

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Calumet, Outagamie and Waupaca Counties
Regional Advisory Committee Minutes
November 11, 2021

Members Present: Karth, Jones, Van Frachen, Barkmeier, Jacklin, McCabe, Ruffolo, Renning, Olson, Golding

Members Excused: Moehn

Absent: Liggins

Staff Present: Kramer, Brandt, Bastian, Anderson, Esselman

1. CALL TO ORDER: Jacklin called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. QUORUM: It was established that a quorum was present.
3. ROLL CALL: Jacklin took roll call.
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Members and staff.
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Renning, second by Golding. Unanimous approval of agenda. It was noted by Jacklin that this meeting is not a closed session meeting per the 1st agenda sent out with Item 11. The meeting agenda was amended prior to the meeting. Motion by Barkmeier and second by Ruffolo with unanimous approval as to the removal of Item 11.
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ruffolo, second by Renning. Minutes of the September 9, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
8. COMMUNICATIONS: None
9. PRESENTATION: Carrie Esselman, ADRC Dementia Care Specialist, for the COW counties provided a Dementia Care Program Summary for 2021. Direct referrals as of 10/4/2021 were 59 for the 3 counties. Memory Cafes in partnership with the Fox Valley Memory project are being held in all three counties both virtually and face to face. Support Groups, Book Clubs, Presentations, and trainings have occurred in 2021. Esselman is trained in Powerful Tools for Caregivers; the Montreal Cognitive Assessment; Memory Screens; the DICE Approach; and Trualta. Esselman is also involved with state and local dementia groups, caregiver coalitions and other outreach activities.
10. ITEMS FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION:
 - A. Senior Technology Sub Group: Tom Jones provided the final results of the Calumet County Senior Technology Survey Results. 148 responses were received. Individuals identified scams, security issues and lack of internet access as concerns. Sixteen individuals provided contact information and were interested in receiving information on training. A little over ½ of those surveyed were not interested in learning more about technology. The others were interested in learning more but did not provide contact information. The Senior Technology Subgroup includes Chilton Public Library staff Glennie Whitcomb and Rebecca Barry. The library received a \$5000 technology grant and will be offering classes 1-2 per month, 12 per class at the Chilton Public Library. How To Use a Smart Phone will be one of the class topics. The grant dollars purchased 20 Google Chrome books for check out. The individuals that provided contact information will receive a post card inviting them to the classes. Kramer and Jones will be meeting with the Community Foundation regarding other potential grants. A broadband access survey was conducted by the NE Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. The Apple watch has a feature for falls and seizures.

- B. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES AND REPORTS: None
- C. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION: Nancy Krueger, ADRC Health and Wellness Coordinator, will report at the January 13, 2022 meeting. The list of health and wellness classes are on the Regional ADRC website under the Health and Wellness link at www.yourADRCresource.org
- D. 2022 Meeting Dates: Motion by Barkmeier, second by Ruffolo, unanimous approval for the 2022 meeting dates as follows at 2:00 p.m. at the Outagamie County ADRC office: January 13; March 10; May 12; July 14; September 8; and November 10.
- E. A. REPORT OF AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BY COUNTY:
- CALUMET: Kramer reported on behalf of Dewhurst. Jodi Kautzer will begin employment on November 22nd as the new Elder Benefit Specialist in Calumet County. Kautzer worked for the Calumet County Economic Support Department for 23 years. Kautzer is experienced with MA eligibility and long term care enrollments for the elderly and disabled. The ADRC Connect newsletter has been mailed to all committee members. Kathy Groeschel continues as the Elder Benefit Specialist along with her new role as the Aging Supervisor.
- OUTAGAMIE: Brandt reported that walk in customers have increased adding to phone and e-mail activity. The Elder Benefit Specialists are busy with Medicare Open Enrollment which is from October 15th through December 7th. This is the time of year to review Part D, Medicare Advantage Plans and Prescription Drug Plans. The 2022 Outagamie Resource Directories will be available very soon for distribution. The online directory is available through the Regional and Outagamie county websites. Referrals from nursing homes occur through MDSQ referrals. Brandt and Denise Engel, Community Living Specialist, access the MDSQ referrals for the COW counties and then forward them to the appropriate counties. There have been some “hiccups” with the process that haven’t been worked out yet by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.
- WAUPACA: Anderson reported that both the Elder Benefit Specialist and the Disability Benefit Specialist have been very busy with Medicare Open Enrollment. The Waupaca Resource Directory has been published. The ADRC Connection Autumn addition has been published and mailed to committee members. The November 5th Caregiver Conference scheduled at the Waupaca Senior Center has been canceled due to lack of attendance and restructuring of the Caregiver Coalition Committee.
- B. Kramer reported that discussions are occurring regarding the \$40,000 allocated to the Regional ADRC for an additional 20 hour a week Dementia Care Specialist. The position will be hired in early 2022.
11. MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion by Golding, second by Renning to adjourn. Unanimous approval.

Next Meeting: January 13, 2022 2:00 p.m. Outagamie County ADRC 320 S. Walnut St. Appleton, WI 54911. Attendance may be face to face or virtual

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