Chairman Ron Benish called meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Ron Benish, Lorraine Fritsch, Lorraine Drews, Marjorie Bomkamp, Mildred Swedland, Margaret Peat, Rosalie Zweifel, Carol Calhoun, Therese Hess, Nona Chapell, Rose Ross  Excused: Geri Peterson, MaryClaire Murphy, Dan Nankee Also in Attendance: Stacey Graber, Deb Ehr, Laura Crowley, Rebecca Wetter, Valerie Hiltbrand, Marlene Stenner.

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone introduced themselves due to Marjorie Bomkamp becoming the newest member of the County Board to sit on the ADRC Board. Welcome Marjorie Bomkamp to the ADRC Advisory Board.

CERTIFICATION: Laura Crowley indicated that the meeting was certified in posting and publishing and also faxed to newspaper and radio. We currently post in three locations.

AGENDA: Lorraine Fritsch made the motion to approve the Agenda for May 22, 2012. Therese seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

MEETING MINUTES: Rose Ross’s name was inadvertently omitted from the April Meeting Minutes, as being in attendance. She was in attendance. With that correction to the meeting minutes, Lorraine Fritsch made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Carol Calhoun seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/AUDIENCE: Rosalie stated that SHARE is no longer. The building where they had the warehouse was sold, the rent went higher, anyway, after 27 years, there will be no SHARE for this area. Also, there will be no AARP meeting in June.
The bus group will be off to the Blue Ridge.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Expense/Income Report for the month of April was distributed to the Board for their review. The Board will address this report later on the agenda in this meeting. Copies are available in the ADRC Office.

SUN REPORT: Lunch is still being served at Fair View Apts – do not know if or when they might be moving back to the City Hall. Since going to the Newsletter in the Shopping News, the total number of meals served is increasing overall. The cost of a C2
meal (home delivery) has gone up from $4.25 to $4.50 per meal. If a person cannot afford to pay, it is free, it is a suggested donation. Nona indicated that the meals are so large that they really can be stretched to make two meals. They are looking for feedback on the price increase, Rosalie suggested a survey.

**BENEFIT SPECIALISTS REPORTS:**

**DBS:** Deb distributed the DBS monthly Summary Report for the month of April. This report showed that the Total Number of cases opened was 13, closed was 9, carry over is 68, total cases served is 81 and Current Open, cases as of last day of report period 72. She also distributed a Disability Benefit Specialist Services CY 2011 Summary Report. This report gave the statistics for the ADRC’s (35 of them – covering 59 of Wisconsin’s 72 counties) regarding people with disabilities ages 18 – 59. Deb showed a comparison to this report – the overall numbers vs. her numbers. In the category of Initial Application or continuing Disability Review, cases where Benefits were awarded, the overall % was 46 and Deb was at 57%. The Category for Request for Reconsideration overall was 27% and Deb was at 50%. The Category of Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Hearing over all was 66% and Deb was at 33%. Deb discussed where Disability Benefits money comes from, because of differing feeling about the monetary impact. She expressed appreciation of our Board and their feelings about the monetary impact of Disability Benefits. These reports are available on file in the ADRC Office.

Chairman Ron Benish indicated that Valerie is now the Lead I & A Benefit Specialist.

**I & A:** Valerie distributed the I & A monthly report, for the month of April. The report stated that 96 new calls (new clients) were received for general information of assistance from an I & A Specialist. There was one nursing home relocation and there were 9 people taken off of the waitlist – (8 catch up enrollments from the cap being lifted, 1 regular enrollment). There were 6 new people added to the waitlist. It was a busy month with 17 functional screens completed and 15 new home visits completed. 8 people were enrolled in Family Care and 1 in IRIS. The monthly report also lists the meetings and trainings attended. This report is available on file in the ADRC Office.

**ELDER BENEFIT SPECIALISTS:** Stacey distributed the EBS April monthly report. Stacey indicated that she just finished her basic benefit specialists training. It was delayed due to many other things that were going on. Stacey discussed the difference in the donation numbers from this year to last. They are lower this year due to not doing the annual survey which usually brings in donations. Stacey discussed the Walk With Ease Program that will begin in the middle of August. Stacey distributed a booklet that tells about the Program. It is low impact and is for anyone. Valerie and Stacey have been attending the trainings. Stacey has been doing outreach at the various meal sites and a “Welcome to Medicare”, “New to Medicare” was presented in April. This report is available on file in the ADRC Office.

