

ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

February 23, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ted Cushing, Chairman, Mr. Russ Fisher via Zoom, Vice-Chairman, Ms. Debbie Condado, Ms. Melanie Fralick, Ms. Joan Hauer, Ms. Linnaea Newman, Ms. Kathy Paul via Zoom, Mr. James Unger

EXCUSED: Rita Mahner

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 9:02 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. Debbie Condado, 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 January 26, 2026 Meeting:** Motion by Ms. Linnaea Newman, seconded by Ms. Melanie Fralick, to approve January 26, 2026 ADRC Committee minutes as presented. No corrections or additions. All ayes; motion carried.
- 5. Northwoods Transit Connections Update:** Ms. Barb Newman reported that January 2026 was strong with ridership up 8% from this time last year. She re-sent the quotes out for surveyors since there was no response as of yet. They are fully staffed. Ms. Melanie Fralick asked about adding ridership hours onto Friday nights and Sundays. Barb responded that she

will have to check the budget for Friday nights but does not think they have funding for both Fridays and Sundays.

- 6. Digital Medial Discussion:** Ms. Mya Olkowski reminded the Committee that this was the presentation that was completed by Lori Ring's son and was on the agenda last month. She asked if there were any ideas on how the ADRC could be more present on social media. She currently posts monthly events on Facebook. Mr. James Unger reported that there are several items that need to be updated on the ADRC website to assist community members with low vision or blindness: The monthly calendar for meals, the monthly calendar for events, and the current newsletter link. These items will be looked at and updated as soon as possible. Any more ideas about adding to the ADRC social media can be emailed to Ms. Mya Olkowski.
- 7. Discussion of Use of \$20,000 Donation Previously Received from Eugene J. Step:** Ms. Mya Olkowski reported that this donation was gifted in 2022 with no specific ways listed for it to be used or distributed. There is still a balance of \$28,266.30 left to be used. She is asking the ADRC Committee board members to consider allotting \$5,000 from the donation fund to support an increase in monthly social events at the ADRC for the year 2026. Specifically she is requesting to use it towards adding another "Fun Friday" event since the ADRC does not serve meals on Fridays. The added event would include a meal and a presentation/activity or an offsite daytrip.
- 8. Approval For Use of Donation Funds:** Committee members discussed the proposed use for donation funds as outlined in the above section of the agenda. Motion by Ms. Linnaea Newman, seconded by Mr. James Unger, to approve the use of \$5,000 from the donation fund to offset the cost of an additional Friday event to be added to the activities calendar every month of 2026.
- 9. Manager Update:** Ms. Mya Olkowski reported the ADRC is fully staffed. The amount of calls received at the ADRC is keeping staff busy as per

normal. She had an update on the Widow's Weekend event: Corp Council has approved the event, and it will take place in November 2026. Lori Ring, RSVP Coordinator, will be creating a group to plan the event.

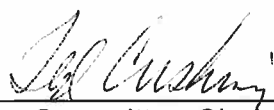
10. Staffing Update: Ms. Beth Hoerchler reported that the agency is fully staffed. The last Mental Health Tech position was filled as well as the ES position. There is a staff member leaving in May so there will be an internal posting for that in the near future. There were concerns regarding Lori Ring's position as RSVP Coordinator but it was reported that she is still with the agency. Lori is re-applying for a grant to fund her position but won't hear back until the middle of June 2026. Mya reported that Lori will be staying in her position for as long as she can, and that she is doing a great job. There was also discussion about funding from the state.

11. Financial & Statistical Reports: It was noted by Mr. Ted Cushing that the 2026 Financial Reports were received and discussed. Ms. Mya Olkowski reported that there are no issues with the financial reports, and similar numbers have been seen in the past. The meal contribution cost was raised recently so the numbers are probably going to increase. The Oneida County ADRC is charging Vilas County ADRC the full price of \$12.77 per meal for Arbor Vitae resident meals so that will also help the numbers increase. Mya also reported that functional screens have not been done as often as intended in the past due to being understaffed for two years. Now that the ADRC is fully staffed the number of functional screens will increase, and everyone that needs assistance can receive it.

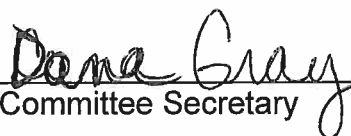
12. Future Agenda Topics: Usual agenda items. Members should contact Ms. Mya Olkowski or Mr. Ted Cushing if they would like something placed on the agenda. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 23th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Board Room located in the Courthouse. Mr. James Unger reported that he will continue to check the ADRC website for more updates.

13. Public Comment: Mr. James Unger reported that the Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired is participating in "The Big Share" fundraiser. There are 80 non-profit groups that participate in this fundraising event that is hosted by Community Shares of Wisconsin. This event takes place on March 3, 2026 and it is an easy way to support the Council and other non-profit groups through on-line donations. To donate visit the Council's website at wcbblind.org and click on "The Big Share" link.

14. Adjournment: 9:30 a.m.



Committee Chairman



Committee Secretary