

**Chippewa County
Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Board
Regular Meeting
March 12, 2026
Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302
3:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 03:30 PM

2. Roll Call

Members Present:
Kari Ives, Patricia German, Larry Marquardt, Yvonne Hedrington, Cindy Spaeth, Renee Thompson
Members Absent:
Don Hauser
Others Present:
County Administrator Andy Albarado, County Supervisor Dennis Bachman, Human Services Staff: Bobbie Jaeger, Sarah Zielke, Paul Brenner, Kayla Colbenson, Breanna Schemenauer, Brandi Engel

3. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

(Comments will be limited to 5 minutes per speaker.)

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

4. Consent Agenda

(Unless separation of an item is requested, all items will be adopted under one motion.)

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (6 - 0)
Mover:	Cindy Spaeth
Seconder:	Patricia German
Ayes:	Kari Ives, Patricia German, Larry Marquardt, Yvonne Hedrington, Cindy Spaeth, Renee Thompson
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Don Hauser

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes - January 8, 2026
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - May 14, 2026

5. Reports

1. ADRC Staff Presentation: Website Analytics - Breanna Schemenauer

Staff member Breanna Schemenauer presented on the website analytics noting that it provides us with useful information as to what people are searching for. The website received an update in November 2025 and is now ADA-compliant. The highest page visits were for Medicare Open Enrollment, Volunteer Opportunities, and Senior Farmers Market Vouchers. Traffic to the website has increased through links on Facebook. There were over 20,000 page visits in 2025.

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

Manager Sarah Zielke highlighted several items from her report:

Staffing: The nutrition team is fully staffed. The second round of interviews for the Dementia Care Specialist position is scheduled for Monday.

Aging Plan Review: Summary letter included in agenda packet highlighting key updates and areas of progress.

Nutrition Programming: Senior Farmers Market Voucher Results: 388 consumers served, resulting in \$6,545 in local fresh produce redeemed; 80% of vouchers were distributed in the first 30 days. Carry Out Meals: re-introducing a pilot program for carry out meals which will serve individuals who aren't eligible for home-delivered meals but also are unable to attend congregate dining due to health, mobility, or other barriers. New Memory Café: Stanley Library is a new host for Memory Cafés. Nutrition Program Compliance Review: Received positive feedback with no concerns identified.

GWAAR Audit Review Results: In compliance; no corrective action required.

The 2026 contract for the Chippewa Falls Senior Center nutrition site is still pending.

Sarah Zielke thanked Kari Ives and Patty German for their time serving on the board.

Fiscal Director Paul Brenner reported on 2025 financials, noting there was some ARPA funding in 2025 that will no longer be available in 2026. There is discussion on how to ensure transportation funding is being utilized to its capacity.

3. Advocacy Report - Sarah Zielke

Sarah Zielke informed the Board there are several bills sitting in the senate at this time, including one to establish licensing requirements for Virtual Currency Kiosks in an effort to reduce financial exploitation of older adults.

4. 2026 Program Prioritization Education - Sarah Zielke

Manager Sarah Zielke reviewed the 2026 Program Prioritization ranking. The Board is encouraged to complete the program prioritization ranking and return to Brandi Engel by April 9th. The results will be shared at the May meeting.

6. Business Items

1. ADRC Portion of the 2025 Human Services Annual Report - Sarah Zielke

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (6 - 0)
Mover:	Patricia German
Second:	Yvonne Hedrington
Ayes:	Kari Ives, Patricia German, Larry Marquardt, Yvonne Hedrington, Cindy Spaeth, Renee Thompson
Nays:	None
Absent:	Don Hauser

Manager Sarah Zielke highlighted achievements and challenges from the 2025 Annual Report. The motion was approved to include the ADRC portion in the 2025 Human Services Annual Report.

7. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 04:25 PM

Result:	Passed (6 - 0)
Mover:	Cindy Spaeth
Seconder:	Patricia German
Ayes:	Kari Ives, Patricia German, Larry Marquardt, Yvonne Hedrington, Cindy Spaeth, Renee Thompson
Absent:	Don Hauser