

**BAYFIELD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Conf Room A and Remote via Teams
June 27, 2023
3:00 p.m.**

Committee Members Present: Bill Bland, Karen Anderson, Tracy Snyder, Lynette Benzschawel, Mary Dougherty, Alice Evenson BRICK Representative, Dee Sweet arrived at 3:14

Committee Member Absent: Richard Kemmer

Others Present: Carrie Linder, Heather Gilbertson, Ellie Webb-Dementia Care Specialist, Elizebeth Skulan arrived at 3:29

Call to Order and Introductions

Benzschawel called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and introductions were made.

Discussion and Possible Action-Review of the February 28, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Bland, seconded by Snyder to approve the February 28, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Discussion and Possible Action-Election of Chairperson

Benzschawel called 3 times for nominations for Chairperson.

Dougherty nominated Bland as Chairperson, Snyder Seconded, Anderson Closed Nominations.

Motion by Dougherty, seconded by Snyder to approve Bland as the ADAC Chairperson. Motion passed.
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Dementia Live Simulation and Empowerment Session – Ellie Webb, Dementia Care Specialist, Aging & Disability Resource Center of the North

- Webb is the Dementia Care Specialist for Ashland and Bayfield counties and works for the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the North.
- Webb gave a brief overview of what Dementia is, the symptoms of Dementia, the percentage of residents in Bayfield County who have Dementia and ideas on how to make the community a safe place to live for residents who have Dementia.
- A ten-minute interactive simulation was given on how your mind would work if you had Dementia. Most participants agreed that they felt frustrated, confused, and irritated from the simulation.
- Some takeaways from the presentation: Make eye contact with the individual when speaking, keep conversations short and simple and never argue with the individual.

2024 Budget Guidance and DHS Priorities

- The 2024 Budget focuses on two key factors: housing and youth and senior services.
- How to leverage additional fees for services was recommended. No fees attached to any programs Linder administers. There are contributions though.

- Meal sites are the pipelines for aging residents to get out into the community and make connections with Bayfield County Employees. Once that connection is made, residents are more comfortable with asking for help at the county level.
- The workload for Linder is continuing to grow with Bayfield County being one of the counties with the highest age of residents. Also, the CLTS program is a complex program and continues to increase with 40+ children receiving services at present. Hiring a Children with Disability Manager and create an additional unit to oversee Birth to 3 and the CLTS programs has been included in the DHS budget recommendations. Linder would continue to oversee the ADRC, Aging and Adult Protective Services programs.

Other (Informational Items)

- Talk to your elected officials about priorities that you would like to see funded.
- Dementia Innovations: A grant was received to develop a workgroup to work with front line workers and focus on training to help deescalate people with dementia experiencing disruptive behaviors and stay living in their homes.
- Nursing Home Study: Committee was convened to research innovative ways to help the nursing home remain a viable resource.

2023 Meeting Dates

- September 26, 2023
- November 28, 2023

Benzschawel adjourned the meeting at 4:27 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Heather Gilbertson, Clerk III