

Aging and Disability August Resource Center Board Meeting  
October 27th 2020  
Veterans Conference Room #130

The Committee called to order on October 27, 2020, in Suite 130 Veteran's Conference Room. Present were members of the Aging Committee: Don Stirling and Wayne Jerrett Jr (via phone). Members of the Advisory Committee: Karla Troester, Deb Martin, Nancy Ostrander and Rodney Boardman. Director Roby Fuller, Disability Benefit Specialist Amy Eastlick, and Administrative Assistances Jacob Schneider. Diane Koth was excused. Edward Hayes-Hall and Rodney Mezera were absent.

Don Stirling called to order at 9:30 AM.

Jacob Schneider verified the posting of the agenda.

Motion to approve minutes of previous meeting September 22, 2020 motion made by Rodney Boardman. Motion seconded by Nancy Ostrander. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADRC Operations Report- Nutrition, Transportation, NFCSP, Information & Assistance, Elder and Disability Benefit Specialists, Outreach, Budget, Regional Board:**

Jacob reported on the home delivered meals, congregate dining, and transportation programs for the month of August. Don mentioned the Transportation income still looks good with rides being cut in half. Roby mentions MCO trips and the big push of medical trips in August and September has helped the income. There was two Apple Orchard trips to Gays Mills with 3 riders each time.

**Director and Staff Report**

Introduction of the new Disability Benefit Specialist Amy Eastlick, and the board members introduction to Amy. Roby reported on the outreach ADRC is working on. There was an article on the front page of the Courier Press last week. National Caregiver month in November will be advertised on the radio and 4 billboards throughout the county.

Roby reported that I&A's have been busy since September, and she will review their time reporting statistics next meeting. There is not a lot of in home providers or homes available for the individuals who are seeking such services. Karla shared her personal experience of no one being available to come into her home to assist her, which caused her kids to take time off and help her. Roby also had an example of a situation where a couple were in need of help, and their children from the west coast and Florida had to come to help. The catch was they needed help by Friday as the children had to go back. This could lead to APS being involved, although we try all other possibilities of finding help beforehand.

The Elder Benefit Specialist Ashley Greene is in the middle of Open Enrollment. She mailed out 265 letters that guided her clients to sign up over the phone, mail, or in person. 2/3 of the clients have elected the mail option so far.

Roby reported Amy has jumped right in and is learning fast. She has been in multiple trainings, has started seeing clients, and is receiving referrals from Social Security.

3M reached out and met with Roby in regards to getting something together to help our program. They decided that the next 3 months they would be doing something with the Home Delivered Meals. October- Color book, November- Cards and notes, December- Word search type game. MaryAnn our dietician also did a Halloween trail mix bag for the Home Delivered Meal participants along with the recipe attached.

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5 office employees will be doing a training for mental health. This is a two day training and was offered at a reduced rate of \$35 per individual.

**Advocacy Issues**

Roby described what the ADRC reinvestment project was. The ADRC funding has not changed since 2012. The reinvestment will be asking for \$25 million plus additional pots of money to support other programs such as NFCSP. Roby will have more details next meeting, and then will need the board's approval to go in front of full county board.

Don mentioned how the pandemic has greatly affected the population we serve. Financially the population we serve has taken the biggest hit. Nancy added that not only financially, but mental struggles are even worse. Mentally people of all ages are being greatly affected. Humans are naturally social creatures, and the pandemic is making it hard for everyone.

**Approval of 85.21 Grant (Transportation)**

Roby displayed the grant on the computer. There is two projects. 1. The regular buses and van funding which is \$78,889. 2. Taxi Cab vouchers that we are able to purchase at a discounted rate to sell to our participants to ride the cab at a reduced rate which is \$1,000. Wayne Jerret Jr. made a motion to approve the grant. Don Stirling seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Regional ADRC Board Meeting Highlights**

Don commented that Ashley's presentation was very good and was nice to see how her job works with an example he saw during the presentation in the September meeting and in the October meeting the DBS from Juneau had a presentation. There was a question about work load and a board member had a personal example of the time and work the DBS did with all the paperwork describing the information to her. This is just one case out of hundreds.

**Approval of Monthly Invoices**

Motion to approve the monthly invoices by Wayne Jerrett Jr. and seconded by Don Stiling

**Public Comment-** Karla commented she appreciated the transportation service, and the drivers were great. It was the little things such as giving a helping hand at the appointments and asking if she needed to stop anywhere. She suggests more people should use this service.

**Set next meeting date and adjourn**

The date for the next meeting will be Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m in the County Administration Building, Room 130 (Veteran's Conference Room) with the County Board of Supervisors meeting at 9:15 a.m to approve the bills. Motion made by Karla Troester to adjourn the meeting, second by Deb Martin. Motion carried unanimously @ 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roby Fuller