



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, June 5, 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, Mike Splinter

Excused: Dave Adams

Staff in attendance: Director Cindy Piotrowski, Assistant Director Maureen Miller, RSVP Manager Lindy Vruwink, Nutrition Manager Kristi Cooley, Finance Manager Peggy Konkol, Administrative Assistant Heather Wynne

Remote attendance: Finance Director Jennifer Jossie

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

REPORTS

1. Budget Revenue & Expense Reports April 2025

- Financial Audit last few weeks.
- Starting 2026 budget soon.

2. Vendor Report April 2025

Nothing out of the ordinary to report on.

3. Resource Center Report

- Longterm Care numbers are steady.
- Can only report number of hours not number of clients. Will learn in July how to accomplish and will be included going toward.

4. Reframing Aging

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/03/health/elderly-treatment-aides.html>

- Discussed NY Times article. The perils of Elderspeak.
- Attended WIHA conference
 - o Keynote 1 was John McGivern who spoke on aging in a community.
 - o Keynote 2 was the national reframing aging program.

5. Advocacy

- Federal Budget

- State Budget

- Nothing to update. No votes. No changes. The reconciliation bill did not make changes. Reviewing recissions. Waiting for the Senate vote on the "Big Beautiful Bill". Many concerns about what's on the chopping block, but no decisions. Also working on the 2026 budget.
- The Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD) has their own advocacy person, Tami Jackson. Presentation every Friday morning.
- Business as usual until we know.

6. Director's Report

- Upcoming events
 - Update on past events
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- 2nd Annual Senior Prom last Friday, May 30
 - o May Nutrition Pop Up
 - o 100 attended
 - ADRC SummerFest held yesterday, June 4
 - o New timeframe from 4-7 p.m.
 - o Fed approx 218 people. Picnic menu: brats, hot dogs, broccoli salad, beans, chips, root beer float
 - o Music, games, door prizes, 50/50
 - o Identity theft presentation. The speaker will return in October to speak on safe Online Shopping as part of the Make A Difference Day Tech Fair.
 - o Splinter shared that the Register of Deeds office offers a service where they will contact you if there is any activity on Deed.
 - Upcoming events:
 - o New program Strummers & Singers - singing ukulele players.
 - o June 16 next popup at Feltz Dairy Farm - full
 - o Day Trip, Fall Train Ride filled very quickly. Planning to add a second.
 - o Stevens Point Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) voucher distribution has begun. Continues various dates through June.

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

7. May 1, 2025 Minutes

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

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

- #### 8. 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

Aging Advocacy Day Report

- Honl, Ordens, and RSVP Manager Lindy Vruwink attended.
- Met at hotel with district to go over training and current issues. Visited the Capitol and met with Senator Testin's Aide and Representative Meresse.
- Janet Zander is a great organizer with a breakdown of issues. Gave specific recommendations. Made strong arguments with numbers.

NEXT MEETING DATE

9. Thursday, July 2, 2025 4 p.m.
Reschedule?

Keep next meeting on July 3.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Splinter, seconded by Brush.