

**ADRC BOARD/COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES  
MAY 9, 2011**

*THE FOLLOWING MINUTES HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE TO WHICH THEY PERTAIN*

**PRESENT:** Pat Treffert, Suzanne Bruner, Paul Gurgel, James Fisher, Karen Nadolski, and Donna Kolanko

**EXCUSED:** Stan Suring

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michelle Pike, Director of ADRC, Tara Meinnert, Office Assistant, and Tom Meaux, County Administrator

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Pat Treffert called the meeting to order at 9:01a.m.

**ASSURANCE THAT THE MEETING HAS BEEN PROPERLY NOTICED:** Ms. Meinnert indicated that the meeting had been properly noticed.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** *On a motion by Suzanne Bruner and a second by James Fisher, the agenda was adopted.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *On a motion by Karen Nadolski and a second by Paul Gurgel, the minutes from the meeting on 3/14/11 were approved.*

**❖ ADRC ACTION ITEMS:**

- Request for approval to fill role of Elderly Benefit Specialist prior to Oct of 2011
  - Ms. Pike explained that the budget includes funding for an additional Elderly Benefit Specialist position, with a start date of October 2011. This position was created in anticipation of an employee retirement as part of transition planning and to allow for Medicare Part D enrollment in November 2011. We have since learned that the Federal Government is moving the Medicare Part D enrollment period to September of 2011. This will require the new EBS to begin working with clients earlier than expected.
  - Ms. Pike further explained that due to seniority issues, the ADRC has an individual previously contracted out to Family Care who will be bumping into the ADRC as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. By filling the EBS position early, this will also allow the individual who would have been bumped out of her ADRC position to move into the role of Elderly Benefit Specialist.

***On a motion by James Fisher and a second by Paul Gurgel the request to fill role of Elderly Benefit Specialist prior to Oct of 2011 was unanimously approved.***

❖ **ADRC DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Proposed Changes in Family Care will affect ADRC Enrollments
  - Ms. Pike reported that the 2011-2013 proposed State budget calls for caps for all the Long Term Care publicly funded programs (Family Care, IRIS, and Partnership). If the budget passes as is, enrollments may only happen as attrition occurs. Ms. Pike shared an interesting statistic – in 2009 and 2010, an average of 15 people were added monthly to the wait list for Long Term Care while an average of 5 people disenrolled per month due to death or a move out of county. If this rate continues for the next two years, the ADRC could potentially add approximately 10 individuals to the waiting list per month to have a total of over 200 individuals waiting for service by the end of 2013. It is expected that the ADRC may see more incidents of Adult Protective Service cases and higher incidences of cases that involve individuals with mental health and chronic health conditions. Ms. Pike stressed that the waiting list will have to be reviewed to make sure priorities to the wait list are firmed up and agreed upon by board members. It was asked by board members to bring the current Family Care Wait List policy to next meeting for review.
  
- Report from those that traveled to Milwaukee for the Joint Finance Committee Meetings
  - Ms. Pike reported that she, Pat Treffert, Suzanne Bruner, and Mary Ferrell were able to attend the public meeting of Joint Finance Committee at State Fair Park in April. The venue for this forum was not conducive to being user friendly. The sound system made it very difficult to hear. The portion of the hearings this group observed was not contentious although it was early in the day and the hearing was scheduled to run through the early evening.
  
- Report from CWAG's District 2B Spring Meeting
  - Ms. Pike and Ms. Ferrell attended meeting held in Waukesha – topics of discussion were SeniorCare, Family Care, Elderly Benefit Specialist program, and Elderly and Disabled Transportation program. Nino Amatto – the Director of CWAG was very well spoken and provided a lot of valuable information and materials to the group.
  
- Update on filling ADRC board seat representing the Physically Disabled vacated by John Hilber
  - Ms. Pike reported that an ad was placed in our newsletter Facts for Life asking for candidates who are interested in serving on the board. County Administrator Tom Meaux and Michelle Pike will interview candidates in the upcoming weeks.
  
- Update on new committee members and structure for Health and Human Services
  - Ms. Pike reported that Ozaukee County Board has moved the oversight of Aging and Long Term Care programs to the Health and Human Services Committee as part of the restructuring process. Current members of the Health and Human Services Committee are Dan Becker, Carl Hertz, Sandy Wirth, Cindy Bock, Mark Cronce, and Katie Callen.

❖ **AGING SERVICES DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- None

## ❖ REPORTS:

### Developmentally Disabilities Representative Report:

- Ms. Nadolski (reporting on behalf of Balance, Inc.)
  - The members of First Congregational Church in Port Washington are helping to prepare meals for clients of Balance, Inc. These donated meals help clients stretch their limited funds; some members also help clients in other ways such as grocery shopping. Craig Modahl, Director of Balance and ordained minister at First Congregational Church, would like to expand this program and other efforts beyond his church; federal and state funds for Balance programs have been slashed 40% within the last two years.
  - Balance, Inc. received \$2500 from Ozaukee ARC to help with summer recreation program; only director and assistant are paid while volunteers are not paid; however, volunteers will receive a small stipend at the end of the summer. The summer recreation program also received a \$10,000 grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation which allowed expansion in being able to serve ages 16 through 18.
  - The Connection Center received a \$10,000 grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation that will fund most of the expenses the first year of center's operation; this center is a new opportunity for people with developmental disabilities to meet friends and participate in educational and entertainment activities.
- Ms. Kolanko (reporting on behalf of Portal Industries)
  - Portal continues to be affected by decreases in revenue from Community Care; one part-time support staff was let go; ability to service their clients not affected thus far.
  - Ms. Kolanko shared that Senator Glenn Grothman met with staff and clients from Ozaukee ARC. After meeting a 19 year old enrolled in the IRIS program. Mr. Grothman stated he was not familiar with the IRIS program. Ms. Kolanko stated those in attendance then spent 45 minutes educating Senator Grothman on the IRIS program. NOTE: he serves on Health and Human Services Board
  - United Cerebral Palsy, along with the ADRC of Ozaukee County, sponsored a Long Term Care Information session on April 20 from 6 to 8pm at Portal Industries – discussed were options after high school, what services are available for adults, and help in deciding which programs to chose; those in attendance are parents of young adults with disabilities, advocates, and caregivers. Ms. Kolanko offered a special thanks to Kathy Schmitz of the ADRC for helping to organize this program and for sharing her extensive knowledge.

### Congregate and Home Delivered Meal Report:

- Ms. Pike reported on behalf of Ms. Ferrell – numbers for both home delivered and congregate meals were satisfactory for the month of March; April numbers were not available for this meeting.

Information & Assistance (I & A):

- Ms. Pike reported on behalf of Ms. Ayres – total contacts and people were compared for months of March and April; statistical data about location of calls in 2010 was included on the bottom of report

Department Financial Report:

- Ms. Pike reported both the ADRC and Aging budgets are satisfactory at this time

Other Business:

- None

Topics for Next Meeting:

- Wait List Policy for Family Care

**On a motion by Suzanne Bruner and a second by James Fisher, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Meinnert  
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ADRC of Ozaukee County