

**ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
March 24, 2025**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ted Cushing, Chairman (Zoom), Mr. Russ Fischer (Zoom), Ms. Melanie Fralick, Mr. James Unger, Ms. Linnaea Newman, Ms. Debbie Condado (Zoom) and Ms. Rita Mahner

EXCUSED: Ms. Nancy Watry and Ms. Joan Hauer

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Mya Olkowski, Ms. Mary Rideout, and Ms. Amber Dickman

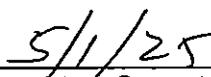
OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Barb Newman (Zoom)

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Mr. Ted Cushing called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room at the Oneida County Courthouse. The meeting has been properly posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and the facility is handicap accessible.
2. **Approve Agenda for Today's Meeting:** Motion by Ms. Linnaea Newman, seconded by Mr. James Unger, to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes; motion carried.
3. **Public Comment/Communications:** None.
4. **Approve Minutes of February 28, 2025:** Motion by Mr. James Unger, seconded by Ms. Melanie Fralick, to approve February 28, 2025 ADRC Committee minutes as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
5. **Medicaid Funding & Advocacy Efforts:** At the Federal level, a resolution was passed in the House to move on to the Senate regarding budget cuts. The Senate passed the continuing resolution to keep the federal government running through September. In the proposed cuts, there is a significant cut to the Committee that oversees Medicaid. This will be continually followed for updates.
6. **Northwoods Transit Connect Update:** Ridership totals are down from last month overall, but there are a couple areas where ridership increased. There are currently no drivers in the Minocqua, Arbor Vitae, and Woodruff area. Both drivers are out on extended medical leave and they are looking to hire drivers.
7. **Transportation Update:** Ms. Mya Olkowski compiled a list of the transportation companies available in Oneida County, what services each company provides, and the fare rates. There has been an increase in people asking for last minute transportation to medical appointments and on-demand type transportation. There are more options available than what was previously thought.

- 8. Staffing Update:** The 0.5 Billing Clerk, Substance Use Counselor, ADRC Specialist, Mental Health Technician, and Administrative Support – Data Entry positions have been filled. A Social Worker positions will have an offer made. There was a large number of applications for the Social Services Aide position and they are being reviewed. Interviews are being scheduled for the Human Services Director. The Finance Technician and Administrative Support positions are currently posted and applications are due by March 31, 2025. The Behavioral Health Therapist position will be reposted. A new CLTS worker, CCS Facilitator, and Finance Technician position are pending and will be posted soon.
- 9. Marketing Update:** There is currently high traffic at the ADRC and it is not believed that an ad or commercial is needed at this time. The number of phone calls and walk-ins have been being record. In January, there were 106 phone calls and walk-ins per day. In February, this number increased to 123 phone calls and walk-ins per day. This number may go down a little when tax preparation is no longer being done at the ADRC.
- 10. 2024 & 2025 Financial & Statistical Reports, and Vendor Payment Report:** It was noted by Mr. Cushing that the Financials were received. The ADRC ended in the black, but as a whole agency, there is a \$600,000 deficit. There is a deficit within the ADRC budget for congregate meals, but a surplus in the budget with home delivered meals helps to offset it.
- 11. Future Agenda Topics:** Usual agenda items. Members should contact Ms. Mya Olkowski or Mr. Ted Cushing if they would like something placed on the agenda. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. and will be back at the Balsam Room located in the ADRC.
- 12. Public Comment:** None.
- 13. Adjournment:** 9:19 a.m.



Committee Chairman



Committee Secretary