

	AGENDA - ADRC of Southwest WI-Iowa County Board Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Conference Call: 1-312-626-6799 Zoom Meeting ID: 896 4519 7412 Passcode: 026548 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89645197412 Health & Human Services Center, Community Room, 303 W Chapel St., Dodgeville, WI 53533		Iowa County Wisconsin
1	Call to order.		
2	Roll Call.		
3	Approve the agenda for this March 25, 2025, meeting.		
4	Approve the minutes of the February 25, 2025, meeting.		
5	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No action will be taken.		
6	Introduction of New ADRC Board Member.		
7	Action Item: Resolution to set full cost meal price and suggested contribution for the Senior Nutrition Program.		
8	Review ADRC Monthly Financial Summaries. No action will be taken. a) January 2025		
9	SUN Update.		
10	Benefit Specialist Update.		
11	ADRC Specialist Update.		
12	Transportation Update. a) February 2025		
13	ADRC Manager: a) ADRC Managers Report b) Advocacy Updates		
14	Set next meeting date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at Health & Human Services Center, 303 W. Chapel Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533. 10:00 a.m. Zoom will still be an option.		
15	Adjournment.		
	Posting verified by: ADRC Date: 03/17/2025 Initials: BS/TH		

February 2025		
State of Wisconsin County of Iowa	UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE ADRC OF SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN IOWA COUNTY BOARD MEETING HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025, AT 10 A.M. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES CENTER 303 W. CHAPEL ST., DODGEVILLE, WI 53533	2025-02
1.	Call to Order Vice Chair Reilly called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.	
2.	Roll Call Members Present in Community Room: Doug Richter, Dan Nankee, Dianne Evans, Dawn Kabot, Elsie Jane Murphy, Marilyn Rolfsmeyer, W. Michael Britt, Alice Fischer, Susan Schroeder, J. Patrick Reilly Members Present Virtually: Kari Wunderlin Members Excused: Todd Novak, Brad Stevens Members Absent: Tim Whisler Others Present in Community Room: Mel Masters, Tom Harman, Valerie Hiltbrand, Nikki Mumm, Others Present Virtually: Paige Bittner, Andrea Larson	
3.	Agenda Approval Approval of this February 25, 2025, Agenda. Motion by Nankee and seconded by Britt to accept the agenda. Motion carried.	
4.	Meeting Minutes Approval Approval of the December 3, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion by Rolfsmeyer and seconded by Murphy to accept the meeting minutes. Motion carried.	
5.	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. <i>Nankee</i> – Shared info from January News and Views and February (Grant County) News & Views, which Tom Harman will be editing the Iowa County News and Views from now on.	
6.	Introduction of New ADRC Board Member(s) The new board member, Tim Whisler, is not present today.	
7.	Review ADRC Monthly Financial Summaries Mumm provided the report in packet and presented. Nankee observed that there was less income in November vs December. Mumm explained that the money is coming, but the timing does not always correspond with when the reports are run.	
8.	SUN Update Sun Board Chair, Mel Masters, presented. The SUN Program, Iowa County and Lafayette County are committed to continuing the meals for participating residents. There is a SUN Board Meeting today, at 1:30 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Building Community Room, which will include discussion about the future of the program.	
9.	Benefit Specialist Update Hiltbrand provided an update. The Elder Benefits Specialist served 225 people for Medicare Part D Open Enrollment from October 15, 2024-Dec 7, 2024. Benefit Specialist reports from the new database are not available yet, but will send out in packets when they are.	
10.	ADRC Specialist Update Hiltbrand provided an update. ADRC Specialist reports from the new database are not available yet, but will send out in packets when they are.	
11.	Transportation Update Nohe Caygill, Transportation Coordinator, provided a report for the packet. Mumm presented. Nankee asked about the status of the program. Mumm mentioned that we are short volunteer drivers (many of our current volunteers are snowbirds and are not around in the winter months), and they are having difficulty getting people signed up for the bus trips. Kabot questioned the numbers regarding the rural	

