

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Calumet, Outagamie and Waupaca (COW) Counties
Regional Advisory Committee Minutes
September 13, 2018

Members Present: Meyer, Barkmeier, Jacklin, Larson, Craig, Laux, Webster, Cousins, Brunner, Laux,

Members Excused: Karth, Myers, Webster

Staff Present: Dewhurst, Elias Planner, Kramer

1. CALL TO ORDER: Cousins, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. QUORUM: It was determined that a quorum was present.
3. INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions of members and staff.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES: Minutes of the July 12, 2018 meeting minutes and the agenda for September 13, 2018 were approved. Motion made by Barkmeier, second by Laux. Unanimous approval.
5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
6. COMMUNICATIONS: None
7. PROGRAM: Presentation by Amy Rolfs, Director of Rehabilitation Services, Valley Packaging Incorporated (VPI). VPI has two divisions that work together. Rehabilitation Services includes vocational skills training, educational development, and social and recreational services. Business Services includes production, co-packing, warehousing and distribution. Valley Packing Inc. has been in operation since 1956 partnering with parents of people with disabilities, local manufacturers and human service providers. VPI programs include Thrive and Project Search programs that collaborate with community partners. ADRC Advisory Committee members and staff toured the manufacturing facility at Roemer Road. The Regional ADRC contracts with VPI for staffing that includes: Disability Benefit Specialists, Community Living Specialists, ADRC Assistants, Community Living Specialists and the Health & Wellness Coordinator.
8. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES: Cousins will make contact with the Fox Valley Technical College for a presentation at the November 8, 2018 Regional Advisory Committee meeting. The subject will be on affordable classes for older adults.
9. 2019 ADRC BUDGET: Committee would like Romenesko or Brenner to attend the November 8, 2018 meeting to review the ADRC 2019 Regional Budget. Kramer will speak to Romenesko regarding this request.
10. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION: Suggested speakers include: Ellen Koski, Advanced Care Planning and Supportive Decision Making; John Meissner, Options for Independent Living; Ben Adams, Elder Law; and Jill Grambow, Fox Valley Memory Project.
11. REPORT OF AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER: Kali Erickson has been hired as the Outagamie County Elder Benefit Specialist replacing Nan Pierson. The Fall Prevention Community Event will be held at the Bubulz Nature Preserve on Tuesday, October 30, 2018. The session for the public will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The keynote speaker, Patricia Quigley, PhD, ARNP, will present on "Fighting Falls, One Step at a Time". The afternoon session will be for professionals. Pre-registration is appreciated by calling NurseDirect at 1-800-362-9900 or www.affinityhealth.org/Resources.htm
ADRC Connection newsletters were distributed. Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment is from October 15th through December 7th. Elder Benefit Specialists and Disability Benefit Specialists are conducting educational sessions on the ABC and D's of Medicare. Check the ADRC Regional Website and county websites for dates and times. www.yourADRCresource.org
The Senior Living Expo will be at Player's Choice in Appleton on September 19, 2018.

12. WAUPACA COUNTY CITIZEN MEMBER: The Regional Advisory Committee is in need of a citizen member from Waupaca County. This individual needs to represent older adults, 60 years of age or older.
13. MARKETING: The topic of building a greater awareness of the ADRC and services was discussed. ADRC staff regularly present in the community at Health Fairs, community groups, and other groups. More could be done to increase awareness in the community.
14. MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion by Craig, second by Laux at 4:00 p.m. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 8, 2018 2:00 p.m.
Goodwill Industries 1800 Appleton Road Menasha, WI

These minutes are unapproved.