

AGENDA
Eau Claire County
Aging & Disability Resource Center Board
Wednesday, July 13, 2016, 4:00 pm
Rooms 1301/1302 Courthouse, Eau Claire WI 54703

1. Call to order
2. Confirm agenda
3. Introductions
4. Public comment
5. June 22, 2016 ADRC Board Minutes / Discussion–Action Handout #1
6. Living Wage Ordinance Amendment #3 / Discussion–Action Handout #2
7. Future Meetings: July 20; August 10 (budget); August 17 (if needed)
All meetings are scheduled at 4 pm
8. Adjourn

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Members Present: Tom Christopherson, Jason Endres, Sandra McKinney, Stella Pagonis, Katherine Schneider, Lauri Malnory, Stephannie Regenauer, Mary Pierce, Ruth Adix, David Mortimer, Carl Anton

Others Present: Mark Peterson, Jeff Smith, Myron Buchholz, Donna Berry, Eleanor Wolf, Steve Carlson, Jennifer Owen, Becky Hinzmann, Emily Gilbertson, Marlene Rud

Chair Pagonis called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Introductions – ADRC Board, staff and others in attendance.

Confirm agenda – yes.

Public comments: Steve Carlson expressed his support proposed living wage and impact on workers. Eleanor Wolf expressed her support of the proposed living wage and need for it. Donna Berry expressed her support of the living wage and need for increased wages for workers. Myron Buchholz expressed his gratitude to the ADRC and help received with services for his son. He supports living wage for caregivers and staff. Jeff Smith expressed his support and importance of living wage. He would like to see names of those with survey input on the county website. Katherine Schneider thanked ADRC staff for the handout on the proposed budget cuts to the SHIP program. Jennifer encouraged anyone to take copies of the legislative handout regarding the SHIP program.

May 18, 2016 ADRC Board Minutes. Motion by Katherine Schneider, second by Jason Endres to approve. Motion carried.

Lynn's Chatterbox Café meal site. Becky reviewed Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels program. Proposed new meal site at Lynn's Chatterbox Café, would be open Sundays 4-6 pm and Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 am, with suggested donation of \$5.00 per meal. Meal site worker would be an employee of Lynn's Chatterbox Café with funding support from ADRC. Board members discussed possible meal site on Saturday in addition to Sunday, to offer service 7 days per week. Discussed available handicap accessible parking at Lynn's Chatterbox Café. Motion to approve proposed new meal site, Lynn's Chatterbox Café, by Mary Pierce, second David Mortimer. Motion carried.

Program Prioritization and Performance Management Data & Outcomes. ADRC staff reviewed programs and Performance Measure recommendations: 1. Information & Counseling (Options Counseling, Disability & Elder Benefit Specialists, Nursing Home Relocation Initiative). 2. Nutrition-Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels. 3. Prevention & Health Promotion. 4. Transportation. 5. Outreach & Public Education. 6. Public Long Term Care Programs. Motion by Katherine Schneider to approve as presented, second by Sandra McKinney.

Directors Report. Jennifer reviewed Family Care/IRIS 2.0 proposal and concept paper pulled back. The Living Wage ordinance would not affect ADRC contracts, except for the Abby Vans contract but no finalization yet. Nutrition contracts for 2017 are signed. Respite services through several agencies are secure yet, except Safe@Home could not contract with ADRC if over \$30,000. The ADRC is partnering with Veterans Services for Section 5310 grant funds for 2017 to purchase accessible vehicle(s) to transport veterans to medical appointments in Minneapolis and Tomah. The Veterans Services Department will do fundraising for 20% match.

Future meetings: – July 20, 2016, 4:00 pm - Care WI presentation. August 10, 2016, 4:00 pm - budget meeting, and August 17, 2016, 4:00 pm if needed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Rud, Clerk
Aging & Disability Resource Center Board

Chairperson

File No. 16-17/006 (Living Wage Ordinance)

Amendment #3

Fact Sheet

- The primary sources of revenue for the ADRC budget are federal and state grants. Just 4 percent of the ADRC budget, or \$104,394, is from local tax levy.
- Two ADRC programs will be especially affected by the Living Wage Ordinance: the Nutrition Program and the Specialized Transportation Program.
- The Nutrition Program, made up of Meals on Wheels and Congregate Dining, is funded 95% from state and federal grants and 5% from county tax levy which serves as the required local match.
- The Meals on Wheels program serves a warm, nutritious meal to homebound seniors throughout Eau Claire County. Meals on Wheels are currently served 5 days/week throughout the county. Meals are delivered by trained volunteers. There is currently no waiting list for the program. In 2015, over 69,000 meals were served to 1,365 individuals. The program relies heavily on donations from participants in order to operate, in addition to State and Federal grants. Increased operational expenses as a result of the proposed Living Wage Ordinance will result in a reduction of meals served.
- The Specialized Transportation Program is funded 80% from the State Department of Transportation's 85.21 grant of which requires a 20% local match from county tax levy.
- In 2015, the Specialized Transportation program provided over 23,000 rides to older adults and adults with disabilities that are unable to access and/or use other means of transportation such as the city bus. State and Federal guidelines limit the amount that can be charged to riders as co-pay to offset expenses. The Living Wage Ordinance would result in increased program costs and result in a reduction of service. The County has a longstanding partnership with the City of Eau Claire to operate the specialized transportation program in order to maximize funding resources. The Living Wage Ordinance may jeopardize that partnership.
- The county began offering weekend transportation services to allow older adults and adults with disabilities to attend weekend events, including church on Sunday mornings. This weekend program likely will be eliminated as a result of substantial cost increase.
- Currently, the levy funding used to operate these programs is the required local match funding. Based on the estimates obtained by our meal providers and our transportation provider, the Living Wage Ordinance would require the ADRC to obtain additional county tax levy funds to operate at current service levels. The alternative would require substantial reduction in services to older adults and adults with disabilities.

- This Amendment would exempt contracts that are funded 80% or greater by non-levy sources (outside revenue) and would protect the integrity of the State and Federal programs for the most vulnerable citizens of Eau Claire County.
- This Amendment will allow the County to uphold grant requirements without additional levy funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Owen
ADRC Director

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AMENDMENT NO. 3

TO FILE NO. 16-17/006

OFFERED BY AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER BOARD

AMEND THE ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION/AMENDMENT AS FOLLOWS:

1. On page 2, line 6, insert "ADRC contracts funded 80% or more by non-levy sources that would result in a 10% or greater service reduction."

I hereby certify that the foregoing correctly represents the action taken by the undersigned board on July 13, 2016

by a vote of for, against.

Stella Pagonis, Chair

Aging and Disability Resource Center Board

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