



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, April 3, 2025

4:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Jones-Ferk at 4:01 p.m.

Chair recognized UWSP student Elle VandenElzen observing our meeting today.

In person attendance: Dave Adams, Eleanor Brush, Bob Gifford, Joan Honl, Ann Hubbard, Catherine Jones Ferk, Lynne Kissner, Bob Larson, Judy Ordens

Remote attendance: Mike Splinter

Staff in attendance: Director Cindy Piotrowski, Nutrition Manager Kristi Cooley, Senior Center Manager Kate Giblin, Administrative Assistant Heather Wynne

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Partner HP Letter

Reviewed letter.

REPORTS

2. Budget Revenue & Expense February 2025

Nothing to report on 2025

2024 update: 383,000 back to general fund, DHS grant for 162,000 and 95,000 in reobligation funds from GWAAR. The remainder is unspent revenue.

3. Vendor Report February 2025

Couple items of note: rebranding charges.

4. Resource Center Reports

- LTC Enrollment

LTC enroll numbers hold steady.

No! all reporting functions working on Peer Place

Change in reporting from people served to hours serving people.

5. Senior Center Advisory Council Minutes

Senior Center Manager Giblin reviewed Advisory minutes.

6. Reframing Aging / Ageism

- Century Summit V Report

Reviewed Century Summit report.

Director Piotrowski selected to be part of State Reframing Aging effort and the Senior Center Manager on steering committee.

7. Advocacy

- Press Release - Medicaid cuts hurt unpaid caregivers
- Medicaid Matters to Wisconsin
- Issue briefs that will be part of Aging Advocacy Day from WAAN
- WIHA's local Conference opportunity <https://wihealthvaging.org/healthy-aging-summit>
- State budget hearings

No decisions or announcements on Medicaid cuts.

Director Piotrowski invited to a listening session with Senator Baldwin.

Emails & messages left for Senator Johnson.

Plan to get in touch with VanOrden's office.

Caregiver respite is paid through Family Care, which is part of Medicaid. Without it some caregivers could find it difficult to stay in the workforce.

Reviewed Medicaid Matter to WI business fact sheet.

Reviewed WAAN issue briefs.

Administration for Community Living (ACL) was eliminated. This program includes Older Americans Act programming, Independent Living funding, Board for People with Developmental Disabilities. We think the programs are being put in other divisions in OHS. SHIP Grants cannot be used. We use SHIP for hiring LTE during open enrollment.

8. Directors Report

- Holly Shoppe Update
- Upcoming Events, Classes, PopUps
- RCCT wrap up & future plans

Holly Shoppe is back up and running after water damage.

April 16 Healthcare Decisions Day

May 30 2nd annual senior prom

RCCT wrapped up, approx 725 people attended multi-generational community events.

April 4 north entry doors being replaced

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 public comment ordinance and the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9. March 6, 2025 Minutes

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

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

State Budget hearing on April 29 in Wausau. Board members are welcome to attend with the Director or share any questions to be asked.

Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Day May 13. Request to attend at May meeting, but registration ends April 25. HonI requested to attend.

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

NEXT MEETING DATE

11. Thursday, May 1, 2025 4 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Larson, seconded by Brush. Motion passed by voice vote.