



Minutes - September 17, 2025

Call to Order: The meeting of the ADRC Advisory Committee was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chuck Wilson. The meeting was held in-person, in Board Room (J1041), at the DWRC, 1717 Center Ave., Janesville, with the option of attending via Teams Conference.

Roll Call: Present: Rob Wilkinson, Harold Luther, Carrie Glover, Pat Burhans, Chuck Wilson, Debbie Kraus, Jim Davis and Geri Heim.

Unexcused: Jessica Butturini, Sue Ryan and Gregg Schneider

Staff Present: Shannon Colson, Cori Marsh, Jennifer Thompson and Melissa Kooiman

Introduction of Visitors: None

Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Harold Luther, seconded by Rob Wilkinson, to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes:

July 16, 2025, ADRC Minutes: A motion was made by Pat Burhans, seconded by Geri Heim to approve July 16, 2025, minutes. Motion approved.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Jennifer Thompson participated in a supervisor and director open forum meeting with the state. Jennifer wanted feedback on how other ADRC Advisory Committees are doing and what topics they speak about. Jennifer found that their meetings were for reporting purposes. She would like to keep these meetings more open for conversations. Jennifer encouraged the members to bring up topics they would like added to the agenda.

Beloit Senior Fair will be held October 7, 2025, at the Eclipse Center.

Old Business:

Aging Plan Updates/Advocacy: Cori Marsh met with the GWAAR representative to go over the Aging Plan. No updates were made. The aging program will continue meeting the goals that were created within the plan.

Softphones: The ADRC will be moving forward with softphones for the eleven ADRC Specialists. This will be paid for by funding that rolled over from 2024. Each licensed user will cost \$550. The cost will be around \$5500 for those staff members. The remaining staff members not in the call center can get looped in for an estimated \$75 per staff member.

Fall Festival "Harvesting Connections": The fall festival, Harvesting Connections, is a way to bring in the community to learn about what the ADRC has to offer. There will be lunch provided for those who register. The festival will include a scam bingo presentation, lots of drawings for prizes, and games.

New Business:

Rock County Senior Fair: The Rock County Senior Fair had an estimated 700 visitors. There were about 54 vendors present. All in all it was a very successful event.

NADTC Transportation Summit: A few months ago, Cori Marsh applied for a grant through the National Disability Transportation Center to host a community conversation. The transportation program was awarded \$8000. This grant will be used to fund advertising, food and a stipend for consumers. Cori anticipates a good turnout of consumers and maybe some local politicians. The event is being held on Friday, September 19, 2025, in Beckman Mill.

ADRC Unit Updates:

APS/Benefit Specialists/Dementia Care Specialist: Jennifer Thompson went over the statistics for APS that were included in the packet. She also spoke about the quality reporting and reviews that need to be completed within time constraints set internally.

The state is looking at changing the age group for when a person will be seeing a Disability Benefit Specialist versus an Elder Benefit Specialist. More information to come.

On November 11, 2025, the Dementia Care Specialist will be hosting a caregiver conversations dinner party. Marty Schreiber will be doing some introductions along with several speakers. Karen Tennyson will also be working with the Jefferson County DCS on photos of caregivers with the person they care for.

Aging Unit: Cori Marsh went over the statistics for the ADRC Aging Unit. There will be three focus articles in the Janesville Gazette highlighting volunteers from the home-delivered meals program. There will also be some follow-up ads on the need for volunteer drivers.

ADRC Specialist: Melissa Kooiman went over the statistics for the ADRC Specialists.

Complaints and Appeals: None

Successes: Jennifer went over the successes for the month.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 10:44 by Harold Luther and seconded by Geri Heim. Motion passed

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