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Rock County Board Chair Seeking Persons Interested in Serving on the Rock County Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee

Rock County Board Chair Kevin Leavy is seeking persons interested in serving on the Rock County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Advisory Committee. Wisconsin Statute requires an integrated ADRC to have an advisory committee whose member composition reflects the ethnic and economic diversity of the geographical area, the target groups served by the resource center and is comprised with at least 50% of older adults age 60+.

ADRC Advisory Committee members must have an interest in advocating for adequate services and resources available to older adults and adults with physical and/or intellectual disabilities in Rock County by representing and promoting the ADRC and the services it provides to the community at large.

As outlined in Wis. Stats. 46.283 and the Wisconsin Elders Act, the ADRC Advisory Committee is responsible for:

- Providing guidance and feedback on ADRC services, policies, procedures, budget, contracts and agreements
- Reviewing customer feedback, complaints and appeals and evaluate possible need for policy change.
- Gathering and reporting on unmet needs in the community.
- Guiding ADRC outreach, education, prevention and advocacy efforts.

The ADRC Advisory Committee consists of thirteen members who represent the following groups:

- 7: Older Adults (60+)
- 2: Physical Disabilities
- 2: Intellectual Disabilities
- 2: Non-Client/County Board member

Currently we have five open positions: two individuals to represent Older Adults, one person to represent the Physical Disability group, one person to represent the Intellectual Disability group and one non-client and/or minority resident interested in advocacy for all groups served. Individuals interested do not need to have a disability, but rather advocate on behalf of the target groups.

The ADRC Advisory Committee currently meets every-other month on the 3rd Wednesday of the odd months at 10am. Meetings are currently hybrid, with the in-person option being held at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Resource Center (DWRC-new Human Services Building) in Janesville.

Rock County residents are encouraged to submit their interest to serve as a community representative on the ADRC Advisory Committee by May 7, 2024, through the newly created online portal on the Rock County website. The portal can be found at this link <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/residents/join-a-committee> or by clicking on “Residents” at the top of the County’s website and following the link to join a committee. This portal can be used for residents to express their interest in serving on any County committee that has community representatives.

Questions about the roles and responsibilities of the ADRC Advisory Committee can be directed to the ADRC Division Manager, Jennifer Thompson, at Jennifer.Thompson@co.rock.wi.us.

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