TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020

State of Wisconsin County of Iowa

## **UNAPPROVED** MINUTES OF THE ADRC OF SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN,

IOWA COUNTY BOARD MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES CENTER, 303 W. CHAPEL ST., DODGEVILLE, WI 53533

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1)	Chairperson O'Brien called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.	Call to Order
2)	Roll Call – Members Present in Community Room: Jeremy Meek and Justin O'Brien. Members Present Remotely: Nancy Clements, Kathy Elliott, Lori Fisher, Judy Lindholm, Elsie Jane Murphy, Cathy Palzkill, J. Patrick Reilly, Trish Rock, and Marilyn Rolfsmeyer. Excused: Lynn Munz and Bill Ladewig. Absent: Dianne Evans. Others Present in Community Room: Valerie Hiltbrand, Marylee Oleson, and Cecile McManus. Others Present Remotely: Nikki Brennum and Renae Kratcha.	Roll Call
3)	Approval of the <b>June 23, 2020</b> Agenda. Motion by Meek and seconded by Reilly to accept the agenda. Motion carried.	Agenda Approval
4)	Approval of the <b>May 26, 2020</b> meeting minutes. Motion by Fisher and seconded by Reilly to accept the amended meeting minutes. Motion carried.	Meeting Minutes Approval
5)	O'Brien discussed the isolation and loneliness for residents in nursing homes. Maybe we can do something for those people. Palzkill received a Medicare Advantage Plan notice. Concerned because it looked legitimate. Hiltbrand reiterated that articles are in the News & Views newsletter explaining the different Medicare plans and the fact that our Benefit Specialists are available to answer your questions and can review questionable mail, if you request them to. O'Brien suggested the ADRC advertise the benefit specialist program can review your questionable mail. It's a topic for future discussion.	Members of audience address Committee
6)	O'Brien noted that expenditures exceeded income.	Monthly Financial Summary
7)	O'Brien amended the By-Laws. Changed: Article IV. ADRC BOARD, Section 3. Tenure/Terms, changed the word "rotations" to "rotation". Article V. OFFICERS, Section 3, Tenure - officer term limits. May serve three consecutive terms in any one office. If replacing an officer, may also serve three additional consecutive one-year terms. Article VII. MEETINGS, changed the word "Rule" to "Rules". Article IX. DUTIES AND POWERS, I. add a comma after (GWAAR). Motion by Palzkill to Approve the By-Laws as amended and seconded by Fisher. Motion carried. Hiltbrand will make these changes and send a clean version to the HHS Committee for approval.	ADRC Board By-Laws
8)	SUN (Seniors United for Nutrition): Cecile McManus, SUN Director for Iowa and Lafayette Counties, attended. Except for two restaurants, all dining sites are closed. Meal delivery and take-out predominantly. Hidden Valley Community Church in Dodgeville has been open since early June but the Dodgeville Dining Site has not yet opened. Short discussion on the Phases to Reopening (information: <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/prepare.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/prepare.htm</a> ). Policies and procedures to reopening needs to be created. In need of meal delivery drivers in Mineral Point. Please spread the word. Meal totals were slightly lower in May than in April. Received some nice donations.  1&A (Information & Assistance): Report Provided. Renae Kratcha attended virtually. Discussed the \$25 Senior Farmers' Market Vouchers program. Changes	Review Department Reports

this year due to COVID-19 include (but aren't limited to): no walk-ins, intake over the phone, curbside pickup, and proxies for those unable to pick up their own vouchers. The ADRC includes a flyer listing the majority of benefits the ADRC is able to assist with and the I&A Specialist spends a few moments with the client reviewing programs. Mentioned the Dodgeville Farmers Market applied for and received a grant (second year) for the "Double Your Dollars" program. Participant vouchers are worth twice their face value at the Dodgeville Farmers Market only.

