



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, November 6, 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: Dave Adams, Eleanor Brush, Joan Honl, Ann Hubbard, Catherine Jones Ferk, Lynne Kissner, Bob Larson

Remote attendance: Mike Splinter

Excused: Bob Gifford, Judy Ordens

Staff in attendance: Director Cindy Piotrowski, RSVP Manager Lindy Vruwink, Caregiver Support Manager Tonia Simmons, Finance Manager Peggy Konkol, Administrative Assistant Heather Wynne

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

REPORTS

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

None.

2. Vendor Report - September 2025

Couple items of note:

Helped replace Amherst dishwasher for dining site there.

Outdoor tables ordered for Lincoln Center patio. Used the last of the ARPA funds.

3. Budget Revenue & Expense - September 2025

Nothing out of the ordinary for the current year.

This past Monday, the 2026 budget was adopted by the County Board.

4. Resource Center - September 2025

Reviewed report.

5. Caregiver Support Services

- Caregiver Roadmap Event, November 18
- Adult Day Center Report

4th annual Caregiver event happening on Tuesday, November 18 from 9:-3:30.

All board members welcome to attend all or part of the day. Learn about the program as advocates for the Agency.

Lunch included.

ADC review, admissions stable, revenue steady.

6. Reframing Aging/Ageism - <https://www.rrf.org/rfcs-chicago-tribune-op-ed-joni-mitchell-proves-why-we-should-look-beyond-stereotypes-about-aging/>

Reviewed article.

7. Advocacy

- GWMR Advisory Council & Board Advocacy Update - October 2025
- Social Connect awareness week next week, 11/9-15, 2025
- Speakers Taskforce on aging hearing coming up RE: scams with crypto currency
- Potential 50% FoodShare benefits for November but hasn't happened yet
- Director Piotrowski attended Representative Miresse's town hall last week
- Stockbox program currently not on a wait list.
- Discussed Next of Kin bill being presented by WI Hospital Assoc. Internist or hospital administrator making the decision. Director Piotrowski **will** share letter with Board.
- Another piece of legislation to share but is not experienced in Portage County, Insurance companies are grouping volunteer drivers with uber drivers which causes rate increases.

8. Directors Report

- GWMR Board Meeting Minutes - August 2025
- Personnel updates
- Upcoming events
- Recap events
- Decades Dance held in October at Sentry Theater was huge success! Discussion to hold a 2nd next year underway.
- Holiday meals November 13 & December 17.
- Tap Dance performance during lunch on December 10.
- Saturday, December 5 Holly Shoppe and Lincoln Center co-hosting ornament make and take event for grandparents & children.
- In the midst of Med D season. Always a very busy time.
- No grant writing for RSVP program Currently funded through March 2026.
- Second interviews being scheduled for Nutrition Manager vacancy.
- Will discuss reschedule next month but currently the January meeting is scheduled for the 1st. Check availability for January 8, 2026.

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.

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9. October 2, 2025

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

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

10. Policy Updates

- Food Policy
- Fire (evacuation) Policy

Food Policy for review and feedback. goes to Finance and purchasing before COA/ADRC board approval.

Fire (evacuation) Policy- updated ADC parking lot location. Motion to approve made by Brush, seconded by Kissner. Motion passed by voice vote with no further discussion or negative votes.

NEXT MEETING DATE

11. Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 4 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.