

**Aging & Disability Resource Center of Grant County  
Board Minutes  
July 19, 2023**

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

**Attendance:** Robert Keeney, Diane Nelson, Kathy Kopp, Vicki Hirsch, Gary Kjos, Rob Bell, Arnold Rawson, Pat Reynolds, Lori Reid

**Others Present:** Courtney Brookhart, Tonya White, Shane Drinkwater, Jaclyn Essandoh

**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/Bell:** Motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** June 21, 2023

**Nelson/Kopp:** Motion to approve the June 21, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment/Communication:**

- Reid shared that it was Rawson's last meeting. She thanked him for serving on the committee for six years.

**Advocacy Reports or Activities**

- **Senior Day at the Fair:** ADRC will have a table set up at the Eckstein building on Friday, August 18. The new Dementia Care Specialist, Hailey Loeffelholz will also be there to meet and greet consumers.
- **Orchard Manor Car Show:** ADRC will attend the car show on Friday, September 15. Reid plans to have the bus at the show.
- **Elderfest:** Elderfest is on Friday, October 27 and is continuing the 'Wild' theme from the fair. Doug Wayne is coming back to do music and the Sheriff plans to have a Drug Take Back table.
- **ADRC Regional Board Mtg. Report:** Discussion were about advocacy and biennium budget updates as well as some budget training.

**Regional Coordinated Transportation Plan**

Jaclyn Essandoh from the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission talked about the Southwest Wisconsin Coordinated Transit Plan. There was a public transportation held in April and the feedback was used to propose goals for the 2023-2027 plan. Reid and Essandoh discussed the six potential goals and asked for comments or suggestions from the committee. No additional suggestions were received.

**Hirsch/Kopp:** Motion to recommend the transit plan with the goals discussed to the Grant County Board of Supervisors. Motion carried.

### **Transportation – Wheelchair vehicle received, transit vehicle purchase**

Reid purchased a 2019 wheelchair van with approximately 30,000 miles and it was delivered last week. Reid was able to view a transit van. A transit van would be beneficial to use for community events. A paid driver or volunteer could drive the van for such events. The committee asked Reid to move forward with requesting some quotes and bring them back to the next meeting.

### **Driver Shortage and Options to Attract Applicants**

Reid reiterated that has been hard to attract drivers. Reid wondered if a full-time driver that could do various positions (food van driver, sub taxi, sub bus, etc.) as needed would be more attractive. Reid asked for ideas/suggestions.

### **Nutrition – Restaurant voucher option, Platteville location, Fennimore refrigerator**

Reid stated that she has been in contact with Jean Lynch at GWAAR about providing meals from a restaurant in Bagley. The State has concerns about accessibility. Lynch did agree that meals could be provided as Grab n' Go, which may be the direction it goes. Reid is waiting to hear more information from Lynch.

**Hirsch/Kopp:** Motion to move forward with a contract with the Bagley restaurant, per approval from GWAAR. Motion carried.

Reid asked for direction on collaborating with the Platteville Senior Center after reviewing the email from Ally Shanahan. There was discussion about the previous relationship with the Senior Center and the meal site and how to move forward. Kopp will take this subject to the Platteville Commission on Aging Council.

Reid stated that the refrigerator at the Fennimore meal site died. She was able to purchase a new refrigerator from Kroger's and it has been delivered already this week and they removed the old appliance.

### **Approval of Vouchers**

**Rawson/Bell:** Motion to approve vouchers. Motion carried.

### **Financial Report:**

**Hirsch/Nelson:** Motion to approve financial report. Motion carried.

### **Reports**

#### **ADRC - Grant County Director's Report**

- There is the possibility that we may run out of Farmer's Market Coupons this year due to new eligibility requirements.
- Courtney has been spending a considerable amount of time subbing at sites due to a meal site manager sub shortage.
- Reid & Brookhart attended Tyler Munis training, the county's new financial software.
- Marla Thill retired after 36 years with the County. Marla was the Lancaster meal site manager and we wish her the best.
- Reid is meeting with Fred Naatz at DSS to pursue more education around scams.

**ADRC – Program Report**

- Brookhart noted the excess number of meals ordered. This is generally due to last minute cancellations. She is working with meal site managers to reduce this number in order to keep down food costs and excess waste of food.

**Nelson/Hirsch:** Motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

**Next meeting: August 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.**