

ADRC of the Lakeshore Board Minutes
Tuesday, November 28, 2023
Kewaunee Administration Building – Conference Room

Linda Teske called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken. Those present were: Paul Ravet, James Hathaway, Joanne Lazansky, Linda Teske, Sandi Schleis-Ulmen, Tim Jadowski, and Catherine Wagner. Excused: Shirley Fessler, Tim Nicholls, and, Cindy Neelis. Also present were: Wendy Hutterer, Melissa Konop, Lori J Fure, and Kim Novak from the ADRC of the Lakeshore.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Catherine Wagner, second by Tim Jadowski to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Joanne Lazansky, second by Paul Ravet, to approve the minutes from September 26, 2023. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: Received thank you from customer.

Director Updates – Wendy Hutterer:

Finance Report:

- GWAAR 2024 Budget distributed and discussed.
- October 2023 Monthly Financial Summary was distributed.

Office Report:

- ADRC's are celebrating 25th Anniversary this year.
- Manitowoc elevator will be replaced in 2024. No date has been established yet. Working on remote location with 2-3 offices for those not able to do stairs and staffing plan for that location.
- Discussed program called WISHIN. It is a program to electronically receive medical records to complete screens for long term care and Medicaid applications.
- Discussed closing the Algoma congregate meal site due to low attendance, increased costs, and funding concerns. Will continue home delivered meals in Algoma. Discussed other location options. After more discussion the Board agreed on closing the Algoma congregate site as it would not have a negative impact on the residents of Algoma.
- March 26, 2024, will be in the same room as this meeting.

Legislative Report:

- ABLE Account bill for people with disabilities in Wisconsin did not pass. We do have WisPact in Wisconsin which is similar to the ABLE Account program. Melissa will bring information on the WisPact program to the next Board meeting.
- Care Act for caregivers which addresses having services in place prior to person being released from the hospital also did not pass.

ADRC Updates – Melissa Konop:

Information & Assistance Specialists:

- October and November have been busy for I & A with over 37 referrals in October alone.

Disability Benefit Specialists:

- Busy with Open Enrollment.
- Disability applications still backed up at Social Security.
- Both DBS on medical leave.

Dementia Care Specialist:

- Increased numbers attending VDT's and Dementia Friendly trainings in 2023 in both Counties.
- 2024 program/VDT dates will be shared at the next Board meeting.

Older American's Act Programming Updates – Lori J Fure:

Elderly Nutrition Program:

- Partnered with Froedtert Holy Family to provide home delivered meals for Thanksgiving.
- Discussed the meal prioritization program. It will be fully implemented beginning in January, 2024.
- Closure of the Reedsville and Dycksville have been approved by State.
- Distributed report and reviewed meals served in 2023 to date.
- Nutrition Counsel meets quarterly. Looking for additional members.

Caregiver/Prevention Programs:

- November is National Caregiver month. We did a Caregiver appreciation event in both Counties as well as Facebook posts.
- Working on the schedule for 2024 programs. Bingocize will be a new program added in 2024. It combines Bingo and exercise and is a 10 week class that meets twice per week. Living Well will be discontinued in 2024.

Elder Benefit Specialists:

- Medicare A-D presentation for December is full in Manitowoc. Kewaunee still has room for additional participants.
- Open Enrollment is going well.

Transportation Updates – Kim Novak:

Kewaunee:

- Driver training was held November 9th. Training provided was financial exploitation, new media campaign for soliciting new drivers, program expectations and updates. Drivers were given T-shirts with the new slogan "Better Their Life, Be The Ride".
- Provided 3070 rides in the three quarters of 2023. Continue to see an increase in demand.
- 5310 grant van is ready to go into service. DOT paperwork and licensing is complete. Volunteer solicitation added to the outside of the van for recruitment.
- New flyers have been completed and new recruitment video highlighting drivers and consumers is complete and on the Kewaunee County Facebook page. Added three new drivers in the past month.
- Next Kewaunee TCC meeting is scheduled for 2/13/2024. Last meeting was 11/14/2023. The s85.21 grant application was approved at the Public Hearing which was part of the TCC meeting.
- The transportation position has been filled with an internal candidate. Lynn Clark continues to fill the role until the transfer is made.

Manitowoc:

- The s85.21 specialized transportation grant application for 2024 was approved at the Public Hearing/TCC meeting and submitted to WisDOT on November 9th.
- Still waiting on the arrival of the 2023 bus that was awarded to us. Expected to be delivered in January 2024 but may be delayed due to the strike.
- Ride demands continue to increase.
- Recruiting for volunteer drivers.

Next Meeting: January 23, 2024 at 10:00 am in Manitowoc. There being no other business, Paul Ravet made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sandy Schleis-Ulmen. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:24 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Novak/wh
ADRC Business Services Manager