

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

ADRC (AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER) BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 10, 2025

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

3:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Kari Ives	Chippewa County	District 21, Chair	Present	
Patricia German	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	
Larry Marquardt	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	
Don Hauser	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	
Yvonne Hedrington	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	
Cindy Spaeth	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	
Renee Thompson	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

Others present: County Administrator Andy Albarado; ADRC Staff: Sarah Zielke, Carla Berscheit, Kayla Colbenson; DHS Staff: Bobbie Jaeger, Paul Brenner; Other County Staff: Leah Simington, and Audra Knowlton

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Cindy Spaeth, Citizen Rep
SECONDER: Larry Marquardt, Citizen Rep
AYES: Ives, German, Marquardt, Hauser, Hedrington, Spaeth, Thompson

1. Approve the agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

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3. Schedule next meeting date - September 11, 2025

5. REPORTS

1. ADRC Staff Presentation - Carla Berscheit

Dementia Care Specialist Carla Berscheit has been in this role for five years. Berscheit highlighted a few of the resources available, including support groups, home tech options, and crisis training. She gave the statistic that by 2035, there will be a projected 216,000 individuals with dementia, 50 percent of those have not been diagnosed yet, and 85 percent with dementia are living in the community. There are 1,547 people in Chippewa County with diagnosed dementia. In June, the FDA approved a blood test to diagnose

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Alzheimer's. Berscheit reviewed the qualifications of a dementia care specialist, community education, networking and collaboration with local partners, and support for caregivers and families. She shared the different support groups she provides in the community.

There was a recommendation for the Board to share dementia information on their Facebook page. A discussion was held on different types of dementia and possible causes.

2. ADRC Manager Program and Financial Report - Sarah Zielke, Paul Brenner

ADRC Manager Sarah Zielke thanked Kari for becoming the new ADRC Board Chair and announced Karen is their new administrative assistant. Zielke reviewed staffing changes, newsletter delivery locations (Festival Foods is a new location), waitlists for Meals on Wheels, Farmers Market Voucher program, SAIL program in Stanley was well received, Mind Over Matter will start in August in Stanley, and the future website migration.

Paul Brenner reviewed the financial data.

3. ADRC Advocacy Report - Sarah Zielke

ADRC Manager Sarah Zielke highlighted Aging Advocacy Day in Madison, Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support program update, Senate Bill 262 bipartisan support for referrals to assisted living facilities, and increase to ADRC base grant funding in the State biennium budget. Senator Jeff Smith will join Meals on Wheels delivery on Monday, July 14.

4. ADRC 2025-2027 Strategic Plan - Sarah Zielke

ADRC Manager Sarah Zielke reviewed the 2025-2027 Strategic Plan. The Plan aligns the Department's goals with the County's goals. The Strategic Plan includes goals as a result from the Employee Engagement Survey.

5. ADRC Transportation Program Update - Sarah Zielke, Kayla Colbenson

ADRC Manager Sarah Zielke noted they are currently underspent in the transportation budget. Kayla has worked with consumers to enroll them in programs available. They are looking at increasing the rider limit by \$200 per rider with the understanding that this can be adjusted in the future if needed.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. ADRC 2026 Copays and Fees - Sarah Zielke, Kayla Colbenson

The 2026 copays and fees recommendations were reviewed and approved as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Patricia German, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	Renee Thompson, Citizen Rep
AYES:	Ives, German, Marquardt, Hauser, Hedrington, Spaeth, Thompson

2. ADRC 2026 Budget - Sarah Zielke, Paul Brenner, Bobbie Jaeger

ADRC Manager Sarah Zielke reviewed the budget process, budget challenges, wages and benefits comparison from 2025 to 2026, budget comparison from 2020 to 2026, revenues and expenditures, overall budget expense breakdown, nutrition program budget breakdown, fees and donations (all but the

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transportation copay is a suggested donation,) advocacy for additional funding, and 2026 strategies. The ADRC budget was approved to forward to the County Administrator.

RESULT:	FORWARD BUDGET TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Don Hauser, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	Patricia German, Citizen Rep
AYES:	Ives, German, Marquardt, Hauser, Hedrington, Spaeth, Thompson

3. ADRC 2026 Program Prioritization Results - Sarah Zielke

ADRC Manager Sarah Zielke shared the results of the 2026 program prioritization.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Larry Marquardt, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	Cindy Spaeth, Citizen Rep
AYES:	Ives, German, Marquardt, Hauser, Hedrington, Spaeth, Thompson

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Renee Thompson, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	Yvonne Hedrington, Citizen Rep
AYES:	Ives, German, Marquardt, Hauser, Hedrington, Spaeth, Thompson