

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

**March 24, 2021 DRAFT**

**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, **Langlade County:** Carol Krochalk; **Wood County:** Jim Scott, Kathy Meyer

**Others present:** Executive Director Jonette Arms, Director of Aging & Wellness Jennifer Cummings, Community Health Educator Jennifer Clark, Quality Manager Kit Ruesch, Caregiver Support Coordinator Meagan Fandrey, Dementia Care Specialist Scott Seeger and Clerical Assistant Kim Isakson

**Excused absence:** Arlene Meyer, Nancy Uerling, Mary Jo Kawalski, Dee Olson

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Cummings, Aging & Wellness Director, at 10:03 a.m.

### **2. Public Comments**

Doug Curler was appointed to Langlade County Board and ADRC Board as a representative and will be resigning from the Advisory Committee.

### **3. Approval of Minutes – From the January 27, 2021 meeting**

A correction to the minutes will be made stating Kathy Meyer did participate in the meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes with correction was made by Tara Schneider; seconded by Carol Krochalk. Motion carried.

### **4. Advisory committee member board presentations review:**

There was discussion related to the Board/Advisory combination opportunity.

- a. Jonette Arms states the Advisory Committee members have a great amount of engagement and understanding of the programs and services provided within the ADRC-CW. The integration of the board and advisory committees would promote improved communication between the groups and lead to productive discussions. There would be resource efficiencies in staff preparation and meeting time. To integrate the Advisory Committee with the Board would improve

overall policy development which would align customer needs with staff/agency priorities.

- b. The ADRC of the Lakeshore (Kewaunee and Manitowoc counties) combined their board and advisory committees. Cathy Ley, director, will be invited to meet with the ADRC-CW board at their upcoming meeting and offer her perspective and their agency experience.

## **5. Dementia Friends Presentation-Scott Seeger, Dementia Care Specialist**

Scott Seeger and Meagan Fandrey gave a Dementia Friends Presentation. They highlighted the education and awareness that this program provides. The overall goal being to decrease the stigma and improve communication and support to people living with dementia and their caregivers.

## **6. Executive Director Reports for February and March**

Jonette Arms highlighted the following:

- a. Due to the Cares Act funding we have funds to purchase Meals on Wheels vehicles.
- b. Work is being done to create a Hmong/Southeast Asian dining site in the Wausau area.
- c. ADRC Reinvestment priority is being developed and promoted to legislators through advocacy events, county boards, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.
- d. Reminders about upcoming virtual health classes this summer plus a Wisconsin Arts collaboration project.

## **7. Aging Plan 2022-2024 development needs**

Jennifer Cummings explained that a three-year aging plan is developed as a requirement to receive Older American Act grant funds. The plan involves soliciting input from consumers and developing a survey is one way to enlist feedback. All advisory committee members are encouraged to talk to friends and acquaintances and use the survey document to collect their feedback. Please mail back the paper surveys in the attached envelope founds in your meeting packet. The survey is available at the ADRC-CW website or individuals can request a paper copy by calling our office. We plan to have virtual focus groups as well. Information about the focus groups and the survey was also promoted on social media and in our newsletter.

## **8. Future agenda items**

None mentioned at this time.

## **9. Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn was made by Tara Schneider with a second by Kathy Meyer. Meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.