

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Waukesha County Health and Human Services Center ADRC Advisory Board September 2, 2021

Present Board Members: Joel Gaughan
Sandra Heberling
Betty Koepsel
Marj Kozlowski
Judith Tharman
Sandy Wolff

Absent Board Members: Carla Friedrich
Phyllis Wesolowski, Vice Chair

HHS Board Liaison: Mary Baer (Present)

HHS Staff Liaisons: Mary Smith (Present)
Lisa Bittman (Present)
Sally DuPont (Present)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Betty Koepsel.

Public Comment

None

Review and Approval of Minutes from August 5, 2021 Meeting

Betty Koepsel called for approval of the minutes from August 5, 2021. Sandy Wolff moved to approve the minutes; Marj Kozlowski seconded the motion. All in attendance approved. Motion carried.

Dementia Challenging Behavior Initiative (DCBI) – Lisa Bittman

Lisa Bittman showed a presentation about the Dementia Challenging Behavior Initiative. The Dementia Challenging Behavior Initiative is a community initiative, where the ultimate goal is to improve care for individuals with dementia exhibiting challenging behaviors. There will be a virtual summit hosted by the ADRC and partner agencies on October 20, 2021.

County Aging Plan Update – Mary Smith

- At the end of July 2021 the draft Aging Plan goals were submitted to GWAAR for review.
- The draft goals submitted were:
 - Open 1-3 restaurant senior dining centers with 1-2 of those to be in ethnic restaurants.
 - Provide additional nutritional support for individuals at high nutrition risk.
 - Attempt to reduce health effects of social isolation and loneliness by identifying adults most vulnerable and implementing interventions and evaluating outcomes.
 - Enhance caregiver support.
 - Expand the ADRC services to the Hispanic community in Waukesha County.
 - Strive to increase older adults' access to training, opportunities, and resources to become effective advocates.
- The Aging Plan will be presented to the ADRC Advisory Board at the October 7, 2021 ADRC Advisory Board meeting.
- There will be a public hearing October 8, 2021 on the Plan, followed by review and approval by the HHS Committee.

ADRC Manager Report – Mary Smith

- Mary Smith showed a presentation that gave an overview of the ADRC client contact for 2021:
 - The three top concerns for people calling into the ADRC were public benefits, home services, and food.
 - The largest age group served by the ADRC was 60-99.
 - The most prevalent category of calls that came into the Adult Protective Services unit was Elder at Risk.
- The reopening of the congregate dining centers has been delayed in response to the increase in COVID.
- The ADRC 2022 budget was presented to the Health and Human Services Board and the County Executive.

ADRC Coordinator Report – Lisa Bittman

- Lisa Bittman has been working to merge the Health and Human Services and ADRC Volunteer Services programs, which are now both housed within the ADRC.
- Staffing Update:
 - The following staff have been hired:
 - Part-time Dementia Care Specialist
 - Part-time ADRC Specialist to assist on APS call intake
 - Full-time Volunteer Program Specialist
 - Recruitment is underway for the following positions:
 - Part-time Caregiver Support Specialist
 - Full-time Aging Services Lead Worker

Health and Human Services Board Report – Mary Baer

- The Health and Human Services Board met on August 19, 2021.
- The Health and Human Services Board will be exploring partially remote meetings for their board meetings, potentially starting in October, and will vote on any format changes made to their meetings.
- The Health and Human Services Board now hears presentations from all of the divisions within Health and Human Services.

Health and Human Services Committee Report – Joel Gaughan

- The Health and Human Services Committee did not meet in August.
- The Health and Human Services presentation to the County Executive was very well done.
- Budget review season is underway at the County Board.

Agency Updates and Announcements

The ADRC Advisory Board is recruiting members that represent individuals with disabilities.

Adjourn

Betty Koepsel called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m. Sandra Heberling moved to adjourn; Joel Gaughan seconded the motion. All in attendance approved. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sally DuPont.

Approved: Phyllis Wesolowski Date: 10/7/2021