<u>DBS</u> (Disability Benefit Specialist): Report Provided. Nikki Brennum attended virtually. O'Brien requested an explanation of Salon Outreach. Brennum stated that the ADRC realizes hairdressers have a lot of personal contact with their customers. It was decided to provide the hair salons with rain bonnets and brochures about the ADRC and what we can do to assist anyone over the age of 18. The ADRC has done it once in the past and it was well received.

**EBS** (**Elder Benefit Specialist**): Report Provided.

**Transportation**: Report Provided. Palzkill would like to see us highlight our volunteer driver escorts with human-interest stories in the ADRC newsletter. Oleson said the ADRC has done this in the past and can certainly review again. Hiltbrand suggested we focus on our Rural Taxi service, which is slow getting off the ground. In this month's newsletter, an article features our Rural Taxi driver Mike Doyle. O'Brien is pleased to see the public is still utilizing the services. O'Brien asked if customers are using the taxi for grocery shopping. Oleson replied they are using it for grocery shopping (and delivery), banking, medical, and running general errands.

9) **ADRC Manager**: Valerie Hiltbrand presented.

## **REPORT** -

- The ADRC and Upland Hills Health, along with input from the Iowa County Health Dept., have decided to postpone the annual Health and Wellness EXPO to 2021. Currently brainstorming other activities to celebrate and do community outreach.
- June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Seventy-four Pinwheels are on display outside our office through the month of June.
- GWAAR has created an Elder Abuse Hotline 1-833-586-0107. There is also a website <a href="www.ReportElderAbuseWI.org">www.ReportElderAbuseWI.org</a> that includes outreach to victims and an online reporting tool.
- The HHS Center is still closed to the public. A task force was created to review all aspects of reopening to the public, when the time arrives. We are encouraging the public to "Call Before You Go".
- Iowa County website has new tools and a dashboard created by the Health Department for COVID-19 related information <a href="https://www.iowacounty.org">www.iowacounty.org</a>.
- Wellness & Prevention Programs are going forward with a few programs being in-person, smaller group size. They will also be having virtual program offerings.
- Caregiver Support Program mental health crisis due to COVID-19. Isolation, loneliness, fear are all real factors. Many new resources are available online.

## ADVOCACY -

• Increase in conversations statewide for health equity, protests, Black Lives Matter. Though we are not required to have people of color on the ADRC Board, Hiltbrand invites our current board members to encourage people of color to consider applying for the board. A diverse representation from the public may give the ADRC a better perspective in how to plan programs and services. The board currently has one open community position available.

ADRC Manager

	Hiltbrand quoted statistics from a June 17 presentation by the Wisconsin Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources:  ONLY 10.1	
	<ul> <li>COVID-19 has affected older adults in WI: 23% of all COVID-19 cases, 87% of the deaths, 4x more likely to be hospitalized, and 18 more times likely to die.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>COVID-19 has affected older people of color in WI: older blacks are diagnosed at 9x the rate of whites, older Hispanics at 10x the rate, older Asians at 4x the rate, and American Indians about the same rate as whites.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>COVID-19 has affected older people of color in WI: older blacks die at 10x the rate of whites, older Hispanics at 5x the rate, older Asians at 3x the rate, and American Indians at 1.5x the rate.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>COVID-19 has affected the <b>disability population</b>: those who have preexisting conditions including Diabetes, cardiovascular disease, respiratory issues/smoking and other health conditions.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Absentee Voting – increase awareness for the elder and disabled population.</li> <li>Add information to our newsletter and social media outlets.</li> </ul>	
	Scams – Resources available – Senior Medicare Patrol (division of GWAAR) and the Better Business Bureau. Latest scams have been impersonating Contact Tracers (trace and monitor contacts of COVID-19 infected people.	
	Notify them of their exposure and warning contacts in order to stop chains of transmission). Contact Tracers will not ask for money or personal information.	
10)	<b>Tuesday, July 28, 2020</b> approved for the next ADRC Board meeting. 10:00 a.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville. Zoom will still be an option so that members of the board and community can participate.	Next Meeting Date
11)	Motion by Fisher and seconded by Lindholm to Adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.	Adjourn