**OFFICE/TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANT REPORT:** Laura distributed the Transportation Report for the month of April 2012. The number of units of service
provided in April of 2012 was 630 compared to 647 in April of 2011. Donations were definitely higher, $359.00 in 2011 and $600.86 in 2012. We did not have to cancel any trips during the month of April. We serviced 140 clients on the Care a Van. Laura informed the Board that the Volunteer Programs are all working very well. Laura attended a two day transportation meeting in Wausau. The semi-annual 53.10 reports went out to Hodan and to SW Opportunities. Also, she indicated that she is preparing for a Driver Escort training in June/July. The Transportation Report for the month of April is on file in the ADRC office.

**MANAGER’S REPORT & TRAININGS:**
Rebecca reminded the Board that Rachel Dischler, our Lead I & A has left the Iowa Co. ADRC to work for Family Care, and that Valerie Hilbrand has interviewed for and been promoted to the Lead position. We are still in the process of hiring another I & A Specialist. We are going to take part in the Annual Balloon Fest, doing various volunteer positions and also setting up a table with ADRC information. Farm Market Vouchers are ready to go out as of June 1, 2012. This is a program for folks over the age of 60 that qualify financially for $25.00 worth of vouchers to use at Farm Market Stands. We have 102 vouchers available. We are going to revisit the N’s & V’s issue next month, Becky asked the Board to be prepared to bring in whatever feedback they may have regarding the change from in house to going with The Shopping News. Becky discussed the survey that was created to gather information for our Aging Plan. Packets had been sent out to all ADRC Board Members and they were asked to try and get several of them completed. Ron reiterated the importance of getting feedback from others, so that we can do our best job in putting together a Plan. Becky would like to be able to bring back data at the June meeting. The Plan must be submitted in draft form in September.

**BOARD ROTATION/APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT:** May is the month annually that we address these issues. Laura reviewed the term dates with the Board members. Margaret Peat and Geri Peterson’s terms are up in 2012. Margaret Peat will be asked to complete a county application to serve on the Board. Marlene Stenner is also being asked to complete one. All volunteers are now filling out applications for the Administrator’s review and approval. Carol Brown’s position needs to be filled also. Marlene Stenner indicated that she is interested in applying and hopefully being accepted to serve on the Board. Laura also indicated that we also need to address the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary position’s today. Ron began the discussion regarding the appointment of these three positions. Nominations were open for the Chairman Position. Nona Chapell nominated Ron Benish for the Chairman position. The Chairman asked three times if there were any other nominations. There were none. Rosalie made the motion to close the nominations. Lorraine Drews seconded the motion. All members were in favor – none were opposed. Nominations were open for the Vice Chairman Position. Lorraine Fritsch nominated Rosalie Zweifel for the Vice Chairman position. The Chairman asked three times if there were any other nominations. There were none. Therese Hess made a motion to close the nominations. Lorraine Drews seconded the motion. All members were in favor – none were opposed. Nominations were open for the Secretary Position. Rosalie nominated Lorraine Fritsch for the Secretary position. The Chairman asked three times if there were any other nominations. There were none.
Therese Hess made a motion to close the nominations. Rosalie Zweifel seconded the motion. All members were in favor – none were opposed. Ron Benish will serve as the ADRC Advisory Board Chairman, Vice President is Rosalie Zweifel and Secretary is Lorraine Fritsch. They will serve in these positions until next May (2013).

ACTION ON FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report was distributed earlier in the meeting, after Board review, Ron Benish asked if there were any questions about the Financial Report. Rosalie Zweifel made a motion to approve the April bills to be paid. Lorraine Fritsch seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

FINAL THOUGHTS: NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the HHSC.

There being no further business, Chairman Benish asked for a motion to adjourn. Rosalie Zweifel made the motion to adjourn, Therese Hess seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Laura Crowley
ADRC Staff