewed. Volunteers receive \$20 voucher for a variety of local restaurants to be used within a certain timeframe.

Motion to approve made by Kissner, seconded by Ordens. Motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion or negative votes.

NEXT MEETING DATE

16. April 4, 2024 4 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. made by Splinter, seconded by Hubbard. Motion passed by voice vote with not further discussion or negative votes.