

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Grant County
Board Minutes
January 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Arnold Rawson at 9:00 a.m. via a Zoom meeting.

Attendance: Robert Keeney, Lori Reid, Gary Kjos, Arnold Rawson, Rob Bell, Vicki Hirsch

Others Present: Courtney Brookhart, Shane Drinkwater

Excused: Dale Hood, Lester Jantzen, Pat Reynolds

Compliance with Open Meeting Law:

It was noted the meeting is in compliance with the open meeting act. (Published via website, radio, newspaper and posted at the Grant County Administration Building).

Agenda Approval:

Kjos/Hirsch: Motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: November 17, 2021

Bell/Kjos: Motion to approve the November 17, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment/Communication:

- Job Fair, Feb. 4, 2022 10-2 pm Community Services Building – Reid shared that there will be a Driver Job Fair on February 4. Reid has not done this before but is hoping it will spark interest for bus, taxi, and van drivers.

Advocacy Reports or Activities:

- **ADRC Regional Board Meeting Report** – Reid/Bell stated there was no meeting in December.
- **Public Hearing for 85.21 Transportation Grant – December 3, 2021 at 3 p.m.** – Reid stated there were no in-person attendees but she did have a consumer reach out before the hearing. This person expressed that they thought wheelchair fares were high but still lower than other organizations.

Transportation Software

Reid handed out pricing documentation for Assisted Rides software. The current database is outdated and has some issues. Reid explained the options that come along with this software. SWCAP administers this particular software regionally but they would have access to all of our records. The purchase price will all additional options would be \$5,900 plus a \$1,000 startup cost but Reid does not anticipate they would need all of those additional options. Reid stated that 85.21 funds could potentially be used to purchase the software. Reid plans to do another demo with the transportation coordinator. Keeney suggested IT and Finance attend the demo and to bring feedback to the committee next month.

Respite Care Procedure

Reid explained the lack of caregivers in the workforce. Agencies are starting to reimburse caregivers who acquire their own respite care providers. Reid stated Iowa County has a policy and has started doing this already. Reid will work on a policy and bring it back to the committee to approve.

Budget Update/ARPA Funds

Reid went over the current budget. There is still some revenue expected but most expenses are already in. Reid anticipates using the ARPA funds in 2022. Nutrition costs are high; Reid plans to assess the expenses and see where there may need to be some changes to bring them down or limit home-delivered meals.

Approval of Vouchers:

Kjos/Bell: Motion to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Bell/Hirsch: Motion to approve financial report. Motion carried.

Reports**ADRC Grant County Director's Report**

- Reid is starting to work on annual reports
- AFCSP has transitioned from DSS to ADRC under Nicole Baumeister
- A volunteer article was included in the last edition of the News & Views; there have been about 10-12 people call to volunteer
- Joe Eckstein called Reid interested in how the Eckstein Foundation could help with transportation services and possibly respite care in Grant County

ADRC – Program Reports

There was no program report. An end-of-year report will be shared next month.

Kjos/Bell: Motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next meeting: February 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.