

MINUTES
Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin
Location: Wausau ADRC-CW Office Lakeview Conference Room

March 12, 2015

Board Members Present: Joanne Leonard, Doug Machon, Mike Feirer, Lawrence Lebal, Terri Serch, Carl Vander Sanden, Loretta Baughan, Bill Miller, Jean Doty, Dan Sullivan, James Hampton, Linda Weitz, Sharon Rybacki, Dick Hurlbert

Board Members Absent: Vern Cahak

Others present: Steve Prell, Jessica Gaedtke, Mike Rhea

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 9:02am by Joanne Leonard.
2. **Public Comments**
The ADRC is currently recruiting for 2 citizen board members, following the resignation of Julie Webb and Dan Sullivan. Linda shared that Doug Below, Quality Manager and Regional Manager in Antigo, has decided to retire in order to focus on his health. We will be recruiting for his position soon. Linda will send a card to Doug on behalf of the board and there will also possibly be a celebration of his service to our organization at a future board meeting.
3. **Approval of Minutes from February 2015**
A motion was made by Dick Hurlbert and seconded by Carl Vander Sanden to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
4. **Discussion/possible action - Report from the Finance Committee**
The Finance Committee conducted its usual review and deemed all expenses appropriate. The committee continues to make good progress on the reserve policy and will possibly present a policy for review during the April board meeting.
6. **Discussion/possible action – Budget Adjustments** - Steve explained the two budget adjustments requested. A motion to approve the adjustments was made by Bill Miller and seconded by Jim Hampton. Motion carried.
7. **Discussion/possible action – Wausau building update** - The Executive Committee met with Linda on March 6 to discuss space needs in the Wausau office. They asked Linda to put together a format to list the Wausau space needs, rank those needs, and rate how the current location is meeting each need, which she presented at the meeting today. After discussion, the board asked Linda to prepare an analysis for each of our five offices to analyze each location’s strengths and weaknesses. Bill Miller made a motion to ask Linda to bring a preliminary analysis of all 5 offices to the next meeting. Carl Vander Sanden seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. **Discussion/possible action - Marshfield building update** - The Marshfield City Council has not yet approved the remodel of the library into a community center; however they have developed a lease committee to discuss how potential leases for the community center would look. Mike Feirer indicated that the lease committee may be close to wrapping up by the Board’s April 9 meeting and he will bring

a report to the board at that time. The ADRC-CW Board will be updated as to the planning progress in order to be prepared for making a decision regarding moving forward with leasing space in the proposed community center.

9. **Discussion/possible action – Governor's Budget proposal** – In presenting the information regarding the Governor's budget proposals, Linda emphasized that we strive to keep the ADRC-CW environment as politically neutral as possible for customers and employees. The intent of the discussion is to provide factual information regarding the proposals and the potential impact on our customers. She stressed two points as they relate to the budget proposal. The ADRC-CW is an umbrella organization for both aging and ADRC services. The proposals in the budget are only for the ADRC programs, not aging services. In addition, the proposals regarding ADRCs do not have any dollar savings attached, as reported in the summary by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

Sharon Rybacki shared information from the perspective of an advocate for persons with disabilities. Her concern is that all of the services that these customers currently receive would be completely overhauled. She shared that proposals in the budget would remove the IRIS program, dismantle Family Care, and turn those programs over to a health insurance company. She feels it takes away from the personal end of the program and takes away from all of the experience that we have built up over the years. There will also be no oversight or guarantee for services. Sharon expressed concern that none of the customers, advocates, or other stakeholders were contacted for input and that if all proposals were enacted, stakeholder input would be eliminated. Sharon stated that these programs have been effective and have saved the state a lot of money as they currently operate.

Linda outlined the budget proposals that impact the ADRCs. These proposals are many times included in the discussion regarding the Family Care and IRIS proposals; however, they are separate actions and could be enacted separately from the proposed changes to Family Care and IRIS. Linda's concern is that the proposals regarding the ADRCs will be overlooked. Linda referenced the sections of the budget and the sections of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau summary, as was included in this month's board packet, that would impact ADRCs. The proposed changes would allow the state to contract for some or all of the current contractual ADRC services with other agencies, including private companies, and also would allow one company to provide some or all ADRC services to the whole state. Current law limits the contracts to counties, long term care districts, tribal agencies, or non-profit agencies in specified geographical regions. Linda prepared a list of "talking points", also included in the board packet, that outline the strengths of the current system. The board members discussed the proposals and expressed concerns that separating the functions would reduce the effectiveness of the "one stop shop" model, a separate company performing functional screens may end up enrolling more people in Family Care and costing taxpayers more dollars, and that local ADRC employees have the knowledge and expertise to keep individuals healthy, independent, in their own homes, and in lower-cost service options.

Linda asked the board for direction as to how to proceed. She distributed a copy of a resolution prepared by the Wisconsin Long Term Care Coalition requesting organizations to support the resolution they prepared to keep the current long term care system intact. Linda also offered, with the direction of the board, to prepare a separate letter to send to each of our legislators in our four-county region specifically addressing the proposals regarding ADRCs. The board members discussed the options available and a motion to support the resolution and have Linda draft a letter to legislators was made by Carl Vander Sanden; seconded by Loretta Baughan. Motion carried. Board members also expressed interest in contacting legislators through individual letters or personal contact.

- 11. Executive Director's Report** - Linda entertained questions regarding the written report. Jean Doty remarked that she is glad that we are working on the loan closet as a quality project. Joanne Leonard remarked that she was impressed by the number of contacts that our agency had in 2014. Doug Machon commented about the proposed changes to Senior Care.
- 12. Agenda Items & Locations**
The next meeting will be take place April 9 at 9:30 in Wisconsin Rapids.
The board asked for an update from the disability workgroup; Linda will share a quarterly update on goals, an update on the proposed budget, and an update on building issues.
- 13. Adjournment**
Motion to adjourn made by Doug Machon and seconded by Carl Vander Sanden. Meeting adjourned at 10:58am.