

RSVP Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

PLACE: **Balsam Room 100 W Keenan St, Rhinelander WI**
Thursday, July 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Nancy Brisse, Joan Hauer, Rita Mahner, Bill Vancos, Dawn Winkist
Staff Members Present: Lori Ring and Mya Olkowski

The Meeting was called to order by Dawn Winkist at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made to approve today's meeting agenda by Joan Hauer and second by Nancy Brisse. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the April 16, 2026 meeting by Joan Hauer and a second by Rita Mahner. All in favor, motion carried.

There was no public comment.

In communication from members Rita Mahner informed the council she was hired as the new Oneida County nutrition site manager in Lake Tomahawk.

The date and time of the next meeting will be by October 15, at 9:00 a.m. in the Balsam room of the ADRC.

The Financial report provided by Ring was the new budget for the new grant. The county finance department will be working on the final Federal Financial Report during this interim period and we will provide it at the next meeting. Allocations to the 23 grant and the 26 grant need to be sorted out. The new grant will be able to be charged back for certain activities to May 24, 2026. The county was able to support grant activities in the interim with match funds. The new amount awarded only needs to cover a 9 month period so there will be no financial concerns right now.

Ring provided a current report on volunteer activity with year to date hours included. Reporting is getting better so we can have a true reflection of the impact of the grant. 17,258 hours have been reported from May 31, 2025 through May 31, 2026. Ring hopes to reach 20,000 reported hours.

Ring updated the council on the new Grant Award. \$127,497 was awarded as of June 24, 2026 and the notice of grant award was included in council member's packet of information. Ring explained there are only 130 AmeriCorps Seniors Projects in the country, and only 10 programs in Wisconsin. This is direct grant funding and does not need to be distributed by any state office. The county and United Way will supplement the grant with 23,800. We still have Healthy Futures as our focus with

96 percent of the grant in outcome based work. A new station roster will be the next item to work on and there will be a switch of Authorized Representative to Mya Olkowski in the near future.

Ring explained the grant continuation process and included the justification budget for AmeriCorps in the packet. There are doubts about the new grant funding being continued even though it was awarded. Ring encouraged council members to watch budget negotiations closely. Another government shutdown would affect the continuation application but we have access to the entire grant award until March 31, 2027 or until it's gone.

Ring led a discussion on a fall volunteer recognition banquet. A Friday luncheon was determined to be a good route to go. Ring will reach out to venues and caterers to plan a late September/early October luncheon. Annual calendar planners have been ordered and have arrived. Spring recognition ideas were discussed.

Ring led the group in discussing new council member recruitment. Two vacancies for the October, January and April meetings can be filled at this time. Council members suggested names to contact and Ring will update the group of any applicants.

Future agenda topics would be continuation application updates, voting on new council members, revisiting by-laws and suitability standards and winter and spring recognition projects.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 by Dawn Winqvist.