

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF WESTERN WISCONSIN

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2017

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

Place: Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services

Present:

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

Staff/Other Guests:

Audra Martine  
Cheryl Neubauer  
Amy Simonis  
Pam Eitland  
Tricia Clements  
Ron Hamilton  
Jane Jackson  
Chris Hovell

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Grady Gutnecht at 1:12 p.m.

Review of Minutes from March 21, 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting held on March 21, 2017 were reviewed. No corrections were recommended by the committee. The minutes were approved as written.

County Updates

Vernon County Updates

Department staff are working on the final details of the single county/integrated ADRC and Aging Unit model. Policies are being drafted. Former ADRC staff and Human Services department staff are continuing to learn about Aging services. The State Department of Human Services staff have been visiting with Vernon staff often providing consultation as the model changes. The new board is being established.

Vernon County is appreciative of the grant received to help with the space and integrated model changes.

A ½ time Disability Benefit Specialist has been hired.

More signage has been ordered.

There will be an Open House at the ADRC on July 27 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Monroe County Updates

The ADRC will be moving to the new building in Sparta on approximately June 22; furniture will arrive on June 23. Computers are being moved on Monday so staff can work with the least amount of interruption as possible.

Initial grant received by Monroe County assisted with renovation of the new space/building; a second grant is being negotiated to assist with fixing the parking lot.

There will be an Open House in the new building on September 29.

#### La Crosse County

La Crosse County is completing second interviews for the Director position at the end of June.

Following the many moves that occurred in Human Services, the ADRC is participating in a committee to update the building lobby that is adjacent to the ADRC. Staff are also continuing to decorate our new space and create storage spaces that meet our needs.

We are closely monitoring the State budget and Federal budget as they go through committee work.

#### Jackson County

There are three applicants for the ADRC Director position. Interviews will be on June 23.

We will have one new ADRC worker beginning soon.

Disability Benefit Specialist interviews are also scheduled on June 23.

Jackson County is working on ordinance changes required due to the new ADRC structure.

#### Statistics

Handouts were provided and reviewed that report the county-specific workloads in the ADRC.

#### Review of ADRC of Western Wisconsin Successes

Discussion among the group covered many successes the four county ADRC partnership achieved over the nine years we have been together. These include the following:

A lengthy and detailed planning process that started with eight counties and resulted in 3 ADRCs being created from our larger region. The ADRCs of Western WI, Trempealeau, and Buffalo/Clark/Pepin were created in 2008.

Many grants, initiatives, and projects that our teams worked on.

The award from the Social Security Administration received by our Disability Benefit Specialists for being good partners.

The Advocacy Award received following the legislatures discussion to change or end ADRC services.

We felt we had many opportunities to be innovative to serve our communities well.

Having nine years to work in a regional model allowed all of the counties time to learn ADRC functions and was a good beginning to each county's single county model that will begin in July 2017.

Celebration of ADRC Regional Partnership (2008-2017)

The committee celebrated the partnership by enjoying fry bread and refreshments while conversing about regional accomplishments.

Other Feedback and Comments

No additional comments.

The meeting closed by Grady Gutnecht at 2:18 p.m.

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Minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected.

Meeting notes submitted by Audra Martine