



# Aging & Disability Resource Center

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## Aging and Disability Resource Center Of Green Lake, Marquette, and Waushara Counties Coordinating Committee Minutes July 10, 2008 Location: Green Lake County

I. **Call to Order** – Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

II. **Roll Call** –

**Green Lake:**

Elden Dallman

Joanne Guden

Kathleen Crimmings

Emil Pionke

**Marquette:**

Earl Ewert

Shirley Floeter

Mike Ingram

Robert Zellmer

**Waushara County:**

Warren Brewer

Bernadette Krentz

Donna Kalata

Others Present: Linda Van Ness (GL), Orrin Helmer (GL), Debbie Paavola (W), Kate Surprise (W.), Suzi Giesen (GL)

III. **Adoption of the Agenda** Motion was made to adopt the agenda by Donna Kalata. second by Emil Pionke, motion carried.

IV. **Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** Motion was made to approve the minutes by Joanne Guden. second by Earl Ewert, motion carried.

V. **Public Comment-** none

VI. **Reports**

**A. ADRC Local Activity**

Paavola shared May and June ADRC data with Committee members. For May, the total I&A contacts were 400. In June, the total I&A contacts were 360. Paavola reported that the monthly average is 350 contacts per month. When the ADRC first started in Waushara County, the average per month was 120 calls.

Ewert reported that there was a Marquette County breakfast meeting to which clergy and other community organizations were invited. The purpose of the meeting was the referral process for the ADRC, (e.g. explaining what the ADRC is, what type of information is provided, sharing the 800 number and explained how to make referrals. Ewert reported that only 1 person from clergy showed up. Ewert reported that the presentation was very good but he would have liked more attendance. More publicity will take place before the next meeting which is anticipated to happen again next year. It was reported that the Montello Care Center was there and provided helpful information/forms regarding Power of Attorney. Discussion followed.

## **B. Statewide ADRC Activity**

Giesen reported that she attended the July 10, 2008 ADRC meeting held in Madison. Giesen reported that two very important items were discussed. The first was transitioning youth coming out of school. Giesen explained what the ADRC/County role is in this. Giesen reported that there was discussion regarding concerns at the meeting with issues and how the transitioning is working. Giesen shared that some of the counties distribute outreach packets explaining what needs to be done for the transitioning. Giesen reported that a new law was passed by the Department of Public Instruction making it mandatory to have a vocational/transitional plan in place for special education students upon graduation from high school. This will make the process uniform statewide. Discussion followed. The ADRC will be the outlet for the transition planning.

The other important item discussed was the I Respect, I Self-Direct (IRIS) waiver which began (on paper) on July 1, 2008. This waiver program is geared towards those individuals who want to take the lead in managing their care and services. If enrolled in the IRIS Waiver program, eligibility would be determined by the ADRC. The budget and plan will be done with an IRIS consultant. Giesen reported that there are four different entities in the IRIS Project. Giesen reported that the State is concerned about putting the person in the position that a family member would be in charge of them. There was also concern regarding the vulnerable adults and the family dynamics that are involved. Discussion followed. There will be training on the IRIS waiver in August. Giesen explained the difference between IRIS and Family Care. Discussion followed.

## **C. Marketing/Outreach Update**

Paavola reported a case in which a daughter of a county resident called the 800 number which she found on the website. Her mother was interested in a "Falls Prevention Class" but said she could not afford the cost of the class. The daughter not only paid for the upcoming class, but is coming to the first training session with her. This illustrates how much the outreach is working. Discussion followed.

## **D. Customer Satisfaction Survey**

No surveys have been sent out recently.

# **VII. Old Business**

## **A. Budget**

Giesen reported that Green Lake County will be transitioning in 5 months instead of six which will change the budget allocation for 2008 and 2009. Green Lake County will be notified.

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. ADRC Coordinator position**

Brewer reported that the internal candidates are being interviewed and if neither of them is chosen for a second interview the position will then be advertised and the screening process will again take place. Committee members will be updated regarding progress.

### **B. County Fair Coverage**

Giesen reported that she is expecting packet information to be utilized at the fair. Waushara County reported that all shifts are not being covered yet so volunteers are welcome. Marquette County reported that their fair is on this week and they will check to make sure things are covered. Discussion followed.

### **C. Family Care Update**

Brewer reported that Care Wisconsin had a ribbon cutting ceremony and party when Waushara County started up with Family Care in June. Marquette County started Family Care on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Green Lake County will transition to Family Care on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion followed.

Surprise reported regarding the transition to Family Care in Waushara County. She explained that has gone as well as expected. There were some "glitches" as any new program would have. Surprise reported that it is exciting to see people getting off of the waiting list that have been there for 7-8 years. The ADRC is involved in a number of responsibilities in this Family Care transition.

Surprise reported that the transition list continually needs to be updated to meet the disability groups. Discussion followed.

Discussion followed regarding concerns with the wait list and concern about what happens with those that are found ineligible after 7-8 years on the waiting list with the new screening process utilized for eligibility.

Surprise reported that a State letter goes out to individuals that are transitioning and are on the waiting list. At that point, they are re-assessed for eligibility. After eligibility is determined, options counseling occurs to explain what services are available and whether they are eligible or ineligible. Discussion followed.

Surprise updated Committee members regarding a situation with the enrollment plan. An example of a concern is that the State feels that if someone would move from a different county that they should keep the date in which they were first put on the waiting list in the original county. Surprise explained that the three counties feel that the person should be put at the bottom of the wait list with the date in which they applied when they moved into the county. After discussion, it was the consensus of the group that staff should keep moving towards the goal of putting the person on the wait list according to the date when they moved into the county.

**D. Meeting and location schedule:**

Brewer reported that the ADRC Coordinator needs to be hired and the 2009 budget preparations need to begin and was wondering when Committee members would like to schedule the next meeting.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held September 11, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Marquette County.

**E. Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Joanne Guden, second by Bernadette Krentz, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Davis for Secretary Floeter