

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF WESTERN
WISCONSIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: 6/28/2011

TIME: 1:00pm-3:00pm

PLACE: Jackson County Health & Human Services Building

PRESENT:	STAFF/GUESTS:
Margaret Wood	Dean Ruppert
Dan Beyerl	Peggy Herbeck
Denise Lorenz	Erica Larsen
Dorothy Will	Beth Smetana
Grady Gutknecht	Todd Bowen
Jo Ann Nickelatti	Jackie Deaver
	Pam Eitland
	Jan Klousia
	Elizabeth Faulkner-Baldwin

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Margaret Wood, Vice Chair, at 1:05pm.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION:

Howard Garves and Don Evenson have retired from the board. One new board member has been appointed replacing Don Evenson. Monroe County is close to appointing someone to fill Howard's position on the board.

New board member, Grady Gutknecht is from Jackson County and is replacing Don Evenson. She is a retired senior and is currently serving her 1st term on the Jackson County Board as well. Grady is also a master gardener.

FUTURE COMMITTEE CHANGES/PLANNING

Dean Ruppert distributed a listing of the current committee members with contact information. Dean reports that each board must be based on percentages of the population served. Each county can follow their own procedures of how the board members are appointed. As a committee it was decided to not have terms, the terms of the board are open.

Dean reports on a letter from Diana Adamski regarding the governing board requirement. On this board, there must be a Native American representative. The board has until November 2012 to appoint someone and report back. This representative would need to replace one of the current DD representatives (Denise or Dorothy). Larsen stated that the staff at Jackson County have a good relationship with the Ho-Chunk nation and would be willing to reach out to them. Dean stated that the committee would discuss again next spring.

REVIEW OF March 22, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Dan Beyerl, seconded by Jo Ann Nickelatti to approve the minutes as printed.

UPDATE ON PARTNER COUNTIES

A representative from each partner county provided an update on activities in their county for Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe and Vernon County offices of the ADRC-WW.

Jackson County – Erica Larsen reports that referrals are coming in steady, and lots of outreach has been happening. The ADRC Social Workers are working on sending new marketing materials out to the community and have targeted 18 businesses. The bone scanning machine is finally fixed and ready for outreach. It will be used at the County Fair in August. In April staff attended the ADRC Conference. Social Worker, Jackie Deaver also took the AIRS test. Both Jackie and Social Worker, Abbi Goldsmith are now AIRS certified. While Abbi is on FMLA, LTE Robin Hoffman is working in the ADRC taking referrals. Erica Larsen starts her FMLA soon; Beth Smetana will be covering during Erica's absence. Jackie shared a success story with the group about getting a priority family care spot to provide a client with needed services.

Monroe County – Elizabeth Faulkner-Baldwin reports that La Crosse has been great at keeping them in the loop with all the changes from the new budget. Monroe County is working to get people enrolled as quickly as possible in Family Care and Iris. They have 3 Social Workers and 1 Elderly Benefit Specialist (still learning) on staff. The county currently has 75 open cases, and had 76 new referrals this last month.

Vernon County – Jean Klousia stated that they are very busy with intake; however the numbers are down slightly this month. Staff have been working ahead to get clients to complete the needed paperwork. The Vernon office had an ADRC booth explaining projects at NIATX. They had created 2 forms- (1) for what to do if you moved to Vernon from another county in Wisconsin. (2) What to do if you moved to Vernon County from another state. They have shared these forms with other resource centers. Beth Smetana of Jackson County commended Vernon County for their advertisements at the Fiesta Mexicana restaurant in La Crosse.

La Crosse County – Dean Ruppert reports that Jen Timm is no longer with the ADRC. She chose to stay with Human Services, but has moved to the Mental Health Unit for a supervisor position. They will start interviewing for Jen's position in July. The staffing of this position will be different in the future-Jen had the expertise of a nurse for the functional screen. There is currently an opening for a 0.5 Social Worker, however this position will change to a nursing position, and a new supervisor position will be brought on. Dean reports that Audra Martine is not here today as her father passed away this past weekend.

