

**Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of
Calumet/Outagamie/Waupaca
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 11, 2013
Valley Packaging Industries, Appleton, WI**

Members Present: Gentz, Schreiner, Redman, Iverson, Schamens, Radtke, Wolter, Stepien, Renning

Members Excused: Luebke, Karth, Lehrer

Staff Present: Dewhurst, Elias Planner, Gonwa, Kramer, Stratton

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: Radtke called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
- 2) QUORUM: It was determined that the meeting was properly announced and a quorum was present.
- 3) ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by committee members, staff and guests Bob Russo and Lynn Erickson from Valley Packaging Inc. and Ken Grode, citizen.
- 4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES: Motion by Iverson and a second from Renning to approve the agenda and May 9, 2013 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
- 6) COMMUNICATIONS: None
- 7) PRESENTATIONS: Bob Russo, President, and Lynn Erickson, Director of Rehabilitation Services, from Valley Packaging Inc. (VPI) provided an overview of the history, services, and mission as well as a tour of the Roemer Road operating facility. There is also an operating facility at 110 N. Kensington Drive in Appleton. VPI began in 1956 as a private, non-profit organization with the mission "To promote the dignity and worth of individuals who have disabilities or are disadvantaged and to assist them in developing their optimum level of social, vocational and economic independence in the community while delivering high-quality, flexible packaging and assembly services. VPI employs professionals, team leaders, rehabilitation specialists, production workers, skilled and unskilled professions. VPI contracts with local employers including the Kimberly Clark Corporation and the Hoffmaster Corporation. Some of the services VPI provides include: vocational programs; day services; the Outagamie County Birth – 3 Program; Community 2000; a 21 week soft skills English language program; and job coaches in the community. Discussion regarding sub-minimum wages versus

minimum wage. Sub-minimum wages are determined at VPI by level of production.

Deborah Wetter, General Manager, with Valley Transit, provided an overview of Valley Transit. Appleton had the first commercially operated electric street railway. Bus service began in 1930 serving Appleton, Neenah, Menasha and Kaukauna. Valley transit has 29 buses, 18 routes, provided 1,095,650 trips and 177,661 Para transit rides. The Appleton Area School District (AASD) began partnering with Valley Transit in 2010. AASD pays for the ride, students show ID. The Americans with Disabilities Act mandates that transit systems operating fixed route buses provided alternate transportation for people unable to use the regular bus system. Valley Transit is owned and operated by the City of Appleton and funded by 9 other municipal partners, 3 county partners, 3 Family Care Organizations, 3 non-profit agencies and 2 private businesses. State funding for transit has been cut by 10%. Federal funding remains for the next two years. 40% of all transit ridership is for employment purposes. Wetter will send to Kramer a link to the Wisconsin Transportation Finance and Policy Commission.

- 8) COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT: Radtke reported that her daughter participated in a survey conducted by the Bureau of Development Disabilities Services on Core Indicators. The survey assessed the outcomes of services provided to individuals and families concerning employment, rights, service planning, community inclusion, choice and health and safety. Rhonda Lechner, Community Integration Specialist, State of Wisconsin, Department of Health and Family Services conducted the survey. 400 individuals participated in the survey across the country. The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD) is sponsoring the 2013 Wisconsin Self-Determination Conference on October 29-31 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. The link to the conference sessions and registration information is: <http://www.wi-bpdd.org/sdc/>

9) REPORT OF AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

A. UPDATE FROM BRANCH OFFICES: Outagamie – Elliot will present the A, B, C's and D's of Medicare on July 17, 2013 at the Appleton Police Department with 25 individuals already signed up to attend. Elias Planner shared the 2nd quarter Contact Activity Report for Outagamie County that included a total of 4,538 consumer contacts from January through June of 2013. Stratton reported that a part-time Elder Benefit Specialist will be hired to replace the current opening. Stratton, Erickson and Kramer are interviewing for a Community Living/Information and Assistance Specialist to work with Nursing Home Relocations. This individual will work with Outagamie County nursing homes and two Waupaca County nursing homes. Calumet – Dewhurst shared the Calumet County newsletter, The ADRC Connection, listing information and educational events in Calumet County. Dewhurst also shared the Calumet County Contact Activity Report for the 2nd Quarter including a total of 1,292 consumer contacts from January through June of 2013. Waupaca – Gonwa noted that the

Community Living Specialist has been very successful in assisting veterans from the King Veteran's Home in relocating out of the home to other community settings. The challenge is that the veterans pension puts the veterans over asset prior to discharge. Kathy Austin will be retiring from her position as Elder Benefit Specialist (EBS) on September 3, 2013. Peggy Strey will be assuming the position of Elder Benefit Specialist and has started training. Gonwa is assessing ADRC staffing needs. Waupaca will not be contracting with the new Non-Emergency Medical Provided, Medical Transportation Management Inc., (MTM). Gonwa is reviewing the job descriptions for the Waupaca County Committee on Aging to include the following representation: a veteran, a legislative advocate, and a committee member with a disability.

B. REPORT FROM ADRC COORDINATOR: Kramer provided a written report highlighting the following: the ADRC regional website had 14,914 visits in 2011; 18,929 visits in 2012 and 11,025 visits as of July 10, 2013. Consumers over the age of 60 comprise 59-60% of all consumer contacts at ADRC offices. The ADRC regional training will be held on Friday, August 23, 2013 at the Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton. ADRC Advisory Committee members are welcome to attend. Kramer will send out an agenda to members in early August. Kramer distributed the Wisconsin Legislative Directory issued by the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities.

C. ITEMS FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION

A. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON: At the May 9, 2013 ADRC Gentz was nominated as vice chair by Radtke and seconded by Karth. Gentz was not present to accept the nominations. Gentz accepted the nomination at this meeting. Motion to elect Gentz as Vice Chair was unanimous.

B. NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION: Stratton reported on the Tuesday, July 9, 2013, meeting at the Hyatt Conference Center, Green Bay, on the state's new Non-Emergency Medical Transportation provider, Medical Transportation Management Inc., (MTM). Stratton, Dewhurst, Gonwa and Kramer attended. MTM will take over for LogistiCare on August 1, 2013 but there will be an overlap of services to arrange rides between July 17th and August 1, 2013.

NEXT MEETING: September, 12, 2013 2:00 p.m.

Goodwill Industries, Obeya Room, Menasha, WI

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion made by Schreiner, second by Renning. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Darlene Kramer, Regional Coordinator

These are UNAPPROVED minutes.