



**Aging and Disability Resource Center-
Grant County
Board Meeting**

Youth and Ag Building
South Room
March 20, 2013

Board Members in Attendance: Mary Yager, Carol Beals, Carrie Bell, Dale Hood, Linda Adrian, Mary Lou Bausch, Steve Wetter, Shirley Pink

Excused: Jan Lintvedt

Others Present: Larry Wolf, Jeff Kindrai

Staff in Attendance: Mary Mezera (Regional Office) and Mandy Johnsen (Regional Office Assistant)

Call the meeting to order- Chair Mary Yager: Meeting was called to order at 12:40 pm by Mary Yager.

Compliance with the Open Meeting Law: Linda Adrian motioned to approve that the meeting held today was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law; it was seconded by Mary Lou Bausch. All ayes motioned carried.

Approval of the Agenda Additions or corrections- Chair: A motion was made by Dale Hood to approve the agenda; seconded by Shirley Pink. All ayes motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2013 meeting: Motion was made by Steve Wetter to approve the meeting notes from February 20, 2013 with the correction of adding Linda Adrian as being in attendance at the meeting; seconded by Carrie Bell. All ayes motion carried.

Public Comment/Communication: Mary Mezera stated that she is working with Jeff Kindrai, Director/Health Officer for the Health Department in Grant County. Staff were given a survey to complete; the staff will then meet individually with Jeff and Mary to go over their answers to the survey questions. The meetings will be conducted with each staff member March 25th and April 4th. Weekly all staff meetings will be held on Monday mornings. Mary stated that the staff had met this past week, there were some concerns regarding confidentiality that were addressed and the meeting went well. Carol Beals recommended reviewing the Employee Handbook before making any changes to make sure that the guidelines are being followed.

Mary Mezera and Jeff Kindrai distributed a copy of the survey that was given to staff to complete prior to their individual meetings. Mary Yager asked Larry Wolf if the questions addressed in the survey will meet the needs of the County Board. Larry explained that the survey does meet the needs and he feels that Jeff and Mary will conduct these meetings professionally and help the team work towards growth and development. Steve Wetter asked Mary if she thought the staff would be on board for the long haul or if this would just be a temporary fix. Mary is hopeful that this process will assist with the team becoming more cohesive for the long haul.

Reports:

Mary Mezera explained that the State is developing standards for Option Counseling and that a Function Team has been developed to work through these standards and develop the best practices for implementing changes. The first step that the team has taken was to send out Satisfaction Surveys to clients that have met with Information & Assistance Specialists for January and February. Surveys have been mailed out and once received back the team will review the surveys and see what changes could be made.

Mary stated that Carol Hughey reported to her that the ADRC will be collaborating with Grant Regional Health for "Stepping On", which is a falls prevention program. Mary Lou Bausch has been trained to be a leader in this program and stated that it is a great program. A session is in the works to start on June 4th.

Green County will be hosting their annual Senior Fun Fest on Tuesday March 26, 2013 at the High School in Monroe.

Mary briefly touched on the LogistiCare program and the changes that have been made. Dale Hood mentioned that there are two companies that are out of state looking at the needs of the counties.

Mary stated that with the Sequestration in place at the Federal level, there could be decreases to funding in some of the Older Americans Act programs such as Senior Nutrition. People can voice their concerns to the State via a website.

Mary Yager shared a success that she heard in regards to the Cuba City meal site. Mary Lou Bausch mentioned that the current "Living Well with Chronic Illness" class has had some ups and downs due to the weather. She also explained the "Stepping On" program to the team.

Advocacy:

- ADRC Regional Board- Shirley, Mary Lou and Dale
 - Shirley Pink mentioned that there are still spots available on the trip to Washington DC from June 20-25th. She also talked about the conference in Green Bay. Mary Lou Bausch plans to attend. Shirley also read through the Success Stories that were provided to ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin Regional Board Members.

Action Items:

- Approval of the Vouchers (February-year end estimates):
 - Members were presented with a copy of the Vouchers. A motion was made by Mary Lou Bausch to approve the Vouchers; seconded by Dale Hood. All ayes motion carried.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Dale Hood to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Linda A. Meeting was adjourned at 1:27 pm. Mary Mezera left copies of the Annual Report for the ADRC Committee Members.

Recording Secretary: Mandy Johnsen