

**Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Calumet, Outagamie and Waupaca  
Regional Advisory Committee Minutes  
May 12, 2016**

**Members Present:** Gentz, Hopfensperger, Schreiner, Lehrer, Renning, Cousins, Lemanski,

**Members Excused:** Gabert, Wolter, Schamens, Redman

**Staff Present:** Elias Planner, Kramer

**Public Present:** Bonnie Radtke and Beth Belmore

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Gentz, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
- 2) **QUORUM:** It was determined that a quorum was present and that the meeting was properly announced.
- 3) **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Member, public and staff introduction.
- 4) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:** Motion by Lehrer and a second by Renning to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2016 meeting after the following correction: Page 3, Item 6. Last sentence, "The other significant change is *that* (not *the*) there will be a 40 hour per week limit for each worker, per employer (person enrolled in IRIS)." Lemanski abstained, vote was unanimous to approve the March 10, 2016 minutes.
- 5) **Member Recognition:** Bonnie Radtke and Mark Luebke were recognized for their contributions on the Regional Advisory Committee. Their advocacy on behalf of older adults and adults with disabilities is valued by the members, staff and community.
- 6) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Radtke shared information on, "Memory Issues and Down Syndrome: What's New?" on Saturday, June 11, 2016, at Children's Hospital in Wauwatosa, WI. Registration information available at: [www.dsaw.org](http://www.dsaw.org), Calendar of Events. Belmore shared information from the Fox Valley Memory Project on Memory Cafes; and the Purple Angel project (70 businesses that are dementia friendly in the Fox Valley). Specific information about dates and locations for Memory Cafes and other Alzheimer's and Dementia related events and resources may be found at: [www.foxvalleymemoryproject.org](http://www.foxvalleymemoryproject.org) Belmore also shared information about the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee & Luther Manor documentary, "The Penelope Project", on living and working conditions in long term care, recently featured on Wisconsin Public Radio. More information may be found at: [www.thepenelopeproject.com](http://www.thepenelopeproject.com)

**7. Communications:** None

**REGIONAL ADRC ACTIVITY REPORT:**

**Regional Summary: Staff Update:** Kari Fischer has been hired as the Nutrition Volunteer Coordinator in Outagamie County. Fischer will be supervised by Scott Kornish and Bonne Elias Planner. Interviews are being conducted for the Seymour Meal site manager and the ADRC & Long Term Care Manager. Cara Frias has been hired as the new ADRC Assistant in Waupaca County. Events: Outagamie County held their annual Volunteer Appreciation event at the Grand Meridian on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> with the *Las Vegas Revue* as entertainment. The Waupaca Volunteer Recognition Event for Aging Services programs was held in New London with the Hortonville Middle School Jazz Band as entertainment. The Calumet Volunteer Appreciation event is on May 25<sup>th</sup> at The Altona in New Holstein. Senior Fest is June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Chilton High School. The Waupaca County Volunteer event is on

September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Iola Fairgrounds with the theme, "Prost to Volunteers". Elias Planner noted that May is Older American's Month and Governor Walker proclaimed May as Aging and Disability Resource Center month. *The ADRC Connection* Newsletters were shared from the counties with information about events occurring in the COW counties. The newsletters may be accessed on the ADRC Regional website at: [www.yourADRCresource.org](http://www.yourADRCresource.org) Donna McDowell is the new AARP Wisconsin State President. McDowell was the former Director of Programs for the elderly and people with disabilities with the Department of Health Services for 37 years before retiring in 2013.

**Regional Coordinator Report:** Kramer provided an update on the Concept Paper for Family Care and IRIS 2.0. A supplement was provided by the Department of Health Services that Kramer will share via e-mail with the committee. Kramer explained the role of the ADRC when assisting individuals and families with Information and Assistance and Options Counseling through Information and Assistance Specialists. IRIS and Family Care were discussed as choices and how these programs may fit into the Integrated Health Systems (IHA) model proposed. Transportation was brought up as a concern for the elderly and others needing transportation services. Elias Planner provided information on the Fox Valley Advocacy Coalition for those interested in Transportation Advocacy Issues. That number is: 920-997-9999. Additional information on the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR) may be found at [www.gwaar.org](http://www.gwaar.org) A transportation newsletter-*Beyond the White Lines* is available on the website through Carrie Porter, Transportation and Volunteer Specialist. Kramer shared Satisfaction Survey results for 2015. The GWAAR and Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network Advocacy brief were shared by Kramer. Aging Advocacy Day is Wednesday, May 18, 2016, from 9:30-3:00 at the State Capitol. If anyone is interested in attending they should register online via the instructions in the Advocacy Brief.

**Items for Action or Discussion:**

Election of Officers: Kramer announced the election of officers for the 2016/2017 Regional Advisory Committee. Merlin Gentz was nominated by Jan Lehrer as Chairman of the Regional Advisory Committee for the 2016/2017 year. Motion by Lemanski and a second by Renning. Vote was unanimous to appoint Gentz as the chairman. Gentz nominated Redman as Vice Chairman of the Regional Advisory Committee for the 2016/2017 year. Motion by Renning and a second by Schreiner. Vote carried unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING:** July 14, 2016 2:00 p.m., Goodwill Industries, Menasha, WI

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion by Schreiner, second by Renning. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Darlene Kramer, Regional Coordinator

These are unapproved minutes.