

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF WESTERN WISCONSIN

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December, 13, 2016

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: Monroe County Human Services

Present:

Grady Gutnecht
Jo Ann Nickelatti
Kathie Tyser
Mary Von Ruden
Dorothy Will
Ole Yttri

Staff/Other Guests:

Dean Ruppert
Audra Martine
Pam Eitland
Todd Gunderson
Ron Hamilton
Chris Hovel
Laura Moriarty
Sue Rettler
Diana Adamski

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Grady Gutnecht at 1:05 p.m.

Review of Minutes from September 22, 2016:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on September 22, 2016 were reviewed. No corrections were recommended by the committee. The minutes were approved as written.

County Updates:

La Crosse Updates

The physical move of the ADRC/Aging/APS space is continuing. The new space will bring all staff together in one location on first floor of the building the ADRC has been in since 1998. An open house will occur on January 12 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Updates may be sent by email if information from the Governor's budget proposal suggests education is needed regarding services the ADRC provides. We are still awaiting the Governor's decision on whether he will declare 2017 as "Year of the Caregiver"; if he does, events will be held locally as well as articles written to support the initiative/build awareness.

We plan to focus on "Dementia Friendly/Capable Communities" by building relationships in the community with businesses that serve seniors, such as banks and grocery stores, and providing information regarding how to recognize and respond to someone having memory issues. Funding for Dementia Care Specialists is a statewide initiative to improve this type of education/support; some ADRCs receive specific funding to build this awareness through grants.

An update to the committee was provided in regards to La Crosse County's decision to give notice to terminate the 4 county ADRC partnership as of June 30, 2017. Many months have been spent problem solving technology, workload, and budgetary issues over the past two years. At this time, as the contract holder for the consortium, La Crosse County gave this notice in an effort to allow their county more ability to focus on the integration of the Aging and ADRC services; having the ADRC in a regional model has created challenges to full integration in the county. Jackson, Monroe and Vernon Counties received written notice from La Crosse County indicating the intent to terminate with notice given six months prior to the actual end date as the consortium agreement requires. The committee discussed this decision and how their specific counties were planning for the future of their ADRC models.

Jackson

Rowena Nelson is a new ADRC Professional in the ADRC. Tomorrow is the final day that La Crosse staff will be providing staffing for the Jackson office as Rowena is trained and prepared to take on the role. Sparta had also assisted with cases during the many months this position was vacant.

Remodeling begins on Monday to create a new ADRC lobby space.

Monroe

Monroe's ADRC office is just beginning the process of integrating with Aging services.

Monroe will be moving to their new space in the former Gundersen Lutheran building on Highway 16. The ADRC office, which includes Aging, and the Health Department will be relocating to the new space in mid-2017.

Senior Services/Aging services in Monroe County will become part of Human Services on January 1, 2017. Laura Moriarty, Aging Director, will take on some new duties in the ADRC.

Vernon

One staff who had been on maternity leave has returned. Each of the three social workers in the ADRC have full caseloads.

In mid-November, the Vernon County Board voted to integrate the Aging and ADRC under Human Services. The work to complete this process is on-going.

Pat Peterson, Aging Director, has given her resignation.

Statistics

Handouts were provided and reviewed that report the county-specific workloads in the ADRC. These types of reports will be used as individual counties plan for their future ADRC services.

ADRC Budget Update

Due to staffing shortages and positions held in 2017, the ADRC will have some funds available for carryover into 2017. Both Monroe and Vernon Counties have also applied for and received additional

funding for construction/remodeling that will improve their ADRC physical space as they integrate with their Aging services.

ADRC Future Planning

The committee further discussed the dissolution of the current ADRC model. The committee discussed the very positive relationships that the ADRC partnership has fostered.

Other Topics

Future/final ADRC regional Advisory Committee Meetings will be held on:

Tuesday, March 21st in La Crosse

Tuesday, June 20th in La Crosse

No additional comments.

The meeting closed at 2:41 p.m.

Minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

Meeting notes submitted by Audra Martine