

Minutes
ADRC of Eagle Country Governance Board Meeting
September 23, 2022

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eagle Country Governance Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 23 2022 through video or phone call via Zoom. This meeting can be attended by dialing 1-312-626-6799 and using meeting ID: 875 2798 3011 when prompted.

Members Present:

Jack Jasinski, Heidi Randall, Donald Stirling, David Scribbins, Pat Dearth, Donald Stirling, Andrea Lombard, Diane Cox, Terry Wolkowski, Judy Ellington

Members Absent:

Crystal Clark

Others Present:

John Grothjan, Gina Laack, Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Roby Fuller, Susan Blodgett, Ingrid Kovars, Shawn Fish, Jill Doll

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson, Donald Stirling, at 10:00 am.

Approval Agenda and Posting:

Motion by Donald Seep, second by Pat Dearth to approve the agenda and proper posting. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by David Scribbins, second by Jack Jasinski to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2022 Meeting with the amendment that meeting attendees will be listed. Motion carried.

**Welcome from Donald Stirling, Chair of the ADRC of Eagle Country
Governing Board**

Consideration of a New Board Member:

Roby Fuller introduced Jill Doll to this board as a new potential member. Jill Doll will represent Adults with Disabilities on this board.

Motion by Terry Wolkowski, second by Pat Dearth to approve Jill Doll as a new member of the ADRC of Eagle Country Governing Board. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments:

Elling Jones passed away. This board would like to send a card and certificate of appreciation to his wife to honor his years of service.

Board Education: Shawn Fish Regional Ombudsman

Shawn Fish, a regional ombudsman with the Board on Aging and Long Term Care, educated the board on the Ombudsman program. Ombudsmen represent the individual first. Presentation included: Federal law requires the state to have an ombudsman program; those under 60 are served by Disability Rights Wisconsin; client groups served; who can call an ombudsman; anonymous complaints; ombudsman is not regulatory but can work with facilities to make corrections; common complaints; resources on the website, what Health Care Power of Attorney is, the duties they have and authority they do not have, Legal Guardianship obligations and individual preferences; Supported Decision-Making and resources to find out more about the Ombudsman program.

Advocacy Update:

Aging and Disability Professionals Association of Wisconsin (ADPAW) and Wisconsin Counties Association are advocating on behalf of ADRC services in the Governors State Biennial Budget process.

This Board has an interest in having a joint advocacy meeting with the ADRC of SW WI again and inviting Legislators to talk about our current advocacy issues.

Approve 2023 ADRC Budget

Motion by Pat Dearth, second by Donald Seep to approve this budget as presented.
Motion carried.

Regional Budget Reports

Approve Regional Office Expense Sheet and Dementia Care Specialist Expense Sheets

Motion by Diane Cox, second by Heidi Randall to approve the August 2022 Regional Office Expense Sheet.

Roll Call Vote:

Judy Ellington: Yes

Heidi Randall: Yes

Donald Seep: Yes

Pat Dearth: Yes

Diane Cox: Yes

Andrea Lombard: Yes

Jack Jasinski: Yes

Teresa Wolkowski: Yes

Donald Stirling: Yes

David Scribbins: Yes

Motion carried.

Motion by Judy Ellington, second by Pat Dearth to approve the August 2022 DCS Expense Sheets.

Roll Call Vote:

Judy Ellington: Yes
Heidi Randall: Yes
Donald Seep: Yes
Pat Dearth: Yes
Diane Cox: Yes
Andrea Lombard: Yes
Jack Jasinski: Yes
Teresa Wolkowski: Yes
Donald Stirling: Yes
David Scribbins: Yes
Motion carried.

Regional and Office Updates - Written Summaries

Handout included.

Men's Shed in Mauston is a connection opportunity for men 60 years and over. First event in August had attendance of about 40. This will continue monthly to fight social isolation and share talents and learn. ADRC staff, advertising and local partners made this a well-attended and successful event. Flyer for future events will be shared with the board.

ARPA HCBS Grant Update

John Grothjan gave an update on the status of this grant application. We will hear by the end of October if our region is awarded this grant.

Update Regarding the Restructuring of the Eagle Country Region

Juneau County has approved the resolution to dissolve the ADRC of Eagle Country Region and for Crawford, Juneau and Richland to apply as a new tree county region.

Approve the Allocation of \$5K from Contingency if Special Legal Guidance is Needed in Regard to the Disbursement of Regional Assets

A concern was raised that there is an extensive process within out inter-county contracts regarding disputes and if this agenda item is getting ahead of that process. It was explained that this would be held in reserve should we get beyond the steps set out in the contracts. Board members are unclear on the purpose of the contingency fund. If funding is being set aside for legal counsel it a question was raised as to whether both parties should be allocated an amount to seek individual counsel. At the October meeting Corporation Counsel, ORCD Regional Quality Specialist and Finance Director will be invited to fully discuss the Contingency Fund.

Motion by Judy Ellington, second by Andrea Lombard to defer this agenda item to the October 28 governing board meeting when more information and the proper parties are present for discussion.

Next Meeting Date:

October 28, 2022 at 10:00AM

Other Discussion and Suggested Items for Next Agenda:

Carleigh Olson: Coalition to End Loneliness and Social Isolation. Board education to be deferred to December because there is a great deal of business to discuss regarding the dissolution of the region.

Adjourn:

Motion by Diane Cox, second by Jack Jasinski to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ingrid Kovars
Regional Quality Coordinator
And John Grothjan
Regional Director