Peggy reports that they have known for 4-6 weeks that they would be capped out. For the last few weeks they will work from the wait list. There is a conference call with the state on Wednesday about how to deal with prioritization, wait lists and caps (waitlists start in July). The partners have made contact with 100 individuals over the past few weeks. Economic Support has also been extremely helpful by moving people through faster than the 30 day period. We are down to the last few days and will be between 1 or 2 of using all the available positions. The Agency is being proactive about how to deal with the waitlist in the future. They estimate 20-25 attrition spots per month – La Crosse will have the most spots but they will be split by percentages between the partners.

ADRC-WW Statistics

Peggy Herbeck discusses enrollment data for ADRC-WW from March 2011 – May 2011. See handout.

Peggy also discussed the call volume in Jen Timm's absence. Each year referral volume is growing. For calls 48% are regarding elderly, and 43% are from callers 65 years of age and older. See handout.

Met and unmet needs data will be reported at the next meeting as Audra Martine was not present.

Family Care Update

State is still seeking information and asking questions, however Dean states that they have not been taking the suggestions offered by counties. Dean stated that the ADRC audit looking at Family Care was complete and the audit found that Family Care was meeting its objectives; however the state still wants to control its growth. With the new cap we are only able to expand up to the attrition level. Nursing Home residents who have been there for 90 or more days on Medical Assistance can then be taken off family care which then frees up a spot. The state has 25 million dollars to deal with urgent need issues if there aren't slots available. However, Dean stated that they do not yet know how to access these funds and what will be defined as an urgent issue. La Crosse has been at full entitlement for almost 10 years but will now revert back to the waitlist. Chapter 51 and 55 individuals have rights to services; there is also a concern about the children aging out of the LTC system who will now go on a waitlist. These clients will lose skills very rapidly and cannot go into a Nursing Home. Pam from Vernon County added that we are still better off being in a consortia and entering into Family Care MCO because we are still providing better services than before.

Removal of Pre-Admission Consultations (PAC) Requirement

Dean shared with the group that this long-term requirement is being removed causing a big change in the access to services. PAC info has always been faxed to the ADRC to provide information on all the LTC options because the client chooses an option. Nursing Homes would fax this information prior to admission of a resident. Dean stated that the change is that now when admitted, the resident will receive an ADRC packet for the city they are in. This is more of an issue in Assisted Living because without PAC there is no neutral person to help the individual decide and there is no financial assistance available in Assisted Living. Dean stated that all ADRCs need to operate the same-we don't do discharge planning but help with community services.

Board Member Involvement and Feedback

Margaret Wood wrote a letter to Dennis Smith regarding the concerns with the Family Care Cap. She read to the group the response she received from Kitty Rhodes.

Economic Support will remain a local service – the ADRC relies on them heavily for the eligibility process. Dean stated that they have been working with the same partner counties from WWC to put together an ES Consortia.

Denise Lorenz shared information about a group that she is part of for DD individuals interested in college. The group is called Think College and is operated out of the Weisman Center. Denise stated that if you goggle Think College you should be able to find it, there is a nice video about the program on their website.

Upcoming Meetings/Topics

Margaret asked for agenda items or topics for the next meeting. Todd Bowen requested an agenda item about the Economic Support Consortia as it will be implemented on October 1, 2011. If the group has any more agenda requests they should email Dean Ruppert.

Dan Beyerl asked for information from the ADRC Conference. Elizabeth Faulkner-Baldwin from Monroe County shared that there was a very good motivation speaker. Erica Larsen from Jackson County stated there was a great Medicare presentation, but most was pretty job specific. Peggy added that there was a national speaker on quality talking about how working from the same framework we can deliver a quality product. Pat Peterson shared that she is on the planning committee for GWAAR and they are already planning the conference for next spring in Wisconsin Dells. Please let her know if there are any dates to avoid that will not work for people.

Next Meetings:

October 4, 2011 – Viroqua

December 13, 2011 – Sparta

Adjournment at 3:00 pm

The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Franks