	taxi service – it seems like we made a lot more trips with not as much income. Mumm said that if one person makes more than one stop within the city limits, they are not charged the full amount for each leg of the trip.
12.	ADRC Manager Report: Hiltbrand provided a report in packet and presented. New ADRC front desk is now operational and is being utilized by Veterans/ADRC/DSS/SUN. Hiltbrand referenced the “Impact of ADRC and Tribal Programs in Wisconsin Status Report 2023” report that was included in the packet. ADRC Staff participated in the Merrimac & Main Senior Open House was held in January. Please draw attention to the various events that our Dementia Care Specialists have in the coming months. Advocacy information: Disability Advocacy Day at the Wisconsin State Capital will be on March 12, 2025. Aging Advocacy Day is coming up in May. If interested in attending either of these, please register and let ADRC Manager know in order to arrange carpooling.
13.	Next Meeting Tuesday, March 25, 2025 , approved for the next ADRC Board meeting. 10:00 a.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville. Zoom is still an option.
14.	Adjourn Motion by Kabot and seconded by Schroeder to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.
Respectfully Submitted by: Tom Harman, Department Assistant	

Resolution No. _____

**RESOLUTION TO SET FEE SCHEDULE FULL COST MEAL PRICE AND SUGGESTED
CONTRIBUTION FOR THE SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin in Iowa County will begin operating a Senior Nutrition Program; and

WHEREAS, a separate fee schedule has been developed and approved by the Seniors United for Nutrition Program; and

WHEREAS, a separate fee schedule needs to be developed and approved for full cost meals, suggested contributions for Title III eligible participants receiving both congregate and home delivered meals; and

WHEREAS, the Seniors United for Nutrition Program has a suggested contribution for congregate diners of \$5.50 per meal, a suggested contribution for home delivered participants of \$6.50 per meal, and a full cost of \$15.23 per meal; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that the ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin in Iowa County establishes a suggested contribution for congregate diners of \$5.50 per meal, a suggested contribution for home delivered participants of \$6.50 per meal, and a full cost of \$15.23 per meal for the Senior Nutrition Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above fee shall take effect on May 1, 2025.

Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this ____ day of _____, 2025.

John M. Meyers,
Iowa County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Megan Currie,
County Clerk

**AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARIZATION
JANUARY 2025**

Income **\$20,875.55**

- Income includes driver escort co-payments, city taxi payments, and rural taxi payments.
 - This also includes SUN revenues that are not directly the ADRC's but are needed for grant claiming.
 - Grant reimbursements are received one to three months after the end of the previous month.

Expenditures **\$79,905.87**

- Expenses include payroll and fringes, office supplies, postage, City of Dodgeville Taxi expenses, Rural Taxi expenses, ADRC Care-A-Van Bus expenses, volunteer driver reimbursement, SUN expenses, and caregiver respite.
 - This also includes SUN expenses that are not directly the ADRC's but are needed for grant claiming.

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUN Board Announces New Approach for Senior Nutrition Program

The Seniors United for Nutrition (SUN) Board extends its heartfelt gratitude to all past boards, volunteers, and participants who have helped us operate and thrive over the past 46 years. Your dedication and support have been instrumental in our success.

As we reflect on the challenges that have shaped our program, we acknowledge that inflation and the COVID-19 pandemic have significantly impacted our operations. These changes have made it increasingly difficult to find an Executive Director who can effectively lead the program within our current financial resources.

After careful consideration, the SUN Board has decided to bring the nutrition program in-house to Iowa and Lafayette Counties, a model already adopted by most other counties in Wisconsin. We believe this approach will ensure long-term sustainability and stability in our management, a critical element as we continue to serve our community.

While the shift in management structure may bring changes, we want to reassure our volunteers that we deeply appreciate their dedication. All current volunteers are encouraged to remain in place if they wish to continue supporting the program, and we will work with them closely as we transition.

