

**Aging & Disability Resource Center of Grant County
Board Minutes
June 21, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Gary Kjos at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance: Robert Keeney, Kathy Kopp, Vicki Hirsch, Gary Kjos, Arnold Rawson, Pat Reynolds, Lori Reid

Excused: Rob Bell

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 and CSB).

Agenda Approval:

Nelson/Kopp: Motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: May 17, 2023

Kopp/Hirsch: Motion to approve the May 17, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment/ADRC Communication:

- Reid shared the state Benefit Specialist newsletter which highlighted 2 cases of Emily Reuter.
- Reid also shared the TH article that highlighted our nutrition volunteer, Ruth Slaats.

Advocacy Reports or Activities

- **ADRC Regional Board Meeting Report:** Reid stated they discussed Aging Advocacy Day and World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
- **Medicare 101 – June 23, 1:30 p.m.:** Emily Reuter is presenting in the CSB Lobby conference room.

Transportation – Taxi vouchers, fares

Reid shared data on the taxi over the last 5 years. Reid stated that John Winkler, ADRC taxi driver, was a little concerned about going to a \$1.00 per ride in Lancaster since this is a busier city for the taxi. However, Reid stated that Winkler may have not realized that this would not affect family care rides. Lancaster taxi has more family care rides than Boscobel or Fennimore and these rates would not change so the number of rides would not increase either. Reid stated that if rides did increase in Lancaster, we could possibly do another day. The board wondered if we could do a trial basis for fares. Reid suggested a summer promotion on fares for \$1.00 and evaluate it after the promotion.

Hirsch/Kopp: Motion to approve a Taxi Summer Promotion for \$1.00 per ride. Motion carried.

Nutrition – Potential restaurant option, Bagley route, Platteville Meal Site position filled

Reid stated that Cheryl Kern was hired 2-4 days a week in Cuba City. Ginny Schaefer was hired as the Platteville Meal Site Manager. Reid stated Bagley route has become challenging due to lack of a driver. Reid stated they are looking at a restaurant as a possible site for a restaurant voucher program. The restaurant is not accessible so GWAAR would need to approve that first. Reid stated that this was a “last

ditch” effort to keep providing meals in Bagley. Kopp stated she would like to see us pursue this. Reid stated they would continue to work on it with the state and GWAAR.

Reid stated that they are still looking for a congregate site in Platteville and had contacted the Senior Center. Ally from the Senior Center sent a picture of a table and 6 chairs as a possible option. Kopp thought more space was available but stated that when she was at the Platteville Commission on Aging meeting, some of the seniors asked why 8-10 meals could not be delivered to the senior site. Some thought that the senior center would have to go the Armory and get a list of people and then verify those people got a meal and that would be cumbersome. Reid stated they do not have the volunteer capacity to deliver meals to the senior center. Reid stated that the senior center could pick up the meals and the only requirement would be to have the participants sign in. Kopp said she would follow-up with Platteville.

Lancaster Meal Site Vacancy

Reid stated that there is a vacancy at the Lancaster meal site and asked for approval to fill.

Rawson/Hirsch: Motion to approve filling vacancy. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers

Nelson/Kopp: Motion to approve vouchers. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

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

Reports

ADRC Grant County Director’s Report

- Reid stated that she is looking for training on de-escalation as we are seeing more frustrated and angry consumers.
- Reid shared the legislative report showed a 2.5 million increase for 2023-24 for ADRC and 5 million for 2024-25.
- Reid stated that she purchased a wheelchair van from the DOT trust fund for just over \$50,000. She also discussed the possible purchase of a transit vehicle out of the trust.
- We will be purchasing slots for Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less. This is an online, evidenced based program offered through North Carolina State University.

Nelson/Hirsch: Motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next meeting: July 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.