



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, July 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 p.m.

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

Excused: Judy Ordens, Mike Splinter.

Staff in person attendance: Assistant Director Maureen Miller, Senior Center Manager Kate Giblin, Administrative Assistant Heather Wynne.

Remote attendance: Dave Adams, Director Cindy Piotrowski, Nutrition Manager Kristi Cooley.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Property Fraud Alert Brochure
2. Special Meeting Submission Process & Ordinance Changes Memo

Property fraud brochure from Portage County Register of Deeds.

Reviewed Special Meeting submission process memo.

REPORTS

3. Special Meeting Attendance Reports (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

None.

4. Budget Revenue & Expense Reports May 2025

Nothing new to report.

5. Vendor Report May 2025

Senior Center trip charges: \$48 deposit for holiday trip & \$3,901 for fall train ride. Trips are self funded with an intent to break even.

6. Resource Center Report May 2025

Number of clients served is now included in report.

Staff are receiving some calls on Medicaid coverage.

7. Reframing Aging - <https://hbr.org/2025/07/your-company-needs-an-eldercare-policy>

Reviewed article.

8. GWMR Board Meeting Review

From Cathy Jones Ferk:

A lot is going on within the ADRC & the world that people are not aware of.

Worries: funding, budget, staff changes, workplace challenges with work from home.

Previous attorney responsibilities are no longer able to do so now have to share over multiple counties.

Focusing on preparedness, contingency, vigilance, advocacy.

Monetary implications - rental space. If work from home were to end, more office space would be needed.

9. Advocacy

Bill passed. We do not know what is in the Senate version yet. Expected to go to the president to sign.

Waiting for clarification. BPDD call is not being held on Friday due to the holiday. The next call will be on July 11.

Will share documentation when received.

State budget also passed. Bipartisan document. WIHA, Wisconsin Institute on Healthy Aging funds removed. Again, will share more details when received.

There are both state and local senior action groups for anyone interested.

10. Director's Report

- Reclassification
- Upcoming & Past Events

July/Aug Post available.

Nutrition pop-up Water Treatment Plant filled.

Fall Colors train ride filled 2 buses working on a 3rd.

New staff in the Resource Center: I&A RN started in early June and DBS will join at the end of July.

A new Evidence-based class, Bingocize, is looking for an instructor.

County strategic planning held the end of June for the next 3-year plan.

Reclassification: will be submitting for Lincoln Center receptionists from Class I to II.

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

11. June 5, 2025

May minutes were included in error. June and July minutes for approval in August.

DISCUSSION!POSSIBLE ACTION

12. Building Use Policy Update

Reviewed changes made to document.

Motion to approve made by Honl, seconded by Brush.

Discussion to change Section II. C. Decorations must not be permanent, use painters tape to attach to walls or use table top decorations.

Motion to approve with changes as discussed, made by Hubbard, seconded by Kissner. Motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion or negative votes.

13. 2024 ADRC Annual Report

Request to change Nutrition staff photos on page 7.

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

NEXT MEETING DATE

14. Thursday, August 7 at 4 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 4:54 p.m. made by Larson, seconded by Honl.

