ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
August 24, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Debbie Condado - Chair, Ms. Linnaea Newman - Vice Chair, Ms. Mary Roth Burns, Ms. Sandy Hamburg, Ms. Kathy Paul via Zoom, Ms. Patty Raske, Ms. Maureen Rodziczak, Mr. James Unger

EXCUSED: Ms. Melanie Fralick

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Beth Hoerchler, Mr. Joel Gottsacker via Zoom, Ms. Mya Olkowski, Ms. Heidi Chavez, Ms. Heather Beach, and Ms. Dana Gray

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Barb Newman

1. **Call to Order:** Ms. Debbie Condado called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Balsam Room at the Aging and Disability Resource Center. 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/Communication:** None.

4. **Approve Minutes of July 27, 2026 Meeting:** Motion by Linnaea Newman, seconded by Ms. Patty Raske, to approve July 27, 2026 ADRC Committee minutes as presented. No corrections or additions. All ayes; motion carried.

5. **Northwoods Transit Connections Update:** Ms. Barb Newman reported that ridership is up from June, and also up from this time last year. On 7/31/2026 a purchase order was turned in to purchase 2 new busses. It will cost $266,000 for both busses, but they are covered 80% by a grant and 20% by funds from the Northwoods savings account. The busses will arrive in 7-9 months. An appraisal was ordered for the new property. They were able to fill the driver position, but the dispatcher position is still open. Fuel costs have gone up significantly since January due to higher gas prices.

6. **Volunteer Escort Ride Program Payment Update:** Ms. Mya Olkowski reported that this agenda item was discussed at the previous meeting. She would like the Volunteer Escort Ride brochure to be re-typed since it is outdated from 2018. She reported the

current pay scale for escort rides, and asked the members if this should be updated as well. Discussion followed. It was decided that the pay scale should change to the following: 0-500 miles within a calendar year the clients will pay for one third of the mileage at the IRS current rate; 501+ miles the clients will pay the full cost of the mileage at the IRS current rate. Motion by Ms. Debbie Condado, seconded by Ms. Sandy Hamburg, to approve the change as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

7. **Nutrition Program Budget Update & Action:** Ms. Heidi Chavez, Ms. Beth Hoerchler, and Ms. Mya Olkowski reported on the Nutrition Program budget and updates. There was a long discussion by committee members in regard to the next steps to save money to meet budget requests. Ms. Mya Olkowski asked the committee members what their final preferences would be. The first two will be executed right away, and the rest will take place only if necessary:
   1. Assess the needs of current Home Delivered Meal (HDM) clients but make no cuts to these individuals. New interested clients will be assessed based on a low, moderate, and high needs. The lows will be denied meals. Then, contact any clients who are Vilas County residents and notify them to reach out to Vilas County ADRC for Nutrition Program needs and end their service. Oneida County coverage of meals was once provided due to Vilas not having a meal site near Arbor Vitae. Vilas can work out an agreement to pay Oneida County full price of the meal if they wish.
   2. Reduce Rhinelander, Woodruff, and Three Lakes dining sites to providing meals 3 days a week but offering frozen meals to HDM clients for the 2 other days.
   3. Rearranging HDM routes and possibly reducing the areas that are served in Oneida County.
   4. Increasing the contribution price again which was last increased in November 2025.
   5. Starting a waiting list for new HDM clients.

   Ms. Heidi Chavez will be reporting these preferences to the Human Service Committee, and then to the Executive Committee.

8. **FoodShare Changes:** Ms. Mya Olkowski reported that the State of Wisconsin is making changes as to who is eligible for Food Share. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services provided the ADRC with talking points to explain rule changes for FoodShare members who are aged 60-64, and aren't blind or disabled. The talking points were included in the handouts to create awareness in regard to these changes.

9. **Events Update:** Ms. Mya Olkowski reported on the August ADRC events and activities. There was a Health Promotion Booth on Tuesday August 4th offering information on Health Promotion courses. This booth was run by Laurel Parins, Health & WellBeing Educator for Oneida County and also by Jennifer Sackett, ADRC Specialist. The Brain &

Body Fitness classes are scheduled every Wednesday in August from 12:00-1:30 p.m. at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes. There was a Boom Lake Sightseeing Boat Trip on Tuesday August 18th, and a Boom Lake Fishing Boat Trip on Thursday August 20th. These trips were provided by the "Let's Go Fishing" Hodag Chapter. On Friday August 21st there was a trip to the Minocqua Farmer's Market, and then a stop at Hoggie Doggie's for a treat. The upcoming Fun Friday "Beat the Heat" movie event is on Friday August 28th at 10:00 a.m. at the Rouman Cinema in Rhinelander. There will be a private showing of "Coyote vs. Acme" with popcorn and soda included. There is a $5.00 suggested donation to cover the cost of tickets. Please RSVP for this event by calling 715-369-6307. The Vaccine Clinic provided by the Health Department starts on Monday September 14th, and will run Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the ADRC. The ADRC website has the monthly activity calendar posted with all upcoming events.

10. **Manager Update:** Ms. Mya Olkowski reported that the call and walk in totals are higher when compared to this time last year. The Adult Protective Service referrals are significantly higher when compared to this time last year. The total volunteer hours served for June 2026 was 1,064.00 hours.

11. **Agency Update:** Ms. Beth Hoerchler reported that there were 5 positions filled in July and August. There are 2 Behavioral Health Therapist positions that are being re-posted, and a Finance Technician position that is posted as well. August is Child Support Awareness Month, and the Agency will be celebrating with a potluck. The CLTS/Birth to 3 workers will be attending back to school open house events in the Minocqua area. The Agency did an in-house fundraising Food Sale to raise money for Feed Our Rural Kids. The Recovery workers organized Community Yoga in the Park for the summer, and held a Picnic in the Park in July and August. Light up the Night for Recovery will be held on September 23rd.

12. **Financial & Statistical Reports:** It was noted by Ms. Debbie Condado that the 2026 Financial Reports were received and discussed.

13. **Future Agenda Topics:** Usual agenda items. The Nutrition Program Budget Updates & Action will be added back as an agenda item for the September meeting. Members should contact Ms. Mya Olkowski or Ms. Debbie Condado if they would like something placed on the agenda. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Balsam Room located in the ADRC.

14. **Public Comment:** None.

15. **Adjournment:** 10:09 a.m.

Committee ~~Chairman~~ Vice-chair

Committee Secretary