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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE ADRC OF SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN, IOWA COUNTY BOARD MEETING HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021 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 10:02 a.m.	Call to Order
2)	Roll Call – Members Present in Community Room: Dianne Evans, William Ladewig, Judy Lindholm, Jeremy Meek, and Justin O'Brien. Members Present Remotely: Nancy Clements, Kathy Elliott, Elsie Jane Murphy, Cathy Palzkill, Pat Reilly, Trish Rock. Excused: Lori Fisher, Lynn Munz, and Marilyn Rolfsmeyer. Others Present in Community Room: Valerie Hiltbrand. Others Present Remotely: Marylee Oleson, Nikki Mumm, Katie Batton, Stacey Terrill, and Brittany Mainwaring.	Roll Call
3)	Approval of the April 27, 2021 Agenda. Motion by Ladewig and seconded by Lindholm to accept the agenda. Motion carried.	Agenda Approval
4)	Approval of the February 23, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion by Palzkill and seconded by Ladewig to accept the meeting minutes. Motion carried.	Meeting Minutes Approval
5)	Evans would like to commend the ADRC who helped with the COVID vaccine program. Well-organized. So many agencies are involved including ADRC employee Janet Butteris. We live in a wonderful place. Palzkill inquired about Homeless Prevention Coalition and Hiltbrand responded it would be addressed in item number 11.	Members of audience address Committee
6)	Nikki Mumm, Business Manager, presented. O'Brien commented on increased income for March. Nikki mentioned that April is Volunteer Month. Paula Daentl has ordered flowers from the Iowa-Grant FFA chapter, which will be picked up next week. And thank you notes were sent to driver escorts, guardians, and wellness program volunteers. Ladewig wondered if we get any money for reimbursement of COVID shots. Mumm is unaware what Iowa County and/or the Iowa County Health Department receives.	Monthly Financial Summary
7)	Motion by Palzkill and seconded by Lindholm to go into closed session, which included everyone in the Community Room and on Zoom. Motion carried.	Motion to go into Closed Session
8)	Motion by Reilly and seconded by Murphy to return to open session. Motion carried.	Motion to return to Open Session
9)	Action item to reappointment both Ladewig and Elliott to a three-year term on the ADRC Board.	Motion on Closed Session Item
10)	Motion by Reilly and seconded by Rock to recommend the reappointment of both Ladewig and Elliott to the ADRC Board and forward to the Iowa County Administrator to present item to the Iowa County Board of Supervisors. Motion carried. Ladewig abstained.	Motion to forward to IC Administrator
11)	Review Department Reports: <u>SUN</u> (Seniors United for Nutrition): Cecile McManus, SUN Director for Iowa and Lafayette Counties, was unable to attend. March saw the highest count in many years, with 4835 meals served in both Iowa and Lafayette counties: 2152 in Lafayette and 2683 in Iowa. There were 23 serving days, the most possible. Dodgeville alone served 1209 meals or an average of 53/day. When COVID hit, we switched to disposable trays (which are not microwaveable) at some sites for safety of drivers and	

participants. We are now looking at going back to reusable trays in May, depending on COVID conditions. In Dodgeville alone, this will save \$4000/year and in Shullsburg, \$1600/year. TENTATIVELY: we are looking at opening the congregate site at Arena on May 10; guidelines will be in place for safety and with limited seating. The site is located in the Arena Manor, a housing facility. Most of the residents have been vaccinated, as well as staff and volunteers. We are also TENTATIVELY opening the Shullsburg site on May 3. Linden and Belmont are delayed until further notice. Benton and Dodgeville have been open since last July, and are going well. Darlington opened officially the week of April 12, with other activities also available to the seniors in the senior center. Both restaurant sites in Highland and Blanchardville are also going well; participants are gradually feeling comfortable coming back. Thanks go to the staff, volunteers and participants who are following guidelines. Surveys from the ADRC/SUN went out with April SUN statements; many have been returned. Some of the ADRC questions also pertain to SUN and responses will help determine aging goals for the next aging plan. SUN's Annual Report for 2020 will be ready for the SUN Board meeting on May 20. Palzkill read News and Views and couldn't tell which site was open for dine-in and which site was carryout/delivery only. Please review newsletter menus. Ladewig – is SUN going to do a press release, etc. on Arena Manor opening back up. Suggested to put on Facebook pages.