The top priority for both counties remains clear: to continue providing nutritious meals to our most vulnerable seniors—both now and into the future. We are committed to this mission and will work diligently to ensure that the senior nutrition program remains strong and accessible for those who need it most.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we move forward with these changes. Together, we will ensure that our senior community remains well-nourished and cared for.

For further inquiries, please contact: Tom Slaney @ 608-930-9802 or

Nikki Mumm @ 608-930-9803

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT

February 2025

Submitted by Nohe Caygill

DRIVER ESCORT SERVICES				
Current Month	2024	YTD	2025	YTD
Total Units of Service Provided:	130	259	156	276
Current Month	2024	YTD	2025	YTD
Driver Escort Fees Deposited:	\$1,092.30	\$1,550.03	\$1,048.72	\$1,327.72

ADRC TAXI SERVICES				
Current Month	2024	YTD	2025	YTD
Total Units of Service Provided:	271	505	241	522
Current Month	2024	YTD	2025	YTD
ADRC Taxi Fees Deposited:	\$447.82	\$758.57	\$549.00	\$1,042.05

RURAL TAXI SERVICES				
Current Month	2024	YTD	2025	YTD
Total Units of Service Provided:	81	138	100	183
Current Month	2024	YTD	2025	YTD
ADRC Taxi Fees Deposited:	\$304.50	\$573.00	\$321.00	\$623.50

CARE A VAN SERVICES				
Current Month	2024	YTD	2025	YTD
Total Units of Service Provided:	0	0	0	0
Current Month	2024	YTD	2025	YTD
Donations Collected:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Current Month	2024	YTD	2025	YTD
Total Days Cancelled:	0	0	0	0

***Cancelled due to lack of riders



March 2025

ADRC Manager's Report

Since November, ADRC staff have navigated the transition to the new Peer Place database while continuing to provide essential services. Despite the learning curve, our team remains committed to ensuring seamless access to resources for older adults and individuals with disabilities. With guidance from Wisconsin Department of Health Services Office for Resource Center Development, we are still working on pulling and interpreting data. Therefore, we have no Benefit Specialist and ADRC Specialist reports in your packet this month. When reports are available, we will provide them to the ADRC Board.

Reminder of the new ADRC Front Desk and entrance: ADRC, Department of Social Services and SUN customers should use the two main lobby doors of the Health and Human Services building to access services.

Community Engagement and Events:

AARP is providing Free Tax Prep to Iowa County residents. The ADRC is scheduling appointments for the Dodgeville and Spring Green location. A big thank you to the AARP volunteers for providing this service.

3/4/25: Our regional Dementia Care Specialist hosted Free Memory Screenings at the Mineral Point Public Library. Four individuals received screenings, providing them with early intervention strategies and support. If memory deficits are detected, the worker will counsel the consumer and family on next steps.

3/5/25: Starting March 5th, our regional Dementia Care Specialists started a Free Brain Health Book Club, with discussions about the book called, High Octane Brain. Six people were registered prior to the start of the book club.

3/14/25: Our regional Dementia Care Specialists are hosting an educational presentation on Living with Mild Cognitive Impairment from 9:30-11:30, virtually. Contact the ADRC or a Dementia Care Specialist to register.

4/10/25: ADRC staff will participate in Career Prep/Life Skills Day. This event empowers students with disabilities by equipping them with essential life skills for independence. Schools

from Iowa County and Lafayette County participate in this event; along with local agencies like the ADRC. The event is in Highland, WI and is coordinated by the County Communities on Transition (CCOT) team.

4/15/25: Our regional Dementia Care Specialists will host a workshop called "Going Upstream: Preventing and Planning for Emergencies in Dementia Care." This will be held at the Health and Human Services Building in Dodgeville from 2:00-3:30pm. Contact the ADRC or a Dementia Care Specialist to register.

4/23/25: Our Adult Protective Service Staff will be co-hosting an Advance Directive Workshop with Upland Hills Health. This workshop will be held at the Health and Human Services Building and participants can leave with a completed Power of Attorney for Healthcare. Please register by 4/21/25 by calling the ADRC. This event will be cancelled if we do not have at least 4 participants registered by 4/21/25.

