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ADRC Governing Board Minutes  
May 14, 2015

- I. Certification of Open Meeting Law
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Call to Order – Chairman Warren Brewer called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.
- IV. Introduction of New Members, if applicable.

V. Roll Call/Mileage –

Adams:  
Rocky Gilner

Green Lake:  
Suzi Giesen  
Joy Waterbury

Marquette:  
Jan Banicki  
Dave Benson

Waushara:  
Warren Brewer  
Bernadette Krentz  
Linda Manske

**Absent:** Cindy Skipjack, Gerald Hebert II, Russell Heise  
**Guest(s):** Jan Kreuger, Donna Richards & Julie Johannes  
**ADRC Staff:** Jennifer Dille & Kim Rachel

- VI. Adoption of the Agenda: *Motion was made to adopt the agenda by Linda Manske, seconded by Jan Banicki. Motion carried.*
- VII. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting: *Motion by Bernadette Krentz to approve the minutes of March 12, 2015, seconded by Dave Benson. Motion carried.*
- VIII. Public Comment (3 minutes/person, maximum of 15 minutes): None.

IX. REPORTS:

A. ADRC Local Activities (Jennifer Dille):

- 1. **Staffing Updates:** Jennifer reported that Marie Lehman with Marquette has been out on leave due to an injury resulting with a concussion. The ADRC is in the process of deciding how to proceed to cover her work load. In addition, Sheri, the Adams Resource Specialist has resigned and the ADRC is in the process of replacing her position. Jennifer read two positive responses to surveys that had previously been sent out. Jennifer also reported that there will be fair hearing in June for client that was “not functionally eligible” for long term care.
- 2. **ADRC Conference Overview:** Jennifer reported that the conference was enjoyable and provided very good content. The breakout sessions were informational and many of the presenters, including keynote speaker Dave Skogen from Festival Foods, were very good.

**B. State Activity (Jennifer Dille):**

**1. ADRC Directors Meeting Updates:** Unfortunately there weren't a lot of updates from the state regarding the budget.

**2. State Budget Updates:** Jennifer reported from a letter written by the Wisconsin Legislature dated May 14, 2015. In short, the letter stated that the Republican leaders on the Joint Finance Committee announced the rejection of Governor Walker's proposed long term care changes. The legislators proposed giving the Department of Health Services limited authority to negotiate with the Federal Government on potential changes to FamilyCare. As for now, ADRC's will remain intact as they are currently functioning.

**X. OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Assistive Technology Presentation:** Julie Johannes, the Resource Specialist from Waushara, brought in several pieces of assistive equipment that aid in the daily functions of people with disabilities. Some items included: a long handled shoe horn, pipe insulation used to go over utensils or handles for better grip, wireless door chimes/alarms, a dinner plate with rubber grip on bottom and a plastic insert to decrease that chance of food being pushed off the plate, large playing cards with a card holder, a sock helper, a drinking cup with a special lip, a cup with handles, a fingernail scrubber with suction cups, a tool to help with keys, a pizza cutter and peeler with larger handles, a weighted fork for people with disabilities such as Parkinson's, and phones with larger numbers and loud speakers etc. Julie also reported about a state program called TEPP that helps people that are deaf and blind, and shared the uses of current technology devices such as an iPad and how there are special apps such as help with sign language for deaf clients.

**XII. OTHER:**

**XIII. MEETING DATE & LOCATION/SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** The board agreed to meet quarterly and visit other ADRC locations.

**XIV. ADJORNMENT:** *Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 pm was made by Dave Benson, seconded by Jan Banicki, and the motion carried.*

The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2015, at 1:00 pm in Green Lake County.

Respectfully Submitted

Kim Rachel, ADRC Resource Assistant