

December 2024		
State of Wisconsin County of Iowa	APPROVED MINUTES OF THE ADRC OF SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN IOWA COUNTY BOARD MEETING HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024, AT 10 A.M. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES CENTER 303 W. CHAPEL ST., DODGEVILLE, WI 53533	2024-12
1.	Call to Order Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.	
2.	Roll Call Members Present in Community Room: Doug Richter, Dan Nankee, Brad Stevens, Dianne Evans, Dawn Kabot, Elsie Jane Murphy, Marilyn Rolfsmeyer, W. Michael Britt, Alice Fischer, Susan Schroeder, Todd Novak Members Present Virtually: J. Patrick Reilly Members Excused: Kari Wunderlin Members Absent: Tim Whisler Others Present in Community Room: Valerie Hiltbrand, Nikki Mumm, Tom Slaney, Jenny Huffman	
3.	Agenda Approval Approval of this December 3, 2024, Agenda. Motion by Nankee and seconded by Kabot to accept the agenda. Motion carried.	
4.	Meeting Minutes Approval Approval of the October 15, 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> He shared updates from the Grant County News & Views.	
6.	Introduction of New ADRC Board Member(s) Novak introduced himself to the ADRC Board. Whisler was unable to make it to the meeting. All members and staff present introduced themselves as well.	
7.	Review ADRC Monthly Financial Summaries Mumm provided the report in packet and presented. Slaney shared that revenues are less than expenses as the year progresses due to grant funding being expended. Kabot asked what the fiscal year was, and Slaney shared that it is the calendar year.	
8.	SUN Update Nankee shared that Iowa County provided the program with a payment last week and that the program is prioritizing feeding participants. Slaney provided an explanation on funding allocations compared to service delivery and how it creates challenges for the program. Nankee received calls from residents asking for program transparency. Rolfsmeyer shared her experiences as a driver where participants shared concerns and fears regarding letters received from the SUN Program as well as relief from participants when they found out they would continue to receive meals. Slaney dispelled misconceptions from social media regarding funding and shared that everyone is committed to make the program work. Novak inquired about the issues. Slaney shared that Iowa County had a waitlist that was put into effect by the previous SUN Director. Iowa County was notified by GWAAR of noncompliance due to having a waitlist, but not utilizing GWAAR's Enhanced Determination Tool. Slaney withheld payment until SUN came into compliance with the contract. Kabot inquired what the ADRC is doing to counter misinformation in the community, and if there is any appeal being made to corporate donors for fundraising. Slaney shared that the County Administrator released a statement to County Board Supervisors and is meeting with Channel 27 to comment. Slaney stated that her appeal question should be directed to Christopher Baird, SUN Director. Novak inquired if communities other than the City of Dodgeville contributed to the SUN Program. Mumm shared that the Town of Eden has also contributed. Britt inquired with the Commission on Aging in Jackson County, Kansas where he previously delivered meals, and they stated that they have not received funding decreases. Slaney said the County and SUN	

	Program are doing our best to allocate resources. Rolfsmeyer inquired if other counties are having the same issues and if it is Nationwide. Yes, other counties are having issues as well as at the Federal level. Nankee shared that Mel Masters, SUN Board Chairman, and Christopher Baird are listening to concerns and answering questions. Evans shared that the SUN Director needs to look outside of government funding. Kabot stated it is important to make an appeal to corporate donors by making them aware that it will benefit them as they have employees who are caregivers for their parents and worry about where their parents' next meal is coming from, and how can someone be an effective employee when they are worried about their parents. Hiltbrand shared that the next SUN Board meeting is December 17, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the HHS Center.
9.	Benefit Specialist Update Benefit Specialists report unavailable this month due to Part D. It will be provided at the January meeting. Hiltbrand presented. The Benefit Specialists have helped over 200 residents with Part D Enrollment this season. This is the last week for open enrollment as it ends on December 7, 2024. The Benefit Specialist's appointments are full for this week, but she could run the plan finder and perform additional enrollments if the resident does not need to meet with her.
10.	ADRC Specialist Update ADRC Specialists provided a report in the packet. Huffman presented. She shared that if SUN participants have concerns about receiving meals, drivers can refer them to the ADRC Specialists as they can provide options counseling and share other resources. The Specialists have recently started inputting data into a new system and believe that it will be easier once they become more familiar with the program. The Specialists have had an increase in home visits, collaboration with Unified Community Services on children's long-term support to adult long-term support referrals and participated in transition mentoring day for youth transitioning to adults. Evans shared that she has heard nothing but positive things from clients when they call the ADRC.
11.	Transportation Update Nohe Caygill, Transportation Coordinator, provided a report for the packet. Mumm presented. The ADRC is looking for more volunteer drivers so interested parties should contact the office. Stevens asked if there is a recruitment effort for volunteer drivers. Slaney shared that the ADRC is working in collaboration with the Health Department and SWCAP Lift to recruit volunteers. Hiltbrand shared that recruitment posts are in the News & Views on a regular basis. Nankee commended the increase in volunteer driver rides.
12.	ADRC Manager Report: Hiltbrand provided a report in packet and presented. She highlighted the SUN Annual Appeal and ways people could make contributions to the program. Vulnerable adults will be receiving a cleaning basket or gift basket as well as a food basket through the Social Services/ADRC Holiday Project. If anyone wants to sponsor a family or vulnerable adult, contact the office. Successful Mind Over Matter classes were held in Montfort at their Community Building through a collaboration with Grant and Green Counties, which the ADRC hopes to offer again in the future. The ADRC collaborated with Grant and Lafayette Counties for a Caregiver Renewal Day in November where caregivers learned healthy caregiving habits and techniques. The Benefit Specialists will hold Medicare 101 at the HHS Center on December 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. where residents new to Medicare can learn about the program and either apply themselves or schedule a meeting with the ADRC. There is a required minimum of four participants to hold the event so interested residents should contact the office to register. Aging Advocacy Day is Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Slaney educated the board on the ADRC Region and how the additional incentives Regions received are going away. Our Region is staying together for 2025 and will reassess for 2026 as the Counties in the Region realize the value of the collaboration and coordination with being a Region.
13.	Next Meeting Tuesday, February 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 Richter to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.
Respectfully Submitted by: Nikki Mumm, Business Manager, & Valerie Hiltbrand, ADRC Manager	