4/25/25: Starting on April 25th, the regional Dementia Care Specialists will host a program for family caregivers of people with dementia, called "Stress Busters". The in-person location is Broadhead, but participants can also attend virtually. Contact the ADRC or a Dementia Care Specialist to register in advance.

"Mug Club for Caregivers" meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 10:30-11:30, hosted by our Caregiver Coordinator and the regional Dementia Care Specialist. They are currently offering a hybrid meeting so attendees can choose Zoom or in-person. On average, 8-10 caregivers attend each month, sharing experiences and building supportive connections.

Advocacy Efforts:

The ADRC Board continues to receive emails with advocacy information from the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) and Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities. The main topics have included information about the programs/services that Medicaid and the Older Americans Act fund.

3/12/25: Our Iowa County Disability Benefit Specialist and I attended Disability Advocacy Day, which is coordinated by the Survival Coalition. Grant, Green, Iowa and Lafayette counties were represented by ADRC staff and community members. In your packet, I have included a Medicaid Fact Sheet for your review.

4/1/25: Spring Election: See the March edition of the News and Views for an article about preparing for election day. Contact the ADRC to discuss transportation options, if needed.

5/13/25: Aging Advocacy Day: The Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) will hold our 9th Annual Aging Advocacy Day (AAD) 2025 event in Madison on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. The event will start at the Best Western Premier and move to the Wisconsin State Capitol

in the afternoon. Citizens from around the state will gather in Madison on Tuesday, May 13 for training, to meet with other constituents from their Senate and Assembly district, and for office visits with their legislators/legislative staff. Following the training, attendees will join others from their state Senate and Assembly district to provide information and share personal stories with legislators and/or their staff to help them understand how specific policy issues and proposals impact individuals, families, and older constituents. We encourage board members to attend and advocate for critical policies affecting older adults. Contact the ADRC to discuss transportation options.

**** Pre-Advocacy Day Virtual Training ****

5/7/25: To help attendees prepare for legislative visits, we are hosting a virtual information session with a brief overview of this year's issues and talking points. Those unable to attend Aging Advocacy Day in-person are also welcome to attend the virtual training event and are encouraged to contact their state legislators independently or as part of a local, in-district meeting.

Looking Ahead: As we continue to adapt to Peer Place, our focus remains on refining data tracking and maintaining high quality service. We also anticipate increased advocacy efforts as state budget discussions unfold.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Hiltbrand, ADRC Manager
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Coalition**

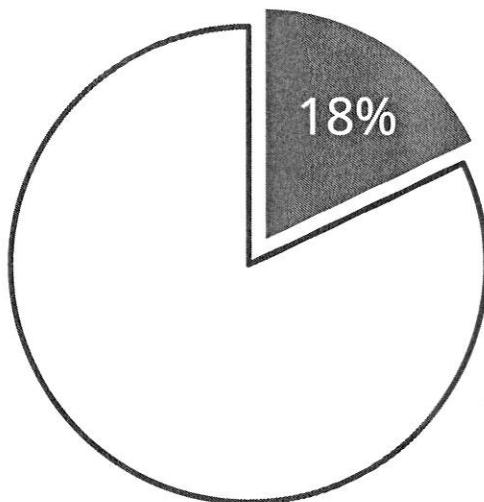
of Wisconsin Disability Organizations

FACTSHEET

No Cuts to Medicaid

Who does Medicaid Serve?

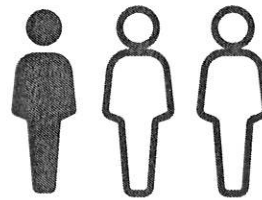
18% of Wisconsin's population get health or long-term care services through Medicaid.



