

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Grant County
Board Minutes
February 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dale Hood at 9:00 a.m. via a Zoom meeting.

Attendance: Robert Keeney, Lori Reid, Gary Kjos, Arnold Rawson, Rob Bell, Vicki Hirsch, Dale Hood, Lester Jantzen, Pat Reynolds

Others Present: Courtney Brookhart, Shane Drinkwater, Amanda Degenhardt, Garry Pluemer

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:

Reynolds/Jantzen: Motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: January 19, 2022

Bell/Rawson: Motion to approve the January 19, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment/Communication:

- Driver Job Fair Update – Reid stated that the job fair was held on February 4. Four applications were submitted and interviews were held earlier in the week.
- Front Door CSB Accessibility Button Moved – Reid shared that Garry Pluemer coordinated having the Automatic Door Button moved at the CSB.
- AARP Taxes – Monday in Platteville and Tuesdays at CSB – AARP is back this year to offer income-tax preparation. The process is different this year. There is one appointment scheduled to drop off paperwork and generally a second appointment a week later to complete and e-file the forms. Our office schedules the appointments and mails a reminder and checklist of paperwork to be brought to the appointment.

Advocacy Reports or Activities:

- **ADRC Regional Board Meeting Report** – Hood state there was not a meeting in January.
- **Disability Advocacy Day – March 16 at 10 a.m.-noon, Virtual** – Reid shared that the Disability Advocacy Day is scheduled for March 16 and it will be done virtually. If anyone is interested, please let Reid know and she will send registration information.

Transportation Software Review

Reid attended a demo of the Assisted Rides transportation software. This software has the capability for drivers to use it in the future with tablets or phones, it can link authorizations to clients, and it is web-based. The annual cost would be \$3,050 and there is a \$1,000 initial start-up cost. Reid stated that there is options to add Taxi services to the software but that is not of interest at this time. Reid reiterated the need for the software before the current database

Hirsch/Kjos: Motion to approve the purchase of the Assisted Rides software. Motion carried.

Respite Care Procedure – Reimbursement Policy for Caregivers

Reid reviewed the proposed Grant County Family Caregiver Reimbursement Policy & Procedure.

Jantzen/Kjos: Motion to approve the Grant County Family Caregiver Reimbursement Policy & Procedure. Motion carried.

Eckstein Grant Proposal

Reid discussed options for the grant. Reid would like to see the proposal include operating costs for the potential of a full-time driver with benefits and to increase the coordinator's hours from 30 to 40 hours a pay period. Reid shared ideas for offering shuttle/taxi services in communities and shorter day trips. Reid shared that Joe Eckstein was also interested in the potential to include funds for some caregiver's supplies and/or expenses. Reid stated that the grant proposal has a deadline of March 31.

Hood/Hirsch: Motion to move forward with writing the grant proposal and bring it back to the next meeting for approval. Motion carried.

Nutrition Program Update and Possible Action on Home-Delivered Meals

Reid consulted with Jeff Kindrai, Grant County Health Officer, about re-opening senior dining sites in March. Reid compared nutrition program expenses revenue from 2019 and 2021. It was proposed to increase the suggested donation from \$3.50 to \$4.50. The committee asked that this change be sent to the Nutrition Council and feedback brought back next month.

Approval of Vouchers:

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

Financial Report:

Jantzen/Kjos: Motion to approve financial report. Motion carried.

Reports

ADRC Grant County Director's Report

- ADRC is partnering with Gundersen Boscobel for a Healthy Living with Diabetes program
- The Savvy Caregiver online program will be offered weekly from April 27 to June 8
- Yoga for Seniors is up and running with four participants

ADRC – Program Reports

The final 2021 program report was disbursed. Reid reviewed final numbers.

Jantzen/Kjos: Motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

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