

ADRC of the Lakeshore Board Minutes  
Tuesday, May 26th, 2026  
Manitowoc County Heritage Building - Education Room

Bonnie called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Roll call was taken. Those present were: James Hathaway, Paul Ravet, Sandi Schleis-Ullmen, Linda Teske, Brenda Georgenson, Bonnie Shimulunas, Joanne Lazansky, Tina Prigge, Shirley Fessler, Jill Pope. Also present were: Melissa Konop, Lori J Fure, Adam Miller, and Tehya Kramper from the ADRC, and William Fessler.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Shirley, second by Brenda to approve agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Joanne, second by Paul to approve minutes from March 24th, 2026. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- There were no public comments.

Correspondence:

- March food drive – letter from Peter’s Pantry thanking the ADRC for the donation.
- Wendy received an email from Paul Hacker thanking her and the team for making his time on the board a good one and enlightening him on the goals and missions of the ADRC.

Voting:

- Secretary:
  - o Bonnie nominated Adam, and Jill nominated Brenda.
    - Bonnie will look into whether it can be a civilian secretary and will report back at next meeting.
    - Sandi motions to accept Jill’s nomination – motion carried. If there is nothing in the bylaws that states a civilian board member cannot be secretary, Brenda will be the Secretary starting at the next meeting.
- Chairs:
  - o James motions to make Bonnie Manitowoc County chair. Motion carried.
  - o Paul nominates Linda for Kewaunee County chair. Tina motioned to make Linda Kewaunee County chair. Motion carried.

Director Updates – Adam Miller

Finance Report

- ADRC Claim
  - o March had slight increases in Medicaid reimbursements.
- Aging Claim
  - o HDM – 71% grant claimed so far.
    - \$80,000 was removed from C1 fund, but it hasn’t been transferred to the C2 fund yet.
    - A large order was put in for non-perishable supplies as we were informed that supply costs would be going up. This expenditure usually wouldn’t be seen until later in the year.
- Everything is looking where it should be for this time of year.

Office Report

- Welcome new board member Jill Pope, Manitowoc County Board of Supervisors.

Legislative Report

- Aging and Disability Advocacy Day
  - o Kewaunee: September 30, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
  - o Manitowoc: September 24, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
  - o Topics:
    - Dementia Training Regulations for Long-Term Care Providers
    - Reinstatement of Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Funding to Eliminate Waitlists

## ADRC Updates – Melissa Konop

### Dementia Care Specialist

- Programs have been filling up and creating a waitlist, which hasn't been seen in a long time.
- Still working on getting numbers up for Memory Cafes in Kewaunee County.

### Disability Benefit Specialists

- Business as usual.
- Meeting with the local Social Security Office, meeting every couple of months to build up the working relationship.

### Information and Assistance Specialists

- Long-Term Care Referrals:
  - o 38 April; 23 May
  - o Anticipating an increase in June and July
- Increase in Options Counselling

## Older Americans Act Programming Updates – Lori J Fure

### Elderly Nutrition Program

- March and April meal numbers:
  - o Kewaunee
    - Congregate: 341
    - HDM: 1,565
  - o Manitowoc County
    - Congregate: 695
    - HDM: 8,364
- Woodland Dunes Pop-Up Congregate Meal – Up to 40 attendees, with a congregated meal and a presentation from Woodland Dunes staff about the fun things they see on their trail cams. July 21, 11:30-1:00.
- Farmers Market Vouchers, starting June 8<sup>th</sup>. Income requirements and other details are found in the newsletters. 5, \$5 vouchers to use at local participating farm stands.
  - o Funding has decreased by 23%, which means we have received fewer vouchers than in previous years.
- Volunteers: We are in need of kitchen volunteers at the Manitowoc Meal Site on Tuesdays and Fridays, and a Tuesday driver for our Valders route.

### Caregiver/Prevention Programs

- Caregiver Circles:
  - o Kewaunee: June 2
  - o Manitowoc: June 4

### Health and Wellness

- Stepping On and Bingocize are happening in both counties. Both classes will also take place in both counties in the fall.

### Elder Benefit Specialist

- Kewaunee EBS is on leave – Manitowoc EBS is going to be in Kewaunee one day a week and will be on call every day.

### Other

- Golden Gala
  - o Manitowoc County: 45 attendees
  - o Kewaunee County: 110 attendees
  - o Feedback: try not to have it on a County Board meeting night!
- Presentation Series:
  - o Next presentation is at the Lester Public Library on July 7 from 1:30 – 3:00 and will have a guest speaker from HomeCare Health Services and Hospice

## Transportation Updates – Adam Miller

### Kewaunee:

- Had 1,199 rides in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, which was down from 2023 (1,371) and similar to 2024 numbers.
- Driver training scheduled for 6/4 with Melissa from ADRC and Bennet Merens from Bureau of Consumer Protection.
- 5310 audit has been completed.

- Algoma bus continues to operate as expected with no updates.
- Next TCC meeting is August 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### Manitowoc

- We had a total of 5,267 rides in first quarter, down from 5,707 in 2025. Most of this was in the Ascend, Rural, and Elderly Ambulatory programs.
- Wrapping up our 5310 audit and finishing up the corrections that DOT recommended. Our Title VI plan has been updated and approved by state.
- City of Manitowoc is considering pulling their paratransit services in house. More discussions will happen at TCC meetings, the next one being July 29<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 28th, 2026 in Kewaunee. There being no other business, Sandi motioned to adjourn, seconded by Joanne. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 11:01 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tehya Kramper (AM)  
Marketing & Outreach Coordinator