

**BAYFIELD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Barnes Meal Site, Barnes, Wisconsin
May 20, 2019
10:20 a.m.**

Committee Members Present: Karen Anderson, Lynette Benzschawel, Sam Ray, Suzanne Rooney, Betty Schell

Committee Members Excused: Doug Defoe, Tom Gordon

Committee Member Absent: None

Staff Present: Carrie Linder, Jane Cook

Call to Order and Introductions

Linder called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. and introductions were made.

Discussion and Possible Action-Review of the March 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Schell to approve the March 18, 2019 Minutes, second by Anderson. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action-Review Citizen Application-Douglas Defoe

Linder presented application for Doug Defoe, Independent Living Specialist. Linder noted that Doug had previously been on the committee. Brief discussion.

Motion by Schell to refer Doug Defoe citizen application to HS Board with recommendation to accept by ADAC, second by Anderson. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action-Proclamation Recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Linder noted that June 15, 2019 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Proclamation recognizes this day. Tom Gordon will be signing the proclamation.

Linder talked about the prescription drug drops to be set up at the meal sites during the month of June around the 15th of the month in conjunction with the recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Linder mentioned that she had attended an outreach in April and there were concerns discussed about the elderly being taken advantage of prescription drugs and money. Posters to be put up throughout the county with an additional tag line to "Make It Everyday" along with Bayfield County and ADRC phone information. Magnets also ordered and will available at meal sites.

Motion by Benzschawel to approve proclamation, second by Schell. Motion carried.

ADRC Updates

- A. Proclamation Recognizing May as ADRC Month – Proclamation signed by the Governor's Office recognizing May 2019 as the ADRC month throughout the State of Wisconsin.
- B. Re-Allocation Process – Linder presented a brief history of the ADRC make-up. A work group was put together from across the State. Work group asked for funding in the budget but cannot support what was presented without phasing reallocation. They can support new funding and can implement this without phase in by 2020.
- C. ADRC Regional Budget Issues – ADRC regional budget sustains a Regional Coordinator, phone system, 4 full-time staff and a Dementia Care Specialist. With no cost increases, trying to figure out how to support the same level of service.

D. Dementia Care Specialist – This position has been without anyone since December. Just interviewed 5 people and have hired Natalie Schmaltz from the Iron County area. Currently working for hospice.

Advocacy Updates

A. 2019-2021 Budget Updates – Previously, under Governor Scott Walker the federal Medicaid funding was declined. However, Governor Evers, has accepted the Medicaid funding to support new initiatives. Linder pointed out how important it is to make our voices by heard with our local representatives. Our representatives are supportive but still need to hear from constituents. Any opportunity to share concerns please direct support to Beth Meyers and /or Janet Bewley. Linder will send out additional information on this.

Other (Informational Items)

A. Staffing Updates – Sheila Mack, Elder Benefit Specialist has submitted her retirement on 10/1/2019. Will be transitioning a new person. Posting up soon.

Tax Aide people to assist with Medicare sign-ups.

B. Alzheimer's and Dementia Program to be presented on June 12, 2019 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Port Wing Fire Hall, Port Wing, Wisconsin.

Future Meeting Dates 2019

Next meeting: Change to the July 15th meeting. **Rescheduled for Monday, July 22, 2019**

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jane M. Cook, Clerk III

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