

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Waukesha County Health and Human Services Department ADRC Advisory Board May 4, 2023

Present Board Members: Joel Gaughan
Betty Koepsel
Marj Kozlowski, Secretary
Susan Schweda, Vice Chair (left at 11:04 a.m.)
Judith Tharman, Chair
Pat Carriveau
Sandy Wolff
Roman Schulteis (left at 10:55 a.m.)

Absent Board Members: Donald Richmond
Pamela Franke

HHS Board Liaison: Mary Baer

HHS Staff Liaisons: Mary Smith (left at 11:04 a.m.)
Lisa Bittman
Amy Meyer
Sarah Pfeiffle
Trista Mathisen

Guest: Dan Driscoll – Waukesha County Veteran Services
Office - Veterans Services Officer

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Chair Tharman.

Review and Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2023 Meeting

Chair Tharman called for motion to approve the minutes from April 6, 2023. Vice Chair Schweda moved to approve the minutes as printed, second by Wolff. All in attendance approved. Motion carried 8-0.

Committee Business

- Veteran Service Office Presentation – Dan Driscoll
 - Waukesha County office is undergoing restructure with the addition of new staff.
 - Currently five staff, three completing VA recognized training offered through the state or region.
 - Training is extensive. Initial training will take 6-12 months to complete, basic proficiency will take 2 years, full proficiency after 5 years.
 - Waukesha County is the third largest in the state with 22,000 vets and 40,000-50,000 dependents.
 - New Oconomowoc VA outpatient clinic under construction at Olympia Fields will be 8,500 sq ft.
 - Only 30% of veterans meet eligibility for covered services.
 - Veterans must be enrolled to be eligible for benefits and the illness, injury, and/or disability must be from their service, or they must meet income restrictions.

- Other benefits include education opportunities through the state, housing modification grants, and allowance for home care, wheelchairs, scooters, etc.
- Average disability payment has increased 70% over the last 15 years.
- Triple the number of vets receiving benefits since the Gulf War.
- Referral collaborations with the ADRC for services.
- Congregate Dining Center – Butler Action Item
 - Smith called for a motion to relocate the Butler congregate dining site from Hampton Regency to Frontier Community Park Building. Koepsel moved to approve the relocation of congregate dining site, second by Wolff. All in attendance approved. Motion carried 8-0.
- Senior Dining Restaurant Pilot – Action Item
 - Meyer shared an overview of the senior dining restaurant pilot providing partnership and contract with a local restaurant, TBD, to provide meals of ethnic variety to congregate diners. This option compliments the ADRC Operational Plan.
 - Special menu options would be available on a donation basis with use of a voucher.
 - Diners would need to be pre-registered as a congregate diner through the ADRC.
 - Approximate costs for meals in other counties utilizing this model is around \$13 per diner, including gratuity to serve. Family members and/or guests would be responsible for the cost of their own meals.
 - Smith called for a motion to approve the senior dining restaurant pilot. Wolff moved to approve the senior dining restaurant pilot, second by Kozlowski. All in attendance approved. Motion carried 8-0.
- Community Needs Presentation
 - Chair Tharman and Vice Chair Schweda provided an overview of the Community Needs presentation that was shared with the Health and Human Services Board.
 - Gaughan shared that all presentations focused on similar needs, with a heavy focus on transportation and affordable housing.

ADRC Manager Report – Mary Smith

- Introduction of Sarah Pfeiffle, Marketing and Outreach Specialist.
- Introduction of Trista Mathisen, Interim Support Staff Supervisor.
- Smith shared an update on advocacy at the state level for additional funding for ADRCs and APS.

ADRC Coordinator Report – Lisa Bittman

- 1000 annual provider surveys have been sent out. 100 have been received back.
- Surveys go out for all services we contract out for.
- State legal counsel changed policy that determines who can sign for long term care benefits. Activated POA health care decisions only, not able to sign for financial programs.
- Guardian of individual can sign with special disclosed clause.

ADRC Coordinator Report – Amy Meyer

- Meyer shared the ADRC is completing the Accessible Transportation Ride Line and the Food Catering Request for Proposals
- Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15 – Scam Slingsho educational bingo about recognizing scams will be offered through community outreach.
- Farmers Market vouchers will be available beginning June 1, 2023.

Health and Human Services Board Report – Mary Baer

- Baer complimented Chair Tharman and Vice Chair Schweda on an excellent presentation of the community needs.
- Other concerns addressed during the presentation included:
 - C&F – workforce challenges, mental health and substance use issues, prevention, and early intervention.
 - PH – moving to PH 3.0. accreditation. Flexible and sustainable funding, data, and metrics analytics. Social determinants of health.
 - Substance Use / Mental Health – co-occurring illness. Support for certified peer support specialist, recovery support, and transportation.

County Board Report – Joel Gaughan

- April passed annual borrowing resolution per ordinance. Funds for capital projects.
- Waukesha County has safest municipal bond rating allowing good rates.
- Ordinance to authorize continuation of courthouse renovation project.
- Bids for phase II came in 15 million over budget from initial proposal. Passed 23-1
- Use additional \$5 million ARPA funds that have not been allocated, 5 million from next year, 5 million from fund balance.

Agency Announcements and Updates

There are no announcements or updates.

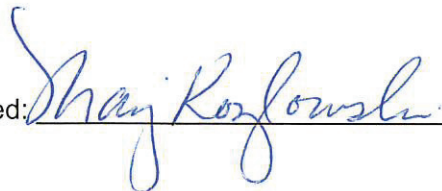
Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

Chair Tharman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. Koepsel motioned to adjourn; second by Kozlowski. All in attendance approved. Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Trista Mathisen.

Approved: 

Date: 6-1-2023