

**Chippewa County
Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Board
Regular Meeting
January 8, 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, Larry Marquardt, Don Hauser, Yvonne Hedrington, Cindy Spaeth, Renee Thompson

Members Absent:

Patricia German

Others Present:

Human Services Staff: Bobbie Jaeger, Sarah Zielke, Breanna Schemenauer, Carla Berscheit, 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 (5 - 0)

Mover: Cindy Spaeth

Second: Renee Thompson

Ayes: Kari Ives, Don Hauser, Yvonne Hedrington, Cindy Spaeth, Renee Thompson

Nays: None

Absent: Patricia German, Larry Marquardt

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes - November 13, 2025
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - March 12, 2026

5. Reports

1. Staff Presentation: Collaboration with Sheriff's Department for Dementia Support - Carla Berscheit

Dementia Care Specialist, Carla Berscheit, reported on a recent success story involving collaboration with the Sheriff's Department. A caregiver called to report her husband's driver's license had been revoked by his physician and the DMV due to his dementia. However, because he had possession of his physical driver's license, he believed he could still drive. His continued driving posed a safety threat to both the public and himself. A plan was established between the family and the Sheriff's Department to arrange for a Sergeant in uniform to meet with him to take possession of the physical driver's license in a manner that was understood and respected by the individual. It has helped to keep him from driving, preventing him from getting lost or harming himself or others.

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

Manager, Sarah Zielke, highlighted various items from the Manager's Report:

Two new staff will begin in January — an Options Counselor and a Nutritional Site Aide. There will be an opening for the Dementia Care Specialist this month.

In the report, the Nutrition Advisory Council is referred to as "Business Item 1" but the formation of this council has been postponed to gather more information and will be discussed further at the March meeting. The reimbursement rate from managed care organizations for Meals on Wheels recipients has been increased by \$1.00 per meal. Nutrition Supervisor, Kayla, is currently reviewing the eligibility of every member on the home-delivered meals list to determine who may be a better fit for the congregate meals program.

The Medicare Open Enrollment period has ended. The staff met with 59 consumers during enrollment. This is a decline in consumers served previously due to changes in the Medicare Plan Finder that caused a significant increase in the time required per appointment.

There will be an opening on the board in April 2026.

3. Advocacy Report - Sarah Zielke

Sarah Zielke informed the committee of a new bill being proposed called the Caregiver Designation Bill. It will allow for Emergency Contact information to be logged into an electronic record when applying for a license or identification. She also highlighted various Regional Learning Exchanges: WOW Strategy Sessions in 2026, including one at Market on the River in Chippewa Falls.

4. Social Media Metrics - Breanna Schemenauer

Benefit Specialist Administrative Assistant, Breanna Schemenauer presented their 2025 Social Media Metrics. The ADRC maintains a Facebook page and a Facebook subgroup for Dementia Care. Followers increased by 194% this year. The top post was viewed over 25,000 times. Things learned included creating a Facebook Event versus posting a flyer increased the number of views.

6. Business Items

7. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 04:15 PM

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