



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, May 1, 2025

4:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Excused: Dave Adams

Staff in attendance: Director Cindy Piotrowski, Assistant Director Maureen Miller, RSVP Manager Lindy Vruwink

Remote attendance: Mike Splinter, Caregiver Support Manager Tonia Simmons

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received.

REPORTS

1. Budget Revenue & Expense March 2025

Finance Manager not available. Piotrowski shared while it's still early in the year, things look good at this point.

2. Vendor Report March 2025

A number of charges for Rural Community Connections Task Force events.
AED charge for Junction City Dining Site.

3. Nutrition Snapshot

Reviewed snapshot.

4. Resource Center Report

Reviewed report in it's new format.

5. Advocacy

- GWMR Advocacy Update, April 4, 2025
- State Budget Hearing Update
- Senior Policy Advocates

Director Piotrowski provided a State budget hearing update on Tuesday in Wausau. Need state to be advocates with the federal delegation regarding cuts. Other Directors spoke about nutrition, falls prevention, caregiver supports, and ADRCs in general. Lindy will lead the Senior Policy Advocates meeting next week.

Received proposal from DHS for 2026 budget after last meeting. 2025 continuing resolution through September 30th. Administration is cutting programs regardless of continuing resolution. OMB document splits OM programming. Puts Nutrition into OCF and the rest into CMS. This will be difficult when it's in different departments. Trying to get it fixed. Proposal eliminates APS, respite, falls prevention, evidence based health program funding LIHEAP, Wiasman center, BPDD, DRW continue to contact legislators. Piotrowski reached out about AmeriCorp. RSVP and FGP are AmeriCorp programs. We know NCCC, VISTA are gone. No news is good news for our programs. We haven't been told anything is different.

Gifford shared there is a Town Hall on May 22nd with officials including Wiza, Reser, Miresse and others.

Ferk: Two people reached out to reps and were told to give examples of what's been cut that impacted them. Impression, you're fine because, so far, nothing has been cut.

Giblin: Spoke to VanOden's aide. Reminded them he's been here, he's seen this place, these are the people who will be impacted. Does anyone else want to attend Aging Advocacy Day? Starts at 10 a.m. in Madison. Director Piotrowski is unable to attend. Honl is going and suggested carpooling. Ordens will also attend.

6. Director's Report

- GWMR Board Meeting
- Upcoming Events, Classes, PopUps
- Federal Updates

GWMR Report by Chair Jones-Ferk. Discussed the same issues/concerns just covered in our meeting. Changes are coming but unsure of the impact and implementation. A subgroup met to make changes to the bi-laws. Daunting, detailed operation. History was important. Different worlds that people who benefit from GWMR come from and still need to develop cohesive services.

Director's Updates:

We are business as usual.

May is Older Americans Month with a theme of Flip the Script on Aging.

New program with UWSP on balance and falls. Registration through UWSP.

Senior Prom Friday, May 30. Mocktails, soft drinks and snacks after the meal for purchase.

SFMNP is back.

Dementia Awareness Week is May 12-16, a number of events being held. VDT if you haven't done it, eye opening.

Summerfest June 4 from 4-7 p.m.

Look for these & other opportunities in May/June POST.

7. Reframing Aging

www.reframingaging.org and <https://e4center.org>

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

8. April 3, 2025 Minutes

Motion to approve with amendment to change Honl attending Aging Advocacy Day, not State Budget Listening session, made by Gifford, seconded by Brush. Honl abstained. Motion passes by voice vote with no further discussion or negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

9. 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

Special Meeting Attendance: Motion to approve Honl and Ordens to attend Aging Advocacy Day in Madison made by Brush, seconded by Kissner. Motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion or negative votes.

10. SPARTA Grant

Waiting on this. Need further action from Finance.

11. ADRC Tornado Policy Update

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

NEXT MEETING DATE

12. Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 4 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Larson, seconded by Ordens.