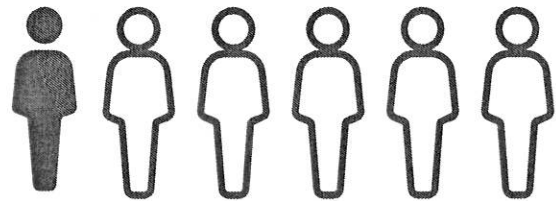
That's **1.3 million people** in the state.

Medicaid covers ...

1 in 3 people with disabilities



1 in 7 adults ages 19 to 64



Source: KFF, Medicaid in Wisconsin Factsheet, files.kff.org/attachment/fact-sheet-medicaid-state-WI

Medicaid Programs

Medicaid helps meet the needs of Wisconsinites with disabilities across the lifespan through all Medicaid-funded programs, including:

Children's Long Term
Support Program (CLTS)

Katie Beckett

Family Care and IRIS

Medicaid Purchase Plan
(MAPP)

Badger Care Plus

Other critical programs that serve people with disabilities such as Birth to 3 and Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) also have Medicaid as a major funding source.

Learn about all 19 Medicaid programs here:

www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02383.pdf

Medicaid Funding

Many Wisconsin jobs depend on Medicaid funding. Funding supports payments for many Wisconsin jobs, like...

primary and
specialist care

mental health
professionals

school-based
services

home health
care businesses

Funding Facts

- ➔ Medicaid is the largest funding source for mental health services.

Source: McCourt School of Public Policy, ccf.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Medicaid-is-Vital-to-Wisconsin-2025-Fact-Sheet.pdf

- ➔ Medicaid funds almost all long-term care, including Wisconsin's institution diversion programs that keep kids, people with disabilities, and older adults out of expensive Medicaid-funded nursing homes and institutions.

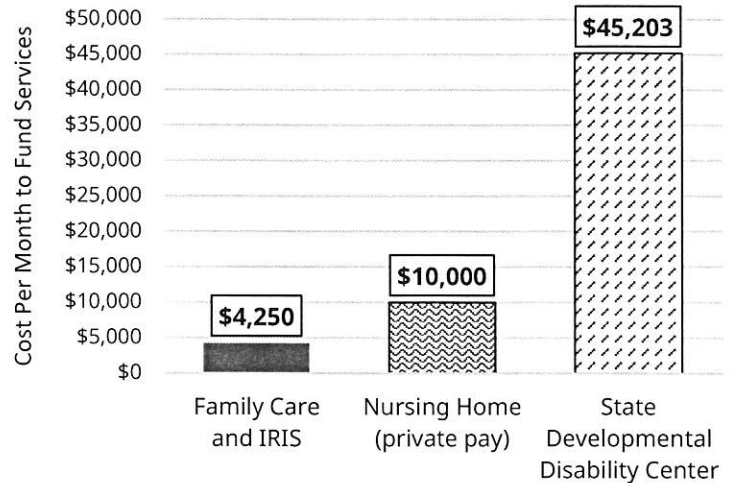


Chart: Comparison of the cost per month for long-term care services.

What happens if federal Medicaid funding is cut?

Wisconsin has a lot to lose if federal Medicaid funding is cut.

Medicaid funding cuts being discussed by Congress are so large they would impact everyone in Medicaid. There would be no way to protect certain populations.

Almost \$13 billion (or 26%) of Wisconsin's budget is Medicaid. More than 60% of that is federal Medicaid funding.

Source: 2023 Wisconsin Act 19
doa.wi.gov/budget/SBO/2023%20Wisconsin%20Act%2019.pdf

Many disability services funded by Medicaid are "optional" as defined by federal law. They are most effective at keeping costs down and keeping people in their homes and communities instead of costly facilities. This includes home and community-based programs like the Children's Long Term Support Program (CLTS), Family Care, and IRIS.

Less federal Medicaid funding would force Wisconsin to make very hard decisions that would have a huge impact on Wisconsinites.

It would change:

the costs of keeping care the same.

who can or can't get care.

what care people can get.

how much people get paid to provide that care.

