

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Waukesha County Human Services Center ADRC Advisory Board November 7, 2019

Present Committee Members: Judie Berthelsen
Pat Carriveau
Carla Friedrich
Sandie Heberling
Christine Howard, Chair
Wendy Johnson
Betty Koepsel
Susan Schweda
Sandy Wolff

Absent Committee Members: Paulette LaMountain
Phyllis Wesolowski, Vice Chair

HHS Board Liaisons: None present

HHS Staff Liaisons: Mary Smith
Lisa Bittman
Nicole Kelly

Guests: None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Pat Carriveau.

Public Comment

None

Review and Approval of Minutes from October 3, 2019 Meeting

Pat Carriveau called for approval of the minutes from October 3, 2019. Susan Schweda moved to approve the minutes; Carla Friedrich seconded the motion. All in attendance approved. Motion carried.

Educational Segment – Review of 2020 ADRC Division Budget – Mary Smith and Lisa Bittman

Mary Smith and Lisa Bittman presented the proposed 2020 ADRC Division Budget.

- Adult Protective Services
 - Use of Clearview Rehabilitation Center for less placements, has reduced expenses.
 - Added an LTE staff to complete Watts Court Ordered Assessment Reviews.
 - Total expenses are reduced about \$200,000 for 2020 budget.
- ADRC Community Services
 - Decreasing the age of eligibility from 65 to 60 years old for the transportation program.

- Home Delivered Meals numbers are increasing as the number of meals served at Senior Dining Centers is decreasing.
- ADRC Resource Center
 - The Resource Center is funded through state and federal grants; there is no county tax levy in this program. The majority of the money is used for personnel expenses.
 - Projected to serve 12,000 unduplicated clients in 2020.
 - Benefit Specialists helped residents receive more than \$5 million in benefits in 2018.

ADRC Manager Report – Mary Smith

- Acknowledged employees who received recognition at the Employee length of service event today.
- The Older Americans Act has been renamed the Dignity in Aging Act and it is up for reauthorization at the federal level.
- HHS is working on a new strategic plan for 2020-2022.
- The Find A Ride Network (FARN) project has changed its focus and will now focus on ERAs and their transportation program.
- The Heroin Task Force held a” Substance Use Among the Elderly” panel discussion for professionals in October. The event was very educational and well received by attendees.
- Elder Benefit Specialists are in the middle of Medicare Open Enrollment

ADRC Coordinator Report – Lisa Bittman

- November is National Caregiver Month.
 - The ADRC has educational information to disseminate to the community.
 - The ADRC, in conjunction with Public Health, is hosting a Caregiver Book Club event for caregivers.
- The Caregiver Connection Grant is advancing to the next phase, which will involve a consultant shadowing staff at all of the participating agencies to document the full process of evaluating care units.
- The ADRC has hired a new Disability Benefit Specialist.
- An ADRC Specialist resigned due to a family move. Recruitment is currently underway to fill this position..
- The Resource Center is starting to use a new electronic health system (AVATAR) that other HHS divisions have been using.

Health and Human Services Committee Report – Christine Howard

- 60% of the proposed 2020 HHS budget is state or federally mandates.
- The biggest issues in the full 2020 county budget are the elimination of a bus line and the closing of the Wanaki golf Course.

Other Business

- In December, there will be holiday treats at the ADRC Advisory Board meeting. The holiday gathering will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Adjourn

Christine Howard called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m. Susan Schweda moved to adjourn; Pat Carriveau seconded the motion. All in attendance approved. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Kelly.

Approved: Patricia Carrigan Date: 12/5/19