Review Department Reports

DBS/EBS (Disability Benefit Specialist and Elder Benefit Specialist): Report provided. Stacey Terrill presented. The EBS serves anyone age 60 and older. Reminder: Monetary Impact (M.I.) isn't direct money we receive but is an estimate of benefits the consumer should receive. On the report, the number of consumers does not include phone calls. Palzkill-how are new cases determined? Those are new consumers for the month. We may have served them last year but they are new this year. O'Brien - is it unusual to see monetary impact differences between months. M.I. only appears if they actually receive a benefit. Nikki Brennum might get three approvals next month, and then her M.I. will be much higher. Terrill can take M.I. right away for someone filing for Social Security Retirement or Medicare. M.I. is a measurement the state has put in the system. Doesn't affect the consumer's amount of benefits. It is meant to show value of position and to show you what those benefits can potentially give back to the community. Therefore, in other words, it's not tangible per Palzkill. Terrill responded it just depends on the approved benefit program. Set up in the SAMS database. The state populates the value of M.I amounts and Terrill does not. Has COVID had any effect on applications? Per Ladewig. Terrill – benefits are "frozen" right now because of COVID. In the past, if someone is no longer eligible for benefits, they get to keep their benefits right now. Many people are taking advantage of unemployment benefits since those are frozen. Are people applying for social security earlier too? Yes per Terrill. Maybe they aren't comfortable going back to their position or COVID made them decide to reevaluate their plans. Maybe their position has been eliminated...

I&A (Information & Assistance): 1. Report provided. Brittany Mainwaring presented and introduced herself. County Communities on Transition (CCoT) are a group of stakeholders who have made the commitment to collaborate around identifying barriers to **transition** planning, organizing needed supports, and developing solutions for youth with disabilities in the local **county** they serve. On Thursday, May 6, there is the REED event. **REED** - Recreation Education and Exploration Day was created to give students with disabilities new experiences and create possible hobbies for their future. It will be held at Gov. Dodge. The I&A's will now provide options counseling regarding Federal Employment Agencies (FEAs)

when reviewing Long Term Care program IRIS (Include, Respect, I-Self direct). FEA is the payer source for paying caregivers in the IRIS program. Stand Up and Move More is a research project with UW-Madison. First time we offered it was in 2018. It is a four-week online course. Health benefits of sitting less. Not a workout class. Studies have found we sit too much to watch TV, have coffee with friends, in the car. Anyone who participates can receive up to a \$60 gift certificate. If interested, let Brittany know.

<u>ADRC Transportation</u>: Report provided. Nikki Mumm presented. Just a reminder that April is National Volunteer month. There is no banquet this year due to the pandemic. Paula Daentl has ordered potted flowers for all our volunteers. They will be picking them up beginning next week.

Homeless Prevention Coalition: Katie Batton presented. Reviewed their brochure. The Coalition is overseen by SWCAP. One shelter currently; an apartment. Safe housing for up to 90 days. If there is unforeseen circumstances, they can get an extension. They coordinate resources for them for housing, job, and schooling. Therefore, when they transition out they are established somewhere. The Iowa County homeless population is homeless for almost every reason you can think of. There is a lack of affordable housing and lack of transportation. O'Brien asked if resources are strained. Batton said right now, money is good due to unexpected funding sources. Ladewig – do we have a relationship with Gov. Dodge to check on families? Batton said law enforcement does that. Twice a year they do the Point-in-Time project and do go out to Gov. Dodge and other campsites to check on people. Brochures are at local campgrounds. Meek, how do you treat nomads. Batton said they willingly chose to live that lifestyle. In winter months, some chose to stay in hotels and pay their way. There are other who show up in the winter and need financial assistance. Palzkill mentioned there used to be two homeless shelters; will the second apartment be replaced? Batton responded that they decided not to renew the lease because of a major rent increase and the property owner not wanting certain individuals in the apartment. They have been unable to find a new, affordable one. Must be under \$1,000 a month. Have been advertising on our Facebook page. Palzkill asked what amount they would be willing to pay. Batton said their current shelter is around \$700 for rent/utilities/insurance. The brochure will be sent to board members.

12) ADRC Manager's Report: Valerie Hiltbrand presented.

- HHS Center will reopen on May 1st. Encourage consumers to make appointments.
- Membership Committee will be meeting in May to elect officers for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. If you are interested in one of these positions, contact the membership committee. Current positions are Chair O'Brien, Vice Chair Rock, and Secretary Fisher. Every year we will vote for new officers. Nominations can be made by anyone during the meeting.
- Our board limit is 15 members. We currently have 14. Rock and Palzkill terms end in May. We will advertise for new members in the next News & Views newsletter. Please spread the word.
- Palzkill is also a representative on the ADRC Regional Board. Will contact Larry Bierke on procedure for replacement.
- New dementia care specialist Bonnie Beam's home base office will be Green County. Will invite her to an upcoming meeting. She has great experience. Worked for the Alzheimer's Association. Started mid-April. Palzkill and O'Brien met her and were impressed.
- Aging Plan Survey was given to the SUN meal delivery participants. We have

ADRC Manager