Investing in Long-Term Care

Governor Evers' 2025-27 Budget

Whether it's a relative, a friend, or a neighbor, we all know an older adult who has made a difference in our lives and in our communities. After giving so much, they deserve to live in a state that respects, supports, and protects them as they age. Governor Evers' budget **advances the safety and dignity of older adults and people with disabilities in Wisconsin**, wherever they live and whatever supports they need.

Wisconsinites should be able to get the health care they need when they need it.



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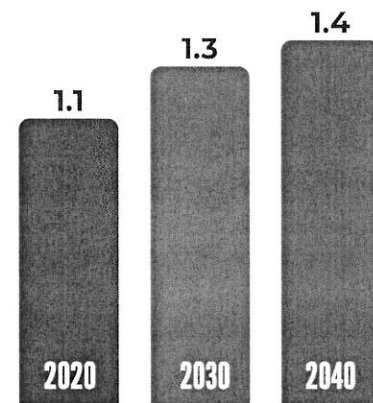
Long-Term Care: Budget At-a-Glance

- **Personal Care Services:** \$43.8 million
- **Supplemental Security Income Boost:** \$42.7 million
- **Meals on Wheels:** \$21.7 million
- **Complex Patient Pilot:** \$15.0 million
- **WisCaregiver Careers:** \$8.7 million
- **Aging and Disability Resource Centers:** \$8.6 million
- **Adult Protective Services:** \$7.7 million
- **Nursing Home Bed Access:** \$1.7 million
- **Geropsychiatric Treatment:** \$1.2 million
- **Alzheimer's Family Supports and Education:** \$1.1 million
- **Falls Prevention:** \$0.9 million
- **Senior Farmer's Market:** \$0.5 million
- **Ensure Access to Children's Long-Term Supports:** No Budgetary Impact

A Look at the Numbers

- 10% of older adults in Wisconsin **face the threat of hunger**.
- The **long-term care worker vacancy rate** was 28% in 2022.
- The **poverty rate** for working-age people **with disabilities** is nearly 25%.

Wisconsinites over the age of 65 (in millions)



Source: Department of Administration

Supporting People in Their Homes

Personal care services support people with bathing, eating, dressing, or other activities. This can help older adults continue living in their homes and communities. The budget **increases pay for personal care workers by \$43.8 million** to ensure access to these services.



Keeping Seniors out of Poverty

The Supplemental Security Income program provides vital payments to older adults and people with disabilities with little or no income. However, state payment amounts have not changed since 1994. The budget provides **\$42.7 million for a long-overdue boost to payments** in this program.

Reducing Hunger

No senior in Wisconsin should have to worry about where their next meal will come from. The budget provides **\$21.7 million for home-delivered meals**, also known as “meals on wheels,” so fewer older adults in our state struggle with hunger.



Easing Transitions Out of the Hospital

Some people face multiple health challenges at the same time, such as heart or lung disease, mental illness, obesity, or dementia. This makes their transition from the hospital to other places, such as a nursing home, particularly hard. The budget provides **\$15.0 million** to fund a “complex patient pilot program” to find new and creative ways **to make this transition as easy and quick as possible.**

Growing the Workforce

Wisconsin faces a critical shortage of long-term care workers. The WisCaregiver Careers Program has helped train and employ more than 3,600 certified nurse aides. The budget **increases support for this program by \$8.7 million.**

Connecting People to Services



Aging and Disability Resource Centers, or ADRCs, are one-stop shops to **connect older adults and people with disabilities to services** and provide them with information on complex programs. As Wisconsin's population ages, the need for these services increase. The budget provides **\$8.6 million to keep up with this need.**

Protecting the Most Vulnerable

Older adults and people with disabilities can be at increased risk for abuse and exploitation. Adult protective services units in counties play a vital role in **defending the most vulnerable in our communities.** To keep up with increasing reports of abuse or neglect, the budget **increases funding to counties by \$7.7 million** for this work. The budget also provides an additional **\$1.5 million** to DHS to **ensure safety for seniors** in assisted living facilities.



Learn more about
the '25-27 budget
dhs.wi.gov/budget