AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF LA CROSSE COUNTY
MONDAY, 10-02-2017
LA CROSSE COUNTY ADMIN CENTER, 212 6th ST N, ROOM 2106, LA CROSSE
2:00 PM – 4:10 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Hammers, Robert Honeywell, Cindy Jensen, Rhonda
Staats, Kathie Tyser, Ramona Van Riper

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Andrea Richmond, Marvel Faherty

OTHERS PRESENT: Peggy Herbeck (ADRC Supervisor), Cheryl Neubauer (ADRC
Supervisor), Amy Simonis (ADRC Supervisor), Audra Martine
(HS Deputy Director)

CALL TO ORDER
Audra Martine called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

INTRODUCTION
The newly formed Aging and Disability Resource Center of La Crosse County Advisory Committee began its
first meeting by discussing the structure of both the Aging Plan and ADRC Contract service requirements for
the committee. The committee also reviewed the advisory capacity and reporting to the Health and Human
Services Board. We followed this by having each committee member introduce themselves. As a final part of
the introductory process, the committee discussed the term limits and appointment process. In order to provide
staggered positions required within the committee, 3 year initial terms will be held by Cindy Jensen and Rhonda
Staats, 2 year initial terms will be held by Don Hammers and Robert Honeywell, and a 1 year initial term will be
held by Ramona Van Riper; following the initial periods, all will be on a 3 year term; each individual may serve
up to two (full) terms as allowed by the Aging Plan. The two County Board representatives, Andrea Richmond
and Kathie Tyser, will serve 2 year terms that coincide with their elected terms, and may serve no more than 3
terms, per the Aging Plan. We have one newly appointed member, Marvel Faherty, who is unable to continue
with the committee due to personal reasons; a replacement for her will be sought and an appointment request
will be made to the County Board.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON
The committee unanimously appointed Andrea Richmond to the role of Chairperson. She had held the Chair
role with the Aging Commission prior to the committee merging with the ADRC Advisory Committee to create
this new committee. The group felt this would provide positive connections from the previous committee. No
vice chair was appointed at this time, however, the topic may be raised by the new Chairperson at a future
meeting.

ORIENTATION
An overview of the Aging and Disability Resource Center, Aging services, and Adult Protective Services was
provided to committee members. Advisory committee responsibilities of the committee were also presented.
Handouts of the presentation were provided and are attached to the minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY PLAN ON AGING
Edits were made to the County’s Aging Plan to update it in accordance with the resolution passed this spring
allowing dissolution of the regional ADRC and creating an integrated single county ADRC/Aging entity. The
edits included: naming the new advisory committee members and terms, a new organizational chart, and
staffing list. The committee unanimously approved the edited Aging Plan.
UPDATES
The recently passed budget for the State allows for expansion of the Dementia Care Specialist roles in the 2nd year of the biennium. Our ADRC is interested in adding a DCS role within our program when funding becomes available. Increases in the State budget for funding transportation and direct care services were approved.

The County’s budget has been set by the Administrator and is now being deliberated by the County Board. Passage is expected in November after further discussion and review.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
The committee would like to hear more about disaster planning within the county and how seniors and individuals with disabilities learn of safety factors. Also, the City of La Crosse has a committee working on plans for updating the Senior Center concept within the city. Our committee would like to learn more about the City’s ideas/plans.

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting. Audra Martine, Recorder