

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021

State of Wisconsin County of Iowa	APPROVED MINUTES OF THE ADRC OF SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN, IOWA COUNTY BOARD MEETING HELD TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES CENTER, 303 W. CHAPEL ST., DODGEVILLE, WI 53533	2021-05
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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: W. Michael Britt, William Ladewig, Jeremy Meek, Elsie Jane Murphy, Justin O'Brien, Susan Schroeder, and George Swamp. Members Present Remotely: Nancy Clements, Kathy Elliott, J. Patrick Reilly, and Marilyn Rolfsmeyer. Excused: Dianne Evans, Lori Fisher, Judy Lindholm, and Lynn Munz. Others Present in Community Room: Valerie Hiltbrand and Nikki Mumm. Others Present Remotely: Marylee Oleson, Renae Kratcha, Nikki Brennum, and Katie Batton.	Roll Call
3)	Approval of the July 27, 2021 Agenda. Motion by Ladewig and seconded by Britt to accept the agenda. Motion carried.	Agenda Approval
4)	Approval of the June 22, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion by Ladewig and seconded by Swamp to accept the meeting minutes. Motion carried.	Meeting Minutes Approval
5)	O'Brien discussed plans by Jeff Lockhart (Unified Community Services Director) to hold six boot camps on "well-being" in Lancaster. Simple things to combat feelings of social isolation, loneliness, stress. Begins 7/28 and ends 8/31, 6:30-7:30pm. Check their website under news for more information https://unified.co.grant.wi.gov (Website last visited: July 28, 2021).	Members of audience address Committee
6)	Nikki Mumm, Business Manager, attended. O'Brien commented the summary almost balanced this month. Mumm said there were no surprises.	Monthly Financial Summary
7)	Mumm presented and asked if there were questions. No comments but O'Brien does like the new format.	2 nd Quarter Financials
8)	Mumm presented. Requested approval of the redistribution of III-B funding. Since the ADRC Care A Van is not running due to the pandemic, money that was budgeted for the bus has not been used. It needs to be used by September 30 th . Requesting board approve redistributing it to Supportive Home Care, Prevention program training, and advertising for the upcoming EXPO. Motion by Ladewig and seconded by Elliott to approve the amended budget item. Motion carried. Mumm added that staff are working on 2022 budgets so if anyone has any questions, comments or suggestions about the 2022 budget to please contact Mumm.	Approve Amended GWAAR Budget
9)	Review Department Reports: SUN (Seniors United for Nutrition): Cecile McManus, SUN Director for Iowa and Lafayette Counties, unable to attend. Report provided by Hiltbrand. Thursday, 7/29 is their Steak Cookout and Grand Reopening. Hiltbrand said McManus has been working at the Dodgeville dining site almost daily since their manager retired. No applicants for the position. Advertising in local newspapers. The SUN Board approved a wage increase. The situation is dire. Please assist with marketing the need for a dining site manager in Dodgeville. Britt voiced concerns over the large crowd who plays cards at the Dodgeville Dining Site. Are there guidelines in place concerning a surge in COVID cases? Hiltbrand said SUN follows direction from the Health Dept. The card playing is not part of SUN. That is a senior citizen group that Hidden Valley Community Church has given permission to use their facility.	Review Department Reports

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	<u>ADRC Staffing Updates:</u> Hiltbrand introduced Renae Kratcha as our new EBS. Kratcha was an I&A Specialist for the ADRC and is transitioning into the EBS job. Janet Butteris will be retiring as our APS (adult protective services) Social Worker on 8/6. Nikki Brennum has accepted the position of APS Social Worker beginning 8/16. That leaves the DBS and I&A positions vacant. Applicants are being reviewed for the I&A position and the DBS position will be posted soon. <u>DBS/EBS: (Disability Benefit Specialist and Elder Benefit Specialist):</u> Report provided. Nikki Brennum presented and discussed the process for applying for Social Security Insurance (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), the length of time it takes to be approved or denied, what to do if you've been denied, etc. Ladewig asked if you see a large amount of people being denied initially. Brennum said no, it's a case-by-case situation. When a person applies, they list other family members, marital status, children. Swamp asked if resources are provided to people who are denied and need assistance. Yes, resources are provided. Rolfsmeyer inquired if disability requests have risen since COVID. Brennum has actually seen a decline in requests. It could be that the unemployment compensation has made consumers more comfortable in their situation. <u>I&A (Information & Assistance):</u> Report provided. Katie Batton presented. Ladewig asked where most of the nursing home referrals come from and Batton responded Mineral Point has the majority of referrals. Batton drew attention to the number of customer contacts this month is higher than usual and she attributes this to customers coming in for the Senior Farmers' Market Vouchers. The ADRC has already distributed 79% of them. They are worth \$25 for anyone 60 years or older who meets the income requirements. They expire on 10/31/2021. <u>Transportation:</u> Report provided. No comments.	
10)	<u>ADRC Manager's Report:</u> • Hiltbrand and Brittany Mainwaring attended the virtual Low Vision Fair – statewide low vision series through the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Our I&A Specialists assist customers with low vision find resources to assist them. • Mind Over Matter – virtual class for incontinence issues. Looking for more participants. Hope to start on Friday. Only meet three times. • Planning a Drive-Thru Expo for Friday, September 24 at Harris Park in Dodgeville. Inviting vendors to give us marketing material to include in a bag of resources. Have other drawings to entice people to attend. Parking Lot Bingo and Podcast Poker is available during the event. Customers will stay in their car for the whole event. HeART Coalition will be providing free-boxed lunches to the first 150 participants. Heavily advertised • Future Planning Series – The series will help families plan for their disabled family member's future before it is too late. Families delay the conversation until it is too late and becomes a crisis. • Stepping On workshop will be held at the Ridgeway Community Center. Swamp mentioned the Dodgeville Public Library has a satellite location there. It is the former Ridgeway School. <u>Advocacy Update:</u> • OAA 2022 Budget Advocacy handout – long-overdue need for appropriate funding levels for the Older Americans Act. Increase funding for Title III-B, III-D and III-E programs specifically benefit our rural community. Ladewig asked about a hotline for benefit specialists to call. Hiltbrand said the Elder Benefit Specialist has a specific contact at GWAAR. There is a hotline to report Elder Abuse. Elder Abuse can take many forms as we've discussed. It	ADRC Manager

	may be 50/50 physical versus financial exploitation. Ladewig asked if the board is obligated to make people aware of this. It was determined board members should speak for themselves and advocate for all the disabled and elderly in our county. Ladewig requested an APS Social Worker attend a board meeting and give an overview of their position.	
11)	Tuesday, August 24, 2021 approved for the next ADRC Board meeting. 10:00 a.m., HHS Center, Community Room, Dodgeville. Zoom is still an option.	Next Meeting Date
12)	Motion by Britt and seconded by Swamp to Adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.	Adjourn