

**Chippewa County
Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Board
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2026
Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302
3:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 03:32 PM

2. Roll Call

Members Present:
Dennis Bachman, Kathy Schmiedeskamp, Larry Marquardt, Don Hauser, Cindy Spaeth, Renee Thompson
Members Absent:
Yvonne Hedrington
Others Present:
DHS Staff: Bobbie Jaeger, Paul Brenner, Sarah Zielke, Kayla Colbenson, Stephanie Rasmussen, Brandi Engel

3. Election of Vice-Chair

Cindy Spaeth was elected the vice-chair position.

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (5 - 1)
Mover:	Larry Marquardt
Seconder:	Renee Thompson
Ayes:	Dennis Bachman, Kathy Schmiedeskamp, Larry Marquardt, Don Hauser, Renee Thompson
Nayes:	Cindy Spaeth
Absent:	Yvonne Hedrington

4. 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.

5. Consent Agenda

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

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (6 - 0)
Mover:	Larry Marquardt
Seconder:	Cindy Spaeth
Ayes:	Dennis Bachman, Kathy Schmiedeskamp, Larry Marquardt, Don Hauser, Cindy Spaeth, Renee Thompson
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Yvonne Hedrington

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes - March 12, 2026

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - July 9, 2026

6. Reports

1. ADRC Staff Presentation: Success Story - Stephanie Rasmussen

Disability Benefit Specialist, Stephanie Rasmussen, presented on a consumer with severe anxiety causing memory impairment. In October, the consumer sought assistance for SSI reinstatement. Social Security mistakenly mailed her a 15-page disability packet, causing undue stress upon the consumer. Stephanie offered reassurance that she did not need to complete the large packet and worked with social security to ensure nothing had gotten mixed up on their end. After the SSI reinstatement, Stephanie next assisted the consumer with becoming connected to an attorney to establish an ABLE account, along with other resources including housing, energy assistance, FoodShare, and a LifeLine phone.

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

Manager Sarah Zielke highlighted numerous items from her program report. Bronson Stelzer began in April as the new Dementia Care Specialist. Sarah noted there is currently one opening for a nutrition site aide due to an upcoming retirement. She also reported that the nutrition van was included in the Highway Department fleet upgrade this year and is now operational. ADRC staff continue completing daily time and task reporting in 15-minute increments to allow for Medicaid claim reimbursement, and this reporting will soon transition to the PeerPlace data tracking system. In recognition of Older Americans Month, Sarah acknowledged the contributions older adults make to the community.

Fiscal Manager Paul Brenner reported that budget expenditures remain on track for this point in the year. Transportation spending continues to show lower utilization, and discussions are ongoing regarding ways to increase utilization, including the possibility of offering grocery and fitness/wellness transportation trips.

3. ADRC Advocacy Report - Sarah Zielke

Manager Sarah Zielke informed the board the Patient Representative Bill was passed in March and will go into effect in June. This bill will allow for discharge and admission to a lower level care facility by a hospital-appointed representative versus waiting for a court-appointed guardian which can delay the process. There are ongoing ethical concerns and efficacy concerns yet to be addressed.

4. ADRC Strategic Plan Update - Sarah Zielke

Manager Sarah Zielke provided status updates on their three strategic goals:

1. To further expand staff knowledge on community resources, staff participated in a poverty simulation, met with local hospice agencies, and partnered with UW-Extension and the Mental Wellness & Recovery division to learn more about end-of-life planning resources.
2. To increase community awareness of the ADRC's offerings, a new "contact us" form was added to the ADRC website, program outreach such as wellness groups and Medicare & You workshops have continued, and staff partnered with Public Health for an emergency preparedness needs assessment.
3. To enhance a healthy work environment, staff have participated in potlucks and will soon be hosting their annual team "org day" to reinforce connections.

7. Business Items

1. Set Regular Meeting Dates and Times - Sarah Zielke

The ADRC Board meetings will be held on the second Thursday of odd months, but will have a start time of 3:00 PM.

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (6 - 0)
Mover:	Renee Thompson
Second:	Don Hauser
Ayes:	Dennis Bachman, Kathy Schmiedeskamp, Larry Marquardt, Don Hauser, Cindy Spaeth, Renee Thompson
Nays:	None
Absent:	Yvonne Hedrington

2. ADRC 2026 Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement - Sarah Zielke

ADRC Manager, Sarah Zielke, reviewed the Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Agreements. Board members are asked to sign these policies on an annual basis per state requirements.

3. ADRC 2026 Program Prioritization Results - Sarah Zielke

The 2026 ADRC Program Priority Rankings as determined by the ADRC Board members were reviewed and approved.

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (6 - 0)
Mover:	Don Hauser
Second:	Renee Thompson
Ayes:	Dennis Bachman, Kathy Schmiedeskamp, Larry Marquardt, Don Hauser, Cindy Spaeth, Renee Thompson
Nays:	None
Absent:	Yvonne Hedrington

8. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Result:	Passed (6 - 0)
Mover:	Cindy Spaeth
Second:	Don Hauser
Ayes:	Dennis Bachman, Kathy Schmiedeskamp, Larry Marquardt, Don Hauser, Cindy Spaeth, Renee Thompson
Absent:	Yvonne Hedrington