

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Committee
September 19, 2007

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Committee met at the Barron County Government Center in room 110 on Wednesday, September 19, 2007.

Present: Judy Demers, Ken Mosentine, Charlene Oftedahl, Candace Fitzgerald, Eldon Freese, Laura Neve, Kate Peterson, Lois Taylor, Jeanne Young, Kari Flom, Rich Kammerud, Theresa Kraemer, Crystal Peterson, Lori Bina, Beth Esser, Mike Keefe, Jason Kohl, Barbara Love, Jeanette Reitzel.

The Next Steps (articles of incorporation, board development, etc): The financial sheets were distributed and discussion was held on the super spread sheet from the State, the staffing plan requests as presented at the August meeting, the staffing model following the super spread sheet from the State and a draft of the start up costs.

The group discussed the information bulletin number 15 from the State regarding the Benefit Specialist program.

Laura Neve shared that one time only high cost funds may be available in 2008 for 'start up' costs. She had a conversation with the state and if the group can show the need these funds may be available as one time funds.

The next steps would be to go back to counties and discuss how the financial shortfall can be met. Ideas including having shared staff (part district and part county), in kind donations and other avenues to reduce the financial shortfall should be investigated at the county level and brought back to the group.

Discussion was held on the level of staffing that is needed when Family Care is first implemented versus regular day to day operations once the waiting list is taken care of. Discussion was also held on the possibility of the support staff being a 'triage' Information and Assistance position.

Updates: Crystal Peterson of the St Croix Tribe shared she is waiting to meet with the new Council to take direction in regards to ADRC development. The Tribes have been discussing a State-wide ADRC but until Crystal meets with the new Council no specific direction can be taken.

Rick Kammerud has spoken to different individuals regards articles of incorporation. Rich will follow up with Andy Phillips regarding providing service in this area. It is a possibility that we could 'piggy back' off of the articles of incorporation being developed for the 11 county Managed Care Organization (MCO).

Jeanette Reitzel commented that counties need to take the perspective of looking at the county level, putting together from the county and utilizing the ADRC money to fill the gaps and not solely rely on the ADRC monies.

Discussion was held on the availability of an Economic Support (ES) worker in the ADRC. Charlene Oftedahl shared that a dedicated ES worker is available for the ADRC in Barron but that individual is housed in the ES department.

Discussion was held on board development. Charlene Oftedahl shared how the Long Term Support committee became the ADRC committee for Barron County due to the make up of advocates, community members as well as County board members. Rich Kammerud discussed the make up of having from each county: 1 consumer, the Human Services director, the Aging Unit director and one County board member resulting in a 12 member board. Kate Peterson recommended having an odd numbered board so discussion was held on having one tribal member (and possibly three members if the Tribe decided to go with the District model ADRC). Kari Flom will look to the State to see if this make up of a District board would meet the qualifications/recommendations for an ADRC board.

Discussion returned again on the financial shortfalls and how to make up these shortfalls. Each county needs to find out what can be contributed to the district (staff sharing, in kind, actual county monies such as the Benefit Specialist monies, etc). It was requested that each county send the information to Kari Flom flom@co.polk.wi.us and Kari will forward the information to Jason Kohl (who has agreed to continue with the group even though he will be moving to the MCO) before the next meeting date.

Resolution to go before the County Boards: The discussion turned to the need for a resolution to create a planning committee/ District board for the ADRC. Rich Kammerud offered to draft the resolution, send it out to group for feedback and then distribute the final resolution so the resolution can be discussed and approved by Aging boards, Human Service boards and then presented to the County boards for final approval.

It was decided to table the other agenda items until the group meets again on October 24, 2007 from 9-12 at Barron county Government Center.