

**Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin (ADRC-CW)
Minutes of the ADRC-CW Advisory Committees Meeting**

January 27, 2021 AMENDED

Mission: The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin promotes choice and independence through personalized education, advocacy, and access to services that prevent, delay, and lessen the impacts of aging and disabilities in the lives of adults.

Committee members present: **Marathon County:** Tony Omernik; **Lincoln County:** Tara Schneider, Dee Olson, Nancy Uerling, Arlene Meyer; **Langlade County:** Doug Curler, Mary Jo Kawalski, Carol Krochalk; **Wood County:** Jim Scott, Kathleen Meyer

Others present: Executive Director Jonette Arms, Director of Aging & Wellness Jennifer Cummings, Resource Specialist Jane Reilly-Smith, Community Health Educator Jennifer Clark, Quality Manager Kit Ruesch and Clerical Assistant Kim Isakson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Cummings, Aging & Wellness Director, at 10:04 a.m.

2. Public Comments

Jonette Arms stated she tried negotiating with Spectrum on their fee for early termination because Spectrum failed to mention a fee during prior meetings. The fee will have to be paid and phone service with Spectrum will end.

Tony Omernik stated when the COVID vaccine education programs will be available in February.

3. Approval of Minutes – November 18, 2020 meeting

A correction to the minutes will be made stating Carol Krochalk of Langlade County did participate in the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Arlene Meyer; seconded by Doug Curler. Motion carried.

4. Advisory Committee member board presentations:

- a. February - pass this month due to Dementia Friends presentation
- b. March - Arlene Meyer - The challenges of understanding the COVID-19 vaccine

Tony Omernik gave highlights on his presentation on the investment in a growing, aging population and the concerns of older adults in Central Wisconsin. Jennifer Cummings suggested that the ADRC use the older American profile as a guide for the agency. Jonette Arms asked what the plans were of the ADRC Board to move forward after hearing the presentations. Tony Omernik stated that this idea will be presented to the ADRC Board as they influence the County Board.

Tara Schneider presented on Internet Access Facing Rural Elderly and Disabled Individuals. She highlighted the importance of the internet for these groups in order to be able to connect with people and retrieve information.

Doug Curler stated the Langlade Senior Center will be open in March as they have a new location in downtown Antigo.

5. Director Report for December and January

Jonette Arms gave an update on her presentations to county boards related to ADRC reinvestment and recommendation to the county boards for support of the reinvestment resolution.

Jennifer Cummings gave an overview of the executive director's reports from December 2020 and January 2021. Highlights included reports related to Powerful Tools classes, Dementia Care, Senior Snowday meals, River Towers dining site, Subaru Share the Love Event, outreach efforts, and ADRC staffing updates.

Kit Ruesch, Quality Manager, presented data to reflect the trends of ADRC service provision from 2018 - 2020.

6. Trauma Informed Care Presentation

Jane Reilly-Smith and Jen Clark presented and answered questions on this topic.

7. Alzheimer and Aging Advocacy Events

Jennifer Cummings explained about the upcoming virtual Alzheimer events in March and the Aging Advocacy event scheduled for mid-May.

9. Future agenda items

- None mentioned at this time from the group.

10. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Jennifer Cummings at 11:48 a.m.