

**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
AGING AND DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Sheboygan County Aging & Disability Resource Center  
650 Forest Avenue, Sheboygan Falls WI 53085  
Room 105

**January 13, 2022**                      **Called to Order: 2:03 p.m.**                      **Adjournment: 2:27 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**      Mary Kay Vincent-Samet, Brian Hoffmann, Carol Zoran, Jane Brill, William Goehring, Terese Gessler, and Mary Nowacki

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**      Gerald DuMonthier, Joseph Burgarino, Marie Seger, Lisa Kraus, and Derek Muench

**ALSO PRESENT:**              Linda Spitzer, Michelle Acevedo, and Jeff Freye

Michelle Acevedo called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW**

The Health and Human Services Department received an email from the County Clerk's office noting that the agenda for the January 13, 2022 meeting was posted on January 6, 2022 at 1:45 p.m. in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – November 11, 2021

William Goehring motioned and Carol Zoran seconded for the approval of the minutes from the November 11, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Acevedo read two Thank You cards the Aging and Disability Resource Center staff received showing the appreciation from these individuals for the resources and help the staff provided.

**AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES**

None at this time.

**AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER – UPDATES**

**Revised Resource Guide**

Ms. Acevedo stated a committee has been working on the revision of the Resource Guide for the last six months. The first version was completed approximately four weeks ago. There were some resources that needed to be added so the committee members will receive a copy of the new Resource Guide at the next meeting in March.

**Dementia Care Specialist Position**

Ms. Acevedo mentioned the Governor's 2022 budget awarded Sheboygan County with \$40,000 for a full-time Dementia Care Specialist position. Time Reporting will cover the other portion of the wage for this position. Marie Seger, and Michelle Acevedo are completing a job description and are waiting for an approval from the County Board to post the position in February 2022.

**Other**

None at this time.

**AGING UNIT UPDATES****APS – ARPA Grant and Staff Changes**

Ms. Spitzer noted in early December 2021 the agency was awarded \$8,630 through the American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA Grant. The funding can be used for communication or technology devices to enhance field investigations or to work remotely, and it can be used to supplement Elder Abuse direct services for items such as personal protection equipment, transportation, home delivery of groceries, meals or medications. The grant can also be used to help pay for emergency or alternative housing for individuals at risk. The APS-ARPA grant was backdated to October 1, 2021 and will go through December 30, 2023.

On December 10, 2021 Christine Freund retired after working for Sheboygan County for over 30 years. We are actively trying to hire for that position at this time. Stephanie Pritzl started on November 22, 2021 as a full-time Adult Protective Services Specialist. When all positions are filled there will be four full-time Adult Protective Services Specialists.

**Adell Site – Satellite Office**

Ms. Spitzer mentioned the Adell dining site has transitioned from providing curbside meals Monday thru Friday to offering curbside meals only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The transition from the ADRC-run Home Delivered Meal Program to subcontracting with Fresh Meals on Wheels went into effective January 4, 2022. Aging staff have been meeting with the Adell Area Community Center committee to continue the partnership for the nutrition program as well as setting up office hours for other programs. The elder benefit specialist team will begin offering appointments and office hours every other Wednesday starting in January. They are also having a Medicare 101 workshop in February. Aging staff are looking into having health promotion workshops four times a year at the community center. At some point Information and Assistance staff will be in Adell one day per week.

The Plymouth Dining site will be reopening mid- February 2022. However, instead of the traditional Congregate Dining program Plymouth would transition to a Restaurant-based dining program. This program would be offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. rather than Mondays through Fridays. The suggested donation amount for the restaurant style meal will be \$5.00 per meal rather than \$4.00 for the curbside pickup and congregate programs.

**EBS Program**

Ms. Spitzer noted on January 1, 2022 Heidi Jensema transitioned into her new shared position as Disability/Elder Benefit Specialist from the split Adult Protective Services/Information and Assistance assistant position. Ms. Jensema is in the midst of completing her training and for the first year of her Elder Benefit Specialist/Disability Benefit Specialist role she will serve as an assistant. In 2023, after a year of training she will begin working as an Elder Benefit Specialist/Disability Benefit Specialist.

**Other**

None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Carol Zoran motioned and William Goehring seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Patti Schmitt – Recording Secretary