

# MARQUETTE COUNTY I-TEAM - MINUTES

NOVEMBER 9, 2021— FINAL MEETING OF THE YEAR

**In attendance:** Karissa Scott (Inclusa), Sharon Alden (ADRC), Colleen Sengbusch (APS), Kris Berg (CVSO), Janet Wiegel (ADAW), Connie Becker (My Choice), Jamie Kienast (My Choice), Jessica Lambright (My Choice), Melissa Klebs

**Meeting started at 9:00 am**

**Reviewed Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda was made by Kris and seconded by Sharon. Motion carried.

**Reviewed minutes** from August 2021. Motion to approve was made by Connie and seconded by Karissa. Motion carried.

**Upcoming Presentations:** Colleen reminded the team Monika from Fortifi Bank will present on scams/bank fraud when meetings return to in person. Upon discussion later in the meeting, the Salvation Army's Rep was discussed as a possible presenter. She has been instrumental in working with a client regarding housing. Providing information on their housing program and the Salvation Army services in general would be of interest to the team. Colleen asked the team to reach out if they thought of people/organizations of interest.

**Discussions:**

Meetings for 2022 were set for **February 8, May 10, August 9, & November 8**. Colleen will check availability for demo room to be used so people could choose to attend in person or virtually.

**Stories, Successes, and struggles:** Colleen brought up a couple of cases she has worked on recently concerning financial abuse/exploitation by a rep payee or guardian. Social Security's involvement in those cases were discussed. It was noted law enforcement cannot always get involved as often the DA is unwilling to prosecute the case. Elder Rights Project was mentioned as an option for cases that cannot be criminally prosecuted. Connie brought up their process with Social Security when a member may need a rep payee due to their inability to manage their own funds.

Sharon recognized the Salvation Army rep Jeane for all the hard work she's done regarding a challenging situation for a client of the ADRC. She shared the Salvation Army purchased AED machines for local fire stations and 5 CBRFs in our County with their funds.

Karissa and Connie shared information (upon Sharon asking) about placement into facilities for their members and how the need for placement is determined. Both said they have guidelines but no hard/fast rules as each situation is different. The health and safety of the member is assessed when making decisions. It was noted admissions to facilities are difficult now as many are not taking admissions due to staffing issues, COVID, etc.

**Agency Updates:** Colleen shared the special Caregiver Appreciation Month edition of the newsletter is out and the November/December newsletter will be delivered soon. Directed people to the ADRC website to

check out both newsletters. Colleen shared the ADRC will have a Dementia Care Specialist some time in 2022. Discussed the openings of some of our Senior Dining Sites.

**Community Outreach:** I-Team Recruitment. Please think about your community contacts and invite them or refer them to Colleen for more information about the ITEAM.

**Next Meeting:** February 8 @ 9 am.

**Suggested Agenda Items:** None, but the team was encouraged to contact Colleen with any items prior to the next meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.**

Minutes Submitted By: Colleen Sengbusch