ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
September 28, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Debbie Condado – Chair (Zoom), Ms. Linnaea Newman - Vice Chair, Ms. Melanie Fralick, Ms. Sandy Hamburg, Ms. Kathy Paul (Zoom), Ms. Patty Raske, Ms. Maureen Rodziczak

EXCUSED: Mr. James Unger, Ms. Mary Roth Burns

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Russ Fisher, Mr. Robb Jensen

1. **Call to Order:** Ms. Debbie Condado called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 Ms. Patty Raske, 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 August 24, 2026 Meeting:** Motion by Ms. Debbie Condado, seconded by Ms. Linnaea Newman, to approve August 24, 2026 ADRC Committee minutes as presented. No corrections or additions. All ayes; motion carried.

5. **Northwoods Transit Connections Update:** Ms. Mya Olkowski reported for Ms. Barb Newman. Ridership is up by 201 one-way rides from this time last year. There were two minor incidents involving a parked car and a camper hitch, but the repair costs were minimal and completely covered by Northwoods Transit. The land appraisal has encountered a significant setback requiring the request-for-quote process to be re-started in its entirety. Two drivers are retiring this month. The new dispatcher has started and is doing well.

6. **Nutrition Program Updates & Action:** Ms. Beth Hoerchler reported that the Nutrition Program for Vilas County meals was ended which reduced the budget deficit by $12,750. The Nutrition Coordinator position hours were lowered to .8 FTE which

reduced the budget deficit by $6,300. There is still a $40,950 deficit for the Nutrition Program budget. Ms. Beth Hoerchler will be attending the Budget Committee hearing on October 5th, and they might decide to use tax levy to make up the difference. That being said, she is asking the ADRC Committee for a priority list in case there is no tax levy available for the program. Discussion followed with reports by Mr. Russ Fisher and Ms. Heather Beach. The members were asked to look at the handout that listed the different options for reducing the deficit. Ms. Mya Olkowski said there is no need for a motion, just a decision. It was decided by the ADRC Committee members that they would prefer to combine dining sites over reducing a day where meals are provided at three dining sites. Ms. Beth Hoerchler will take this preference to the Budget Committee hearing, and will report the outcome at the next ADRC Committee meeting. Ms. Mya Olkowski reported that the annual congregate and home delivered meal survey responses and comments are in the packet to look over. Most responses and comments were favorable towards the Nutrition Program.

7. **Resolution to Accept Donation from Greg Stoever:** Ms. Mya Olkowski reported that Greg Stoever was a long-time bridge participant at the ADRC. Greg's son donated $3,000 to the ADRC for general use in memory of Greg who recently passed away. Motion by Ms. Sandy Hamburg, seconded by Ms. Melanie Fralick, to approve the resolution as presented. All ayes; motion carried. The Resolution will be signed by the ADRC Committee members after the meeting.

8. **Events Update:** Ms. Mya Olkowski reported on some events that took place this month. The last "Let's Go Fishing" sightseeing pontoon ride took place on Friday September 18th. The boat was full but it was a rainy day so the ride was shortened. Hot chocolate was provided. The Fun Friday Event took place on September 25th. The event was called Sweater Weather Social and was held at Hodag Park. There were a total of 20 participants and the weather was beautiful. There was a catered lunch by Arby's provided. There were also Trishaw rides available, and fall trivia. Upcoming October events are a Cranberry Marsh Tour on October 7th, a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on October 23rd, a Trick or Treat costume event for the YMCA youth on October 29th, and the Fun Friday Event which is Chair Yoga on October 30th. The ADRC website has the monthly activity calendar posted with all upcoming events, and the website also has a link to the monthly newsletter with specific event details. The events will be slowing down in the upcoming months due to the holidays and funding.

9. **Manager Update:** Ms. Mya Olkowski reported that the call and walk in totals are about the same as this time last year. The Adult Protective Service referrals are significantly higher again when compared to this time last year. The total volunteer hours served for

July 2026 were 946.28 hours. The Rural Health Transportation grant was applied for and preliminarily approved. We are waiting for more information from the state. An RSVP Advisory Council application was received from Ms. Cynthia Binkis. The ADRC Committee members were asked to vote to recommend this applicant for a position on the Advisory Council. Motion by Ms. Linnaea Newman, seconded by Ms. Debbie Condado to approve as recommended. All ayes; motion carried.

10. **Agency Update:** Ms. Beth Hoerchler reported that there were two positions filled in August/September. The following positions are still open: Behavioral Health Therapist, Ongoing Social Worker, WHEAP LTE, and Administrative Support at the ADRC. The outpatient clinic began a pilot program to see youth at the middle school to assist in decreasing no show rates due to transportation issues. The plan is to expand to other local schools, and there has been positive reception of this program so far. The Light Up The Night For Recovery event was held on September 23rd, and it was very successful. There will be free birth to 3 developmental screenings at the Laona School and at the Minocqua Public Library. For more information on these developmental screenings please call 715-369-2215.

11. **Financial & Statistical Reports:** It was noted by Ms. Debbie Condado that the 2026 Financial Reports were received and discussed. No major findings. Ms. Mya Olkowski reported that the ADRC is using up funds in the programs before the end of the year.

12. **Future Agenda Topics:** Usual agenda items. The Nutrition Program Budget Updates & Action will be added back as an agenda item for the October 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, October 26, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Balsam Room located in the ADRC.

13. **Public Comment:** None.

14. **Adjournment:** 9:40 a.m.

Linnaea Newman
Committee Chairperson

Dana Gray
Committee Secretary