

**ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
March 23, 2026**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ted Cushing, Chairman, Mr. Russ Fisher, Vice-Chairman, Ms. Debbie Condado (Zoom), Ms. Melanie Fralick, Ms. Joan Hauer, Ms. Rita Mahner, Ms. Linnaea Newman, Mr. James Unger

EXCUSED: Ms. Kathy Paul

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Beth Hoerchler, Ms. Mya Olkowski, and Ms. Dana Gray

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Barb Newman

1. **Call to Order:** 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 Ms. Melanie Fralick, to approve today's agenda with the order of items at the Chair's discretion. All ayes, motion carried.
3. **Public Comment/Communication:** None.
4. **Approve Minutes of February 23, 2026 Meeting:** Motion by Ms. Linnaea Newman, seconded by Mr. James Unger, to approve February 23, 2026 ADRC Committee minutes as presented. No corrections or additions. All ayes; motion carried.
5. **Northwoods Transit Connections Update:** Ms. Barb Newman reported that they have been slower but steady for the past couple of months. They have selected a survey company, and now they just need to get a contract from them. One of their drivers recently quit so now there is a part time Rhinelander position open.

- 6. Sustainable Transportation Resolution:** Ms. Mya Olkowski asked that the ADRC Committee members sign the Sustainable Transportation Resolution in hopes for continued and possibly more sustainable transportation funding by the state. The signed resolution will be sent on to the County Board, and no follow-up is needed. Discussion followed. Motion by Ms. Linnaea Newman, seconded by Mr. Russ Fisher, to approve the resolution as presented. No corrections or additions. All ayes; motion carried.
- 7. Proposal for Use of Donation Funds to Support RSVP Funding Lapse:** Ms. Mya Olkowski reported that RSVP funding grant was recently submitted to the federal government, but they won't hear back until sometime in June. She is requesting that the cost of funding the RSVP program for April and May be taken out of the donation fund which has a current balance of around \$27,000. Motion by Ms. Joan Hauer, seconded by Mr. James Unger, to approve proposal as presented. No corrections or additions. All ayes; motion carried.
- 8. ADRC Survey Results:** Ms. Mya Olkowski reported that so far she has received 106 surveys back. The surveys were printed in the February newsletter, set out in the ADRC lobby, and were sent out to the dining sites. She asked the members to look over the results which were posted in the packet. She mentioned that there was not a lot of interest in a caregiver support group. Discussion followed.
- 9. Approval for Term Continuation:** Ms. Mya Olkowski requested that the ADRC Committee members recommend to the County Board that Ms. Debbie Condado and Ms. Linnaea Newman be re-appointed for their third term serving on the Committee. Motion by Mr. James Unger, seconded by Ms. Melanie Fralick, to submit these term continuations to the County Board for approval. All ayes; motion carried.
- 10. Events Update:** Ms. Mya Olkowski reported that on Wednesday March 18th there was an activity celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Senior Nutrition Program. 15 people attended the GWAAR presentation called

Discover the Power of Nutrition. There were door prizes afterwards, and then a healthy parfait creation activity was presented by staff from Nicolet College. For the Fun Friday Event on March 20th the ADRC held a Your Lucky Day! activity. Jeff Hersten presented Don't Press Your Luck! on how to avoid common scams and frauds targeting seniors. There were 35+ people attending this presentation, and there were door prizes, games, and a meal afterwards. On Friday March 27th there will be a private movie showing with snacks at the Rouman Cinema in Rhinelander.

Ms. Beth Hoerchler reported that the OC Human Services is hosting the Annual Family Dome Night for Strengthening Families month in April. The event will be on Wednesday April 15th from 4-6 p.m. Coffee and Movie night at the Rouman Cinema in Rhinelander hosted by the OC Peer Recovery Support Team will be held on Thursday March 26th at 5:00 p.m.

11. Manager Update: Ms. Mya Olkowski reported that February was busy with calls and walk-ins due to the tax season. All tax appointments have been filled. APS referrals for February were higher due to a facility investigation. Ms. Lori Ring, Volunteer Coordinator, submitted a report in regards to the volunteers and their hours. There were over 100 volunteer hours documented with most of the hours worked in the kitchen and home delivered meal drivers. The Incredible Bank is donating \$2,500 to be used for expenses at the Woodruff dining site.

12. Staffing Update: Ms. Beth Hoerchler reported that there are currently four positions that need to be filled, and they are getting a lot of applications to go through. There are several unpaid interns that are assisting the agency, and they are very helpful.

13. Financial & Statistical Reports: It was noted by Mr. Ted Cushing that the 2026 Financial Reports were received and discussed. The meals served for January were down from the past couple of years at this time. Functional screens are up from previous years. Screens take 8-12 hours from start to finish. Overall funding is down for the Senior Nutrition Program – there was a \$23,000 cut in funding by the federal government. We have six Vilas

County meal participants who pay the full price for their meals. Vilas County currently has a waiting list for meals. Oneida County may need to look at having a waiting list as well or change the criteria for meal assistance if we do not receive more funding.

14. 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 27th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the **Balsam Room located in the ADRC**. The April meeting will be the last one for Mr. Ted Cushing and Mr. Russ Fisher due to their three year terms as Chairman and Vice-Chairman ending on May 1st.

15. Public Comment: None.

16. Adjournment: 9:25 a.m.

Committee Chairman

Committee Secretary