



**Aging and Disability Resource Center
(ADRC) Governing Board Meeting
June 16, 2026**

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Governing Board members convened on Tuesday, June 16, 2026. Members and attendees attended in person, virtually via video conference, and conference call options.

Board Members Present

Barta, Tiffany (Vice Chair)
Dicks-Williams, Ramona
Jones, Barbara
Lillich, David MD
Mayfield, Kent
Minster, Andi
Pichler, Cindi (Chair)
Stein, Levi

Milwaukee County Staff:

Acevedo-Baez, Javier - DHHS
Anderson, Tina - DHHS
King, Tina - DHHS
Moe, Catherine - DHHS
Rizio, Marvic - DHHS
Schmitt, Bekki - DHHS
Taylor, KaiYah - DHHS
Valdivia, Martina - DHHS

Board Members Absent

Leachmon, Gabriella

Guest:

Paula Schultz, MCTS

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll and Announcements

- Meeting called to order by Cindi Pichler
- Marvic Rizio conducted roll call

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of May 19, 2026 Governing Board meeting were presented.
- **Motion to approve:** Kent Mayfield
- **Second:** David Lillich

III. ADRC County Executive Informational Report Kyle Ashley, Director of Community Outreach.

- Kyle Ashley was excused; report deferred.

(View the full County Executive Report on County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).
See ADRC June 16, 2026 Meeting Details)

IV. Milwaukee County Paratransit, Paula Schultz, MCTS

- Overview of Transit Plus eligibility, service area, shared-ride structure, and FTA requirements.
- Rider fare is \$4 one-way; agency programs pay \$35.
- Same-day pilot: \$10 per ride, limited to 6 trips/month, uncertain future due to cost.
- New MCTS scheduling software is launching around Labor Day, expected to improve capacity.
- Accessibility tools: ramps, securement systems, AVA stop announcements, Aira wayfinding.

- Drivers receive de-escalation and hidden disability training via NAMI.
- Complaints handled through app/website/office.

(View the full Milwaukee County Paratransit Report on County Legislative Information Center (CLIC). See ADRC June 16, 2026 Meeting Details)

V. ADRC Governing Board Reports

a) Chair Report - Cindi Pichler

- Shared a consumer commendation regarding successful referral and assistance via the ADRC after legislative outreach.
- Listening sessions will return, including mini-captures.

b) Quality Improvement Committee - Tiffany Barta

- Working with Empower on listening sessions.
- This year's project will include accessible report formats, tech integration, and aggregate (de-identified) data.
- Final reporting planned for December.

c) Outreach Committee – David Lillich

• Partnerships & Community Presence

- New presence at the VA Farmers Market starting July 16; planning an MOU for future on-site placement.
- Partnerships growing with 60+ clinics, Medical College of Wisconsin, and Southside residency programs.
- **Newsletter** subscribers up since January; continued work to enable mailed editions.

• Upcoming Events & Initiatives

- Strong turnout for PrideFest and Pride Parade.
- Preparation underway for Juneteenth tabling and parade participation
- Accessibility Summit scheduled for October 15, focuses on workforce navigation for people with disabilities; seeking panelists and expertise.

VI. Aging & Disability Resource Center Report – Bekki Schmitt, ADRC Director

• Membership & Board Composition

- **Reappointments/appointments:** Barbara Jones reappointed (May cycle); Levi Stein reappointed (June). New members: Dr. Laura Brusky, LeighAnn Hanrahan (to be sworn; June 25th). July cycle includes Judith Miller, Michelle Scott, Patricia Wilson pending appointments. Board has 17 seats; more recruitment underway. Two long-term members, David and Kent conclude service in **October 2026**.
- Ongoing recruitment priorities include representation from **Hispanic Community, African American males, and Hmong community**.
- Staff member Tamara Carr presented at the national NCOA Conference. ADRC recognized for "no wrong door" access.
- Calls +20%, options counseling referrals +30%, enrollments +46% compared to 2025.
- Dashboard shows significant increases in calls, options counseling referrals, and enrollments in 2026.

- Current hiring for options counseling; 12 vacancies
- Online referral form for options counseling launched to improve accessibility.

VII. Aging and Disabilities Services Report – Tina Anderson

- **Budget Context**

- **2027 ADRC budget:** steady with a slight increase; however, County budget is under pressure.
- Potential increases in youth justice daily rates (from ~\$550 to \$3,500–\$4,500) could force elimination of non-mandated programs County wide; ADRC encourages legislative advocacy. (Last year's proposed increase was vetoed).

VIII. Informational Reports Review

- **Department of Health and Human Services Reports**

- a) **Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD)**
- b) **Area Agency on Aging (AAA)**
- c) **Adult Protective Services (APS)**

(View the full **Informational Report** on County Legislative Information Center (CLIC). See ADRC June 16, 2026 Meeting Details)

IX. Adjournment.

- **Motion to adjourn was approved unanimously.**

- Moved by: Kent Mayfield
- Seconded by: David Lillich

Next ADRC Governing Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Members are reminded to contact the Chair no later than 12 days before the next meeting to place an item on the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvic Rizio - Administrative Assistant
Aging and Disability